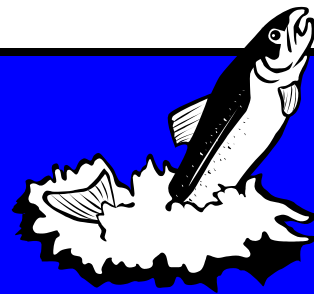


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

OVER 500 MEMBERS DEDICATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE BRULE



February 2023

Check Out These News Bits

Congratulations

All five board members were re-elected for the next four-year term running from 2023 through 2026. We thank **Mike Zicus, Paul Helbach, Ed Chaplinski, Den Smet,** and **Courtney Johnson** for their continuing service to the Club.

Time to Renew your Dues for 2023

Help our Club fund the upcoming year's projects.

Your annual dues make up a large share of the monetary resources that allow us to continue our very important work of protecting, enhancing, and maintaining the Bois Brule River fishery. You can send them in by mail with the form in this newsletter or pay for them online in our Club's web page: <https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/> . Not sure if you have already paid your dues? Feel free to contact Dennis Pratt at prattdd@charter.net.

2023 Scholarship Application Announcement

The Club is again offering our annual one-time scholarship of \$5,000 designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students preparing for careers in natural resources. Eligibility requirements can be found on the club web site at [The Scholarships – Brule River Sportsmen's Club \(brulriversportsmensclub.com\)](http://brulriversportsmensclub.com)

Come visit us at the Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo!

This year's event will be held on March 17-19 at Hamline University in the Twin Cities.

Details on their website at: [Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo – The Upper Midwest's premier fly fishing event presented by Minnesota Trout Unlimited. \(greatwatersflyexpo.com\)](http://greatwatersflyexpo.com)

We still need a few volunteers to help at the booth; contact Ken Lundberg via email at klundberg724@charter.net. See you there!



BRSC Calendar: The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, at the KroBar at 6:00 p.m.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023



President Dennis Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at KroBar.

Officers and Directors: Present - Glen Hill, Courtney Johnson, Ken Lundberg, Dennis Pratt, Mike Sierszen, Jeff Stollenwerk, Walt Swanson, Mike Zicus and Ken Zivic.

Minutes of the Meeting: The minutes as written in the January newsletter were approved following a motion by Ken Zivic, second by Ken Lundberg and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that December's beginning balance was \$18,293.44, and the ending balance was \$25,476.73 with the following expenses: Katie Thompson (November newsletter - \$200); Pro Print (Nov. newsletter - \$30.16); WI Wildlife Federation (annual dues - \$110); MN Trout Unlimited (2023 Expo - \$425); Dennis Pratt (expenses thru Dec. 28 - \$88.37). The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Mike Zicus, second by Courtney Johnson and unanimous approval by voice vote. President Dennis Pratt reported for Financial Secretary Dean Wellman that there were \$8,651.82 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had four new members. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Ken Lundberg and a second by Ken Zivic.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Ken Lundberg – Nothing to report. Romaine Quinn representing Wisconsin State Senate District 25 stopped by to introduce himself during the meeting.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – DNR is ordering 500 each of Tamarack and Black Spruce. Date for planting will be confirmed later. Repairing several spawning areas was discussed as well. The last downstream portion of Beupre Creek was also mentioned.

Audit: Jeff Stollenwerk – Queued up for March.

Education: Dennis Smet – Fry have hatched; however, not feeding yet. Iron River Fish Hatchery will provide food.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen/Paul Helbach – Mike sent out the announcements January 6. The contact list and the instructions are the same as last year. The last day of April is the deadline.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – Nothing to report.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt – Mike went through the web site and found several bad links. These have been fixed. A board Member/Officer Bios page in the works as he has a full set of bios now. Dennis Pratt let us know that there will be an article about the Club in the next Lake Superior Steelhead Association's 2023 Angler magazine

Other Business

Board Election Ballot – Results will be finalized on Saturday, January 28.

Nebagamon Creek Culvert Removal Progress – Latest update published in January newsletter.

Fly of the Month – This newsletter feature will resume in our March newsletter (yarn fly).

Club Store Item Discussion – Summer hat order status, hoping by Wednesday. Note cards on hold.

Renewal Reminders – Special e-renewal reminders will be sent out in February and paper reminders will be included with paper news mailing.



BRULE RIVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, FEBRUARY 2023

Wild Rivers TU Expo Booth – No interest at this time.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation – Tom Sklebar joined the meeting and had this to report:

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) failed to make it into the 2023 Federal Budget but will be resubmitted for the new session of Congress.
- Brule River Sportsmen's Club is featured in a new column of the Wisconservationist called spotlight on affiliates.
- The next state board meeting of Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is February 10.
- The wolf plan is the current hottest topic and DNR extended the public comment period.
- The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation District I banquet is April 20 at Barker's Island. Ken Lundberg will reserve a table for the Club.
- There will be a legislative meet and greet of the newly elected state senators and representatives from our area at the Solon Community Center on February 18, starting at 11 am.
- The Douglas County Fish and Game league spring sports show is March 24-26 at the Wessman Arena. Wisconsin Federation will be there as well as other local sportsmen's groups.

Great Waters Expo Booth Discussion – Ken Lundberg will send a request to members for additional volunteers to contact him directly. Dennis Pratt has the display walls for the event. He will work to get the walls to Ken so the photos can be updated. A discussion followed about what local businesses can print the photos once the selections are made. A suggestion was made to approve the purchase of fly-tying materials (ice straggle nymph) for \$50. This was approved following a motion by Mike Zicus and a second by Walt Swanson.

Officer Stipends – Jeff Stollenwerk requested that we vote to approve placement of board stipends into accounts suggested by Board members who declined their stipend. This was approved following a motion by Ken Lundberg and a second by Mike Zicus.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



The swinging bridge on the Brule. - Photo taken by long-time Club member John Holter

BRSC Gift Store Order Form (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$35	
	BRSC baseball hat	\$25	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Men's or women's baseball cap (mesh back)	\$25	
	Framed Lower River Map (cannot be Shipped)	\$125	
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What We Do:

Fisheries Habitat Projects — Club members and others volunteer during the summer months to restore features necessary for fish spawning, growing, and feeding.

Clean-ups — Keep the Brule clean and beautiful.

Monthly Membership Meetings — Frequently include guest speakers.

Monthly Newsletter — Helps generate understanding of fisheries and water quality, and keeps members and others informed about Club activities.

Scholarship Program — Provides financial support to students.

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BRSC Membership Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 e-mail _____

Membership Type: Renewal (due January 1st) New Membership

Email newsletter only: \$20 – Individual \$25 – Household

Paper newsletter only: \$30 – Individual \$35 – Household

Donations

College Scholarship \$ _____ Education \$ _____
 High School Scholarship \$ _____ Habitat \$ _____
 General \$ _____ Multiple \$ _____

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 All but \$1.00 of your membership dues is tax deductible.
 Donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

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