



Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, WI

September 8, 2023

The September 8, 2023, meeting was called to order by President, Alan Makela at 7:04 pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read. Motion to accept by Dave Whitehead and second by Bruce Bergsten. MP

Correspondence: a couple of magazines

Treasurers Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Matt Hughes. Discussion of loan options. Motion to accept report and pay bills by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Zachary Makela. MP

Groomer Trails:

- Mowing report – Mark Hughes reported that the trail between Trail D and the shack have basically all been done. Need to do near Sanford's house
Tri-County Corridor has had one pass.
Wild River Trail is about ¾ done..
2 windows have been broken on the tractor. First window was swapped with 2017 tractor and replacement was ordered. Second window was ordered. Discussion to replace with a poly-carb door during mowing.
- Beaver/Poplar River on Trail 4 – water is at the top of the bridge. Trapper was called. The County Forestry will pay for this, but will be deducted from our budget.
- Dozer work – Al is done with the turn-outs.
 - At the bottom of the Brule Hill, widen the access road near the top of the hill to get around
 - Blueberry Swamp on the east side, closer to trail
 - Poplar River turn around about 300 feet from bridge
 - South Shore grade at the bottom of the hill
 - Cranberry Swamp – didn't get west side, the east side is a big turn around.
- Culvert discussion – Dean Kephart is working on Trail 27 in the Valley – there was a washout.
- Poplar Golf Course – Bruce Bergsten road through the area with Bryce Bayliss in a truck. There is about 100 yards that the needs some boom mower work. Discussion that they have equipment to maintain trail, but may need some assistance grooming after snow. Discussion that they should join the club. Discussion of getting across the ditch from the TCC. Discussion of people coming in to Poplar from the north.
It was motioned that they become members, buy an ad on the map, they open the trail and

we will groom it minimally. Need to check with WI DNR re: permit. Al Makela will check with Lance Burger re: road crossings and Patrick from TCC.

- Received Brule River State Forest contract. It is the same as last year. Motioned by Matt Hughes, seconded by Bruce Bergsten to sign the contract. MP

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- Discussion of the map, possibly in the future doing away with the map due to technology. Discussion of how to generate money to run the organization, possibly sell ads on Polaris Ride Command.
- Governor's Council – the did not have enough money to grant the \$2.5 million that was applied for.
- Discussion of Governor's Council members lobbying for grants instead of county coordinators.
- Douglas County Sheriff's department will be holding Snowmobile/ATV Safety class.

AWSC:

- Al Makela was not able to find the minutes to send out to members.

Tri County Corridor:

- Do not have a contact yet.

Social:

- Annual membership picnic was held on August 20th. About 38 members in attendance. Project done at picnic: removed the stumps near pavilion with chain saw.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of Bingo and Raffles at Gravel Pit. It was reported that Lance Burger talked with Dusty Androsky that they are making money doing this. Motioned by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Bruce Bergsten that Bruce and Donna Bergsten do the filing. MP.
- Eric Shafer Memorial sign – still working on. Suggested to check with Tiger Manufacturing.

New Business:

- Groomer drag is not done.
- Stickers – Al Makela does have and will bring to next meeting.
- Discussed work date should be planned in advance and posted. Dates to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bergsten
BRR Secretary