

Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10th, 2013

Committee Members Present: , Karen Mulari (C), Hank Ludtke (VC), Del Bergseth, Katherine Warren, Larry Knutson, Dennis Hopman, Steve Lindow, Lonnie Neuner

Staff Present: Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Ray Vlasak, Lanny Waalin, Neil Powers, Willis Mattison, Ruth Bergquist, Matthew Davis

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:

- December Meeting Minutes Review/Approval (Ludtke motion; Neuner 2nd; motion passed)
- January Agenda: Lindow motion; 2nd Lonnie; motion passed)

2. Open Forum:

Ray Vlasak – 75 members NCTA Laurentian Lakes Chapter Hike the NCT. 96 members/10% local; 218 people on newsletter; 21 miles now – Trail open June 1st in Tamarac Refuge.

Lanny Waalin – Round Lake Twnship; ATV trail carved thru by Elbow Lake – discussed with Marty: Whats going to happen with this trail? ATV's made it. Goes to Hwy 113. Wetland issue according to Marty) not all of this trail was on the map and wetland issue could close it. Wills) A contractor made this trail so they could get to their deer stands back in the woods. Right to use ATV to get game. Anything else is not allowed. Wiley) We need to know who these people are for the Sheriff. Mulari) Educate these people they may not know. We don't have the answer yet. Knutson) What is the ATV use last year – same as before. Elbow Lake and Ice Cracking busy. Wiley) 4 Wheel Truck Issue: Snowmobile Clubs upset with cost of trail maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Shell Lake Public Ownership Block> Wiley) South Shell Lake snowmobile trail access what we want to see on this property.

4. Road Rally> Wiley) Ojibwa Road Rally Eric Nelson organizer; Event to be held this year on 23/24 of August? NRM will not be involved unless a forest road will be used. Twnships called about the event – deposits can be used for maintenance. Safety issues could arise. Forest Twnship has passed things in relation to this.

5. North Country Trail> Wiley) Trail mainly complete to Hwy 32, 200. Do we want more acces to trail or amenities? What type of forest do we want in this trail corridor? Will be doing trail agreements with NCT by June 1st. Powers) MOU completed by Refuge; Q. How will it be operated?: Marty to look at document to help develop agreements for County. State agreements will not set up timber sales along corridor. Aspen may be removed for safety; hardwood doesn't need to be harvested – leave for forest cover. Nationally significant to County. What interests/businesses do we want developed? Bergquist) Help available for guiding listed @ resort. Davis) Itasca Morvaine complete – loop hike @ Waboose Lake

completed. Amenities being added to that section. Becker needs to look at scenic spot that could be developed into side trails. Bergquist) Looking at borders going around Greenwater S/N Area. Mattison) Round Lake Forest group looking at side trails. Mulari) Balance of activity access needed.

6. **Ultra**> Wiley) capital improvement project east of DL crossing creek by Caulfields (old studio) connecting into Big Detroit Lake – DNR grant request will be submitted.
7. **Detroit Mountain**> Fischer) LCCMR grant not provided to the Mountain project; Mark Fritz will meet with the City, adjust application accordingly and try applying for funding again.
8. **Heartland Trail**> Fischer) Underpass construction 2013/2014; bonding bill for Frazee to DL link being requested (\$3 million); remaining funds being encumbered by DL for developing link from Underpass into DL (bring it to Pavilion).
9. **SAFE Routes to School**> Fischer) applications being developed for Frazee and Lake Park seeking planning help.
10. **Other Business:** Mulari) no quorum for February due to vacations/snowbirds suggest cancelling February meeting. Staff will take care of it.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned.