



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile
Club
Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, WI
February 16, 2017**

The February 16, 2017 meeting was called to order by President Al Makela at 7:06 pm.

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and accepted.

Correspondence: none

Treasurers Report: Read by Matt Hughes and accepted.

Bills: none

Groomer Trails:

Trail conditions went from good to poor. Warm weather in forecast. Will probably close north end of 24 before weekend. South end of 235 already closed. Bruce Bergsten will call Jim Nichols to determine if 635 will be closed.

Blueberry trail. Bruce Bergsten and Cliff Walimaki inspected. Trail is 2.6 miles long. 1 mile needs clearing. Mostly small brush the diameter of a soda can or smaller. Grubie has not been in there logging. Grubie has not returned Al Makela's phone calls yet. Can Grubie bulldoze yet when they log or should we rent an ASV with a mower. Will probably not get done this year due to warm weather.

Priem bridge – funding approved. Survey done. Will be a next winter project. Will be fully funded. It will be a culvert not a bridge. This should allow some realigning of the trail.

Where 27A crosses a driveway, the resident discussed need for better marking with Cliff Walimaki. Resident is living there full time now. Club to add additional stop signs and stop ahead signs so snowmobiles stop.

Eric Shaffer summarized meeting with Mark Schroeder and Ed Slaminski from DNR on Wednesday. Al Makela and Bruce Bergsten also attended. Ed said trail 235 looks good. Should be able to get full funding except for the portion on Webb Road where it is plowed. Need to add a few signs. Also need to submit bridge calculations. Should also be able to receive winter ATV funding and we will apply for it this spring.

Discussion on tractor. Al Makela had a bid invitation and a specification. Motion by Dave Whitehead and second by Zachary Makela to proceed with getting bids for a tractor.

Discussion on additional items for tractor – type of tires, brushguard, Soucy tracks or Zuderberg and modifying existing drag. Brushguards will be \$1500 to \$2000 by Franky. Discussion that new style tires would be nice instead of ag tires. Zuderberg tracks are too new. Only 2 other sets in country. Can we get parts, etc. Zuderberg more money and heavier but probably less maintenance.

Motion by Matt Hughes, second by Bruce Brown to get Nokian tires for new tractor, brush guards for both tractors, Soucy tracks instead of Zuderberg tracks and modify the existing drag.

Short discussion on funding. Will need to borrow money for tractor and some of the accessories. Prefer to borrow money only once to reduce loan costs with the bank.

NTA: Officer elections coming up. Motion by Dave Whitehead, by Bruce Brown to vote for the following President, Eric Shaffer, Vice President Dave Nelson, Secretary Dan Corbin, Treasurer Dee, Director Bruce Bergsten and Representative Dave Nelson.

Tri County Corridor: no meeting

AWSC: Convention coming up. Motion by Eric Lundberg, second by Matt Hughes for club to pay for dinner for Bruce and Donna Bergsten at convention.

Youth report given by Zachary Makela. Zachary attended the KAOS ride in Lakewood.

Social: Hats and shirts still available at Shirts unlimited

Unfinished business: none

New business:

Nomination of officers: motion by Dave Whitehead for Al Makela for President, motion by Dave Whitehead for Eric Shaffer for Vice President, motion by Brian Christenson for Eric Shaffer for Secretary, motion by Dave Whitehead for Matt Hughes for Treasurer.

Next meeting is March

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 by Zachary Makela, second by Eric Lundberg.