

AMENDED (10/8/2012)

**NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NoRTAC)
MEETING AGENDA**

Friday, October 12, 2012

**Birchwood Bobcat Clubhouse
1118N Sunset Lane
Birchwood, WI 54817
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm**

1. Approve Agenda
2. Committee Introductions and Recognition of Guests
3. Accept April 28 & October 7, 2011 and May 3, 2012 meeting summaries
4. Bylaw changes regarding quorum/voting representation – discussion and action
5. **Election of Officers (amended 10/8/2012)**
 - a. **Chairman**
 - b. **Vice Chairman**
 - c. **Secretary/Treasurer**
6. **2013 Budget Review and Approval (amended 10/8/2012)**
7. **Approve Contract between NoRTAC and NWRPC for Staff Support (amended 10/8/2012)**
8. ATV connectivity with and within the National Forest
9. County trail and activity updates, including maintenance & trail development and other projects of interest
10. Other trail coordination efforts for discussion purposes only
11. Next Meeting – January 31, 2013
12. Adjourn

Lunch will be provided after the meeting promptly beginning at noon, followed by an ATV ride beginning at 12:30pm at the Clubhouse and traveling along ATV trails leading into Rusk County.

Questions may be directed to Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com

Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary of October 12, 2012 (Draft)

Birchwood, WI

Members Present

Susan Ingalls, Burnett County; Dan Thole, Barron County; David Moin, Barron County Alternate; Jared Zwiefelhofer, Chippewa County Alternate; Jeremy Koslowski, Polk County; John Robinson, Douglas County; Greg Peterson, Sawyer County; Dale Thompson, Sawyer County; James Dohm, Washburn County; Louie Okey, Barron County; Paul Teska, Rusk County; and Randy Tatur, Rusk County.

Others Present

John Gozdziński, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Mike Peterson, Washburn County; Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC; Don Mrotek, Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance; Connie Cummins, U.S. Forest Service; Jim Beck, U.S. Forest Service; George Sishmann, Rusk Riders Inc.,

Approve Agenda

Motion by Tatur to approve agenda, seconded by Robinson. Approved

Committee Introductions & Recognition of Guests

Members and Guests were introduced.

Accept April 28 and October 7, 2011 and May 3, 2012 meeting summaries

Motion by Tatur to approve the meeting summaries from April 28 and October 7, 2011 and May 3, 2012, seconded by Zwiefelhofer. Approved

Bylaw Changes Regarding Quorum/Voting Representation

A number of members had discussed with the Committee the original intent of the voting membership was to have been one vote per county. As a result of this discussion, a motion by Zwiefelhofer to amend the bylaws to change Article 1- Meetings, Section 4 to read: "A quorum is a majority of one representative from each member county.", seconded by Robinson. Approved

Election of Officers

Chairman: Open nominations for Chairman, Dan Thole nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Zwiefelhofer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dan Thole, seconded by Robinson. Approved

Vice Chair: Open nominations for Vice Chair, Larry Jepsen nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Tatur to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Jepsen, seconded by Zwiefelhofer. Approved

Secretary/Treasurer: Open nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Nemeč nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Robinson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Nemeč as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Tatur. Approved

2013 Budget Review and Approval

Sheldon Johnson presented a proposed budget. Based on budgetary needs, each county would be requested to contribute \$500 each towards the operation and coordination of NoRTAC members. Motion by Tatur to have each member county contribute \$500 in calendar year 2103, seconded by Zwiefelhofer. Approved

Approve Contract between NoRTAC and NWRPC for Staff Support

Sheldon Johnson presented a proposed Service Agreement between NWRPC and NoRTAC. Motion by Robinson to approved recommended staff support contract, seconded by Zwiefelhofer. An amendment to the original motion was made to include calendar year 2013 (2012-2013) in the staff support contract, motion by Zwiefelhofer and seconded by Tatur – Approved. A vote on the original motion was called and approved.

ATV connectivity with and within the National Forest

John Gozdziwski introduced Connie Cummins and Jim Beck, both from the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Gozdziwski had noted that at a recent meeting he had attended in the region, there was some interest on behalf of the local governments and U.S. Forest Service to examine the connections/development of ATV trails across Forest Service properties. Ms. Cummins and Mr. Beck spoke to the group about coordination efforts and potential activities in the National Forests. U.S. Forest Service representatives will be included on future NoRTAC mailings and potential projects will be examined in the future for ATV development and connectivity between counties and federal lands.

County Trail and Activity Updates

Representative counties provided updates to ongoing and future projects.

Other Trail Coordination Efforts

Don Mrotek provided information on a Michigan company who has been developing ATV/Snowmobile GIS data.

Mr. Gozdziwski reported on the flooding from the June 2012 storm and reported the Saunders Grade (Douglas County) is closed and likely will be closed for the next couple of years due to severe storm damage. Permits for crossings and other types of permits have been revised/streamlined, and the Department continues to look at streamlining engineering, including looking at larger bridges to keep trails open longer. Mr. Gozdziwski reported that Cameron Bump should be placed on the NoRTAC distribution list for future meeting notifications.

Paul Teska reported some issues with Storm Water Permitting. It was suggested to have a DNR representative to attend the next meeting to discuss storm water permitting.

Randy Tatur discussed that Rusk County is looking at having the Memorial Day weekend as the official opening date for all ATV trails.

Next Meeting Date

The next NoRTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2013 at a time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned 11:45am.