



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club
Twin Gables Restaurant Brule, WI
February 19, 2026**

The February 19, 2026, meeting was called to order by Vice President Zachary Makela at 7:02 p.m.

The secretary's report was read. Motion to accept by Dave Whitehead and Don Miesbauer. MP Correspondence from Swiderski re: Customer Appreciation Days March 6-13, 2026.

The treasurer's report was read by Matt Hughes. Motion by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Bruce Bergsten to accept treasurer's report. MP Bills: Tiger Manufacturing

Committees:

Groomer/Trails:

- We now have warmer weather and snow. Grooming is progressing to normal schedule.
- The 2021 John Deere had some issues earlier today; Al will be checking it out in the morning.
- Mike Frank and Brian Christensen are splitting the run to Superior.
- There is water in the swamps.
- Studs were put on the 2017 and 2021 John Deere tractors for aid in climbing icy hills.
- The box culvert has 3 inches of water in it. With the ice and water, no side by sides with light bars will be able to make it through the culver.
- Chad Sisko will be grooming 235 on Friday and then Gary Amys will be grooming the Wild Rivers Trail with the Sur-Trak.
- There is a problem west of Brule River – no snow on trail. Can we have snow hauled in? Can we plant some trees along the trail?
- Discussion of scalping the tops of hills – remind drivers to be careful.
- With the studding of tracks, NO blacktop running, if possible. Please check the studs, a few have come loose, use a 5/8 inch socket.

Northwest Trails Association:

- Next meeting is March 3.

AWSC Report:

- March 27-29 in Green Bay. Bruce and Donna will be attending. Discussion of paying registration fees for them to attend, motioned by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Matt Hughes. MP
- Paperwork was sent in for Bruce to be our delegate.

Tri-County Corridor:

- The next meeting is in April.

Social:

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Landowners' Appreciation Dinner – Donna confirmed April 16 at 6:00 pm social, 6:30 pm dinner. We are giving away gift cards worth \$25 from Shell and Kwik Trip.
- Jon Copp made us an offer for use of a building that he will be erecting for a groomer shed for us.
- Valentine's Day Bingo was a success. Next Bingo is November 14.
Discussion of more fundraisers: Bingo, Meat raffles, moving the meat raffles around to other bars, discussion of brat roast and other options.
- Matt Hughes has a drag for sale, tabled until next meeting.
- Nominations for officer elections:
President – Al Makela
Vice President – Zachary Makela
Secretary – Donna Bergsten
Treasurer – Tammy Hanlin
Nominations are closed until next meeting. Election will be on March 5.

New Business:

- Bruce Bergsten thanked everyone for assistance surround his snowmobile/deer accident!
Discussion that if Bruce's sled is totaled, might the club be interested in buying for a 3rd sled.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bergsten

Next Meeting: March 5, 2026