

SEMN BCH MN
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2019 at 1:30 PM

Present:

Dave and Nola Robson, Marilyn Messmer, Greg and Cyndy Perry, Russ and Terrie Mettler, Mark Fitting, and Renee Ewing.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Robson at 1:30 PM.

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Robson introduced himself and welcomed the attendees that braved the snowstorm.

Secretary reading of the January 20, 2019 meeting minutes

Minutes were accepted as read. M/S/A

Treasurer report

In the Treasurer's absence Dave noted the Premier Bank account current balance is \$410.08. Report accepted as read. M/S/A

Committee reports on meeting with the MN DNR.

These two person committees are also the official spokesperson for SEMN BCH MN with the MN DNR.

Russ Mettler & Dave Robson is the committee for Forestville & Lake Louise. They met with park officer Mark White to identify potential projects for this spring. Mark was very receptive to SEMN BCH MN assisting with projects and requested that the work is completed during the week so it doesn't interfere with campers. The parks are planning to open the weekend of April 27-28 this year. It was also requested that 4-Wheelers are used rather than horses so it is more conducive to hauling tools and supplies. The park will provide the tools needed for each project.

Forestville Projects

*Install & repair water bars on Fern Loop.

*Build and place mounting steps in 5 locations; Old Town, Cemetery, Primitive Camp, Big Springs, and Lookout. The park has cedar logs to make the step-ups. These step-ups will serve a dual purpose; mounting-step and sitting bench. It was also suggested to repair the hitch-post and/or install a tie-line at Big Springs.

The park is planning to build up the trail in front of the park office. Rock will be added to deter further flooding issues. MN DNR has also awarded Forestville the funding to replace the roof on the shelter near Old Town. Mr. White also has a goal of completing the loop trail for the Big Springs trail before he retires in June of this year. Park officer Warren Netherton is retiring in March of this year. Wednesday, April 3rd is tentatively scheduled as the first work day at Forestville. The project will be determined by the spring weather conditions at the time.

Lake Louise Project

*The park plans to re-route a trail to avoid continued use within the flood plain so they would like us to assist in digging up and transplanting trees. This project will be scheduled as soon as the frost goes out, an email notice will be sent.

Mark Fitting & Steve Freese is the committee for Wet Bark, Reno, and Hay Creek. They will be meeting with DNR after March 1st and with Jess Althoff, Area Supervisor, Parks and Trails, MN DNR & crew on March 5th.

New web site

New web site is up and running. Everyone is encouraged to take a look and provide feedback/ideas.

Logo – tabled at last meeting

Those present agreed that we should have a logo. Renee shared a few design examples that she thought could be added to the logo that Steve developed. The group agreed and liked the horseshoe with lettering. Renee will share with Steve. It was also suggested that once we have a logo that we also invest in a branding iron so our contributions can be recognized.

Next meeting date

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 PM in the shelter at Forestville State Park. This meeting could possibly be a work day. If the frost is out we could possibly transplant trees, if not we could make the step-ups. As the date gets closer details will be shared. It was also decided that meeting days will be flexible depending on the time of year and projects.

Old Business

The MN BCH is making an update to their by-laws regarding a separate youth membership. It would be for a youth that does not have a parent with BCH membership. It would be a non-voting membership. Once the MN BCH has confirmed the details of this membership, our chapter will review and consider for our by-laws.

New Business

The BCH State Board of Directors meets monthly. There was a conference call last Tuesday. Mark Fitting represents us at State level. Mark said they are looking for volunteers to work in the BCH Booth at the MN Horse Expo. BCH pays for the booth; volunteers pay their own way into the Expo and work 4-hour shifts. The BCH Booth is located in the Cattle Building. MN BCH purchased banners last year that will be used on the booth. When this chapter has a logo, we could print business cards to be handed out at the Expo. The next BCH State Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 12.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cyndy Perry