

**Birchwood Bobcat ATV Meeting Minutes**  
**Chit Chat Bar, Grill & Resort**  
**August 11, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

President Steve Lobitz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 19 members present.

**Motion: Judy Martiny/Bob Ellerbruch to accept the minutes of July 13, 2011 meeting as printed. A revised membership form was distributed and approved. The form now includes volunteer opportunities. Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report for the period 07/09/11 through 08/11/11 prepared by Nicci Minnick was reviewed.

^ The following account balances were reported:

1. Regular savings	\$ 629.18
2. Raffle savings	4,919.12
3. Checking	<u>753.20</u>

Total \$ 6,301.50

^ 2000 Ford F450 Dump Truck Note:

1. Net Pay Off	\$12,406.33
2. Payment made 8/10/11	<u>- 4,000.00</u>
3. Balance	\$ 8,406.33

**Motion: Warren Martiny/Judy Martiny to accept the report as printed. Motion carried.**

### **Map Boxes**

Members responsible for boxes were encouraged to check the boxes monthly to make sure maps are available and to collect money. Money needs to be turned in to Nicci along with a note stating the place where the money was collected. It was noted that "\$1.00 donation" was not printed on the maps. It was suggested that a note stating "\$1.00 donation" be affixed to map boxes.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Steve reported 130 tickets have been sold; 70 need to be sold before the drawing, which will be held at our October meeting.

### **Membership**

Annual memberships run from April 1 through March 31. The membership list will be updated next year to include only paid up individuals/families. It was suggested that including member profiles with monthly mailings might be a tool to expand our membership. This would be a way to introduce new members and to connect members with common interests. Steve Bethke volunteered to coordinate this project. Tim and Lisa Lee volunteered to provide their profiles to Steve this month.

### **Birchwood Bluegill Festival (July 15 - 17)**

^ **Kid's games at Doolittle Park**

Judy Martiny reported 90 to 100 kids participated. She thanked the volunteers for their help. Note was made that Scott Hayes (Chit Chat) bought one of the bikes which was given away.

^ **Lion's Appreciate Dinner**

Judy Martiny reported that volunteers were invited to an appreciation dinner this evening sponsored by the Lion's Club. This is the first year the Club's participation has been acknowledged.

### **Website**

The question was raised about the cost of updating the website. Tim Lee reported "we get so much time per month". It was suggested that a trail report might be of interest to 4-wheelers planning to visit the area.

## **Trail Reports**

### **Sawyer County trail report:**

- ⤴ Heavy rain has caused washouts and deep holes throughout the trail system. Trails are in need of grading and fill in some places. The Crawford segment is in poor condition.
- ⤴ Steve Lobitz reported Tom Sirinek is working on 31S leveling ruts, fixing washouts, and hauling fill. The Club's posi-trac could be used for some of this work.
- ⤴ Rehab on Trail #3 to County Road F is scheduled to be completed by October 1.
- ⤴ Note was made that signs do help to control traffic. The 15 mile/hour speed limit and "Slow - Dust Control" signs posted on Scenic Road have made a difference.
- ⤴ The water hole at the junction of the Tuscobia Trail and 31S still needs to be addressed. Don Mrotek is working with the county forester on this matter.
- ⤴ It was suggested that trail markers warning drivers be posted on County F where the Tuscobia Trail crosses. Steve Bethke will contact Sawyer County with regard to this need.
- ⤴ Note was made that Bob Dahle owes the Club two hours of work. Consideration needs to be given for the best use of this time.

### **Washburn County trail report:**

- ⤴ Steve Lobitz reported that Steve Widiker has the contract to provide gravel for the rehab work authorized through grant funding. Craig Minnick is ready to begin work as soon as the gravel is delivered.
- ⤴ There are big ruts behind Greener's Lumber on the trail to Big Sexy's that need leveling and fill. After the work is completed, a sign needs to be put up: "Stay on the Pavement".
- ⤴ Bob Ellerbruch reported that there are deep ruts and exposed tree roots in the trail in front of the Spider Lake Saloon. This work needs to be added to the "to do" list.

It was suggested that the Club's equipment be kept in a central location (for example, Seasonal Power Toys) for use in both Washburn and Sawyer Counties to generate more income for the Club.

## **Old Business**

- ⤴ Discussion was held with regard to inclusion of adult children in family memberships. The consensus was that children over the age of 18 years cannot be included with their parent's membership. In order to participate in Club activities, hold office, and be covered by insurance when performing volunteer work, the adult child would need to purchase a membership. Steve Lobitz will follow up on this matter to ensure that all of our volunteers have paid their membership dues. Without this certainty, the Club is in jeopardy particularly in regard to liability issues.
- ⤴ Steve Lobitz reported that he is still working on arranging a meeting with the Bobcat Sledders Board of Directors.
- ⤴ Steve Lobitz assured that the Club has purchased liability insurance to cover member volunteers working on Washburn County trails. More information is needed on this coverage. The Sawyer County Alliance provides this coverage for member volunteers working in Sawyer County.

## **New Business**

**Landowners' Appreciation Dinner**

^ Judy Martiny stated that planning for this event needs to get underway. Discussion was held with regard to when, where, etc.

**Motion: Tim Lee/Lisa Lee to contact Bobby Bartels to cater the meal and to contact Sonny at the Bluegill Bar with regard to use of the facility. Note was made that the Bluegill is not a Club member. Steve Lobitz and Tim Lee volunteered to follow up on this matter. Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Resort & Bar, N1075 Eastside Road, Birchwood**

**Motion: Roger Beffa/Gary Koel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

LaVonne Thompson, Secretary