



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club
Twin Gables Restaurant Brule, WI
March 5, 2026**

The March 5, 2026, meeting was called to order by President Alan Makela at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made for possible new member: Dan Olson

The secretary's report was read. Motion to accept by Dave Whitehead and Dave Ashley. MP

Correspondence: SnoOps magazine and Surplus Center catalog.

The treasurer's report was presented by Tammy Hanlin. Motion by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Bruce Bergsten to accept treasurer's report. MP

Committees:

Groomer/Trails:

- Groomers – all groomers are back at Al Makela's today.
Al Makela will pick up the heaters.
Bruce Bergsten will get the meters and get the bills to Tammy.
There was an error code on the 2017 John Deere. Code: intake air overheating. Al Makela was able to fix. Another issue with the tractor, parts were purchased.
- Trails will close Friday morning.
- Warrier Ride – They are making arrangements to go around and not use our trails.
- Box culvert under freeway is closed due to running water – gates are closed.
- Closing trails: Al Makela will close trails 1 and 27
Bruce and Donna Bergsten will close trails in Poplar.
Mark Hughes will close trail between 18th Street and Hwy D; Dave Whitehead will do Hwy D, around Degerman Road and Webb Road.
- Joe Bergstrom needs a key for the locks.
- If you lock any trails, please let either Dave Whitehead or Bruce Bergsten know.
- Douglas County contacted Mark Hughes, the ditch near Road House is filling with water, as there is no culvert there. Douglas County will be doing work on the road this summer and will install in the culvert for us. We need to purchase the culvert. Mark will check on the specifics needed for the culvert needed.

Northwest Trails Association:

- At their meeting, elections were held and all officers remain the same.
- There was discussion that all clubs are in supplemental, except the Cozy Corner Club

AWSC Report:

- March 27-29 in Green Bay. Bruce and Donna will be attending.

Tri-County Corridor:

- The next meeting is in April.

Social:

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Raffle license was received the day before the Vintage Ride. No raffles were held. A donation jar was brought and we received \$129
- Next Bingo is November 14. No Meat Raffles scheduled. Matt Hughes has a drag for sale, tabled until next meeting.
- Discussion of purchasing drag from Matt Hughes. Motion by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Bruce Bergsten to purchase drag for \$2000. MP
- Discussion of Al Makela making turnarounds on Trail 6 and 4.
- Bruce Bergsten brought up the thought of purchasing a smaller unit, such as a tracked side-by-side for club use: opening trails, transporting workers down trails to clean up, etc. Discussion of cost vs. reimbursement for rig. Discussed options. Al Makela is open to members doing research on options.

New Business:

- Tammy Hanlin, treasurer, will be out of town March 28-April 12. She will make sure all is taken care of prior to and during that time.
- Raffle license had lapsed and is now valid until November 30.
- Taxes have been submitted to accountant, but our taxes are not due until June and accountant will not start working on them until after April 15.
She is still working with our accountant to see about changing our status to 501.c3

Elections:

- Nominations for officer elections:
President – Al Makela
Vice President – Zachary Makela
Secretary – Donna Bergsten
Treasurer – Tammy Hanlin
NTA representatives: Dave Whitehead and Bruce Bergsten
NTA alternates: Al and Zac Makela
Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast by Bruce Bergsten, seconded by Dave Whitehead. MP

Al Makela wanted to Thank all members who helped out with our trails!

Meeting adjourned at: 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bergsten

Next Meeting: March 19, 2026