



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club
Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, WI
March 4, 2021**

The March 4, 2021 meeting was called to order by President Alan Makela at 7:03 pm.

Secretary's Report: Read and accepted by Dave Whitehead and Eric Shafer. MP
Correspondence: None

Introductions of members to possible new members: Al and Tanya

Treasurers Report: Report read by Matt Hughes. Motion to accept treasurer's report and pay bills by Dave Whitehead and Zachary Makela. MP

Groomer Trails:

- Clint Meyer of Douglas County Forestry Dept is closing all trails in our county as of midnight, Friday, March 5, except for the corridors. Trail 24 has already been closed. Discussion of who will be closing segments of the trail system.
- Warrior Ride (ATV fundraiser) is Saturday, March 6. Clint Meyer has been in discussion with the coordinators, discussing closed trails.
- Groomers are all at Al Makela's.
- GPS showed up late and this was installed in the Sur-Trak by Chad Sisco. He made 2 runs with the GPS and Eric Shafer found that there are errors in the programming with which trails area funded. He is working to get those updated.
- Al Makela is still working with Dan from Brule River State Forest on the area of Rocky Run.
- Al Makela attended the last County Forestry meeting to sign the land agreement for the warming shack and potty. This needs to be done every 5 years. The permanent potty will be constructed this summer.
- Maintenance of the warming shack: the building needs recaulking and staining. Depending upon weather, we should go out this spring to recaulk the building and this fall to stain it. We are also in need of firewood. Discussion of options.
- Clint Meyer sent letter to all townships and snowmobile club presidents to look at summer ATV routes. If there are any changes, Al Makela will contact Clint Meyer.

NTA:

- Election of officers: All are the same, except Treasurer is Al (?) from Four Seasons Rec Club.
- Discussed trail closures.
- Fundable items for grants were discussed.
- Eric Shafer reported to our club how we are doing with our budget contract with NTA.

AWSC:

- There are 2 people running for President: Dave Newman and Henry Joustra. There are 2 people running for Treasurer: Andy Malecki and Lauren Levey. Motion by Ken Clausen, seconded by Dave Whitehead to vote for Dave Newman and Lauren Levey. Al Makela will submit our ballot.
- Bruce Bergsten reported that a survey went out to Directors and Reps re: whether there would be a Directors' meeting in person.

Tri County Corridor:

- There was much discussion of what work needs to be done and how to get it done on the corridor.

Social:

- Landowners' Appreciation: Eric Shafer motioned, Zachary Makela seconded to cancel the Landowners' Appreciation Dinner this year and to send out gas cards to all landowners. MP Donna Bergsten suggested that the landowners be invited to the August Membership Picnic.

Unfinished Business:

Election for officers:

President: Al Makela
Vice-President: Zachary Makela
Secretary: Donna Bergsten
Treasurer: Eric Shafer
NTA delegates: Bruce Bergsten and Dave Whitehead
NTA Alternates: Al Makela and Zachary Makela

A unanimous ballot was cast by Ken Clausen, seconded by Dave Whitehead. MP

New Business:

- Chad Sisco asked about the concrete round building on the Wild Rivers Trail – could we fix it up for a warming shelter. John Deterling reported how another club requested to work on the trail, but nothing has happened.
- Discussion of the Highway 53 crossing – Eric Shafer reported that the DOT wants to move the winter crossing by The Road House, as it is not an approved summer ATV crossing. The DOT wants to move it crossing south (between where it is now and the J-turn). There was discussion about being able to see oncoming traffic. There was also discussion about funding this project. Eric stated that if a letter is received from the DOT for the need to move the trail, the DNR thought they would fund the project.
Motion made by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Eric Shafer for Eric, Al Makela and Lance Burger to look at alternate trail crossing options. MP

Next meeting is March 18, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bergsten
Brule River Riders Secretary