



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club
Twin Gables Restaurant Brule, WI
January 1, 2026**

The January 1, 2026, meeting was called to order by President Alan Makela at 7:03 p.m.

The secretary's report was read. Motion to accept by Dave Whitehead and Zac Makela. MP
No correspondence.

The treasurer's report was read by Al Makela. Motion by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Zac Makela to accept treasurer's report. MP

Committees:

Groomer/Trails:

- We made it to the Shack yesterday.
- Zac Makela was able to get through the Blueberry Swamp and most of the Degerman Swamp
- We need to widen the trails with the groomers – just 4 inches at a time. Bruce Bergsten to speak with drivers
- Hopefully, next week we will be grooming our regular schedule, except Degerman Swamp
- We are probably into supplemental in the Brule River State Forest contract
- Degerman Swamp – the County Forestry has a grant to use a grinder, but it is mounted on a wheeled vehicle, which will not work in the Degerman Swamp. But they do have a grinder head that will fit on an excavator that we can use.
- There is logging on the Pike's Peak trail and near the Shack. Do we need to investigate and mark any stumps?
- We ordered reflective tape that can be put on our posts.
- Many of the maps have been distributed and plans to complete this week.
- Discussion of getting a gate for Bates Road
- Can we look into a grant for purchasing a gator?

Northwest Trails Association:

- Next meeting Tuesday, January 6.

AWSC Report:

- Meeting this weekend.

Tri-County Corridor:

- Nothing to report.

Social:

- Christmas Party was December 18.

Unfinished Business:

- Bingo is being planned for Valentine's Day and earlier hunting season in 2026.
- Al Makela will talk to Clint Myer on Tuesday re: another bridge over the Poplar River on trail 6.

New Business:

- Dave Whitehead brought up the idea of purchasing another tracked vehicle. Al Makela said he will check to see what is out there and the cost. It was suggested about possibly getting a grant to purchase a gator or side by side. Discussion that reimbursement is poor for tracked vehicles. Also need to consider that the Sur-Trac is aging out.
- Dog Run on Tuesday.

Dave Whitehead thanked all members for helping to open trails and that everyone is doing an excellent job!

Meeting adjourned at: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bergsten

Next Meeting: January 15, 2026