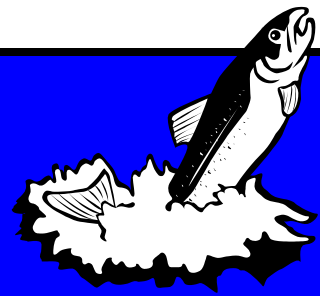


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.



January 2023

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

Nebagamon Rail Grade Culvert Update

Email received from Paul Piszczek on December 16, 2022

- A Quality Assurance Project Plan and a Monitoring/Data Management Plan, per the requirements of the additional federal funding, were completed this fall. These plans outline the data requirements for the Grade Project (such as post-construction engineering and fish survey data) and how those data will be used and managed.
- Bellwood Pit Road planning and design continues to work through its process, particularly with the floodplain study in final review. The study was necessary because raising the road elevation to support the dump truck traffic would cause backwatering on the west side of Bellwood Pit Road.



New and larger culverts would then be needed to drain the backwater. The study will provide the specific types and dimensions of the culverts to drain the backwater. In addition to receiving the final study results, road dimensions will be evaluated to determine the type of DNR Waterways permit necessary for the road.

- The flowage easements are working through DNR's Real Estate process and will be sent to landowners for signature. The Real Estate process is necessary because the easements need to be formally recorded. The easements are permanent and specific to the recurrence of the floodwaters that will occupy the floodplain once the grade is removed. This is different from the temporary construction easements that were already completed.
- The plan is to get the project done June through August 2023.



BRSC Calendar: The next board meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, at the KroBar at 6:00 p.m.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes November 28, 2022



President Dennis Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. at the Brule Town Hall.

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

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

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that November's beginning balance was \$18,757.10, and the ending balance was \$18,293.44 with the following expenses: Katie Thompson (Sept. & Oct. newsletters - \$400); Pro Print (Oct. newsletter - \$30.16); The First Impression Group (lower river maps - \$1,127.72); Dennis Smet (fish tank for school - \$87.09). The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Mick Killoren, second by Dennis Smet, and unanimous approval by voice vote. Dennis Pratt reported for Financial Secretary Dean Wellman deposits into the general fund of \$1,114.22 since the last meeting and that the Club had three new members and nine renewals. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Jim Waletzko with a second by Mike Zicus and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Ken Lundberg - Nothing to report.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt - Nothing to report.

Audit: Jeff Stollenwerk - Jeff will run totals for the year at the end of December.

Education: Dennis Smet - Both Northwestern Middle School and Superior High School will get 400 eggs. Carey Edwards, the Iron River Fish Hatchery Supervisor, will call when the eggs are eyed-up, the stage in development where they can be transferred to schools. Northwestern Middle School now has a new 29 gallon aquarium.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen/Paul Helbach - Nothing to report.

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

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt - Nothing new on the website. Mike updated the Club Store renewal form to list new

store items.

Other Business

January Meeting Location - Crafty Rooster, KroBar or Brule Town Hall. Dennis Pratt made a motion to hold the January meeting at KroBar with a second by Ken Lundberg followed by unanimous approval by voice vote. It was mentioned that Dean Wellman knows the management and will call KroBar to confirm.

Board Election Ballot - Electronic ballot will go out early December. Paper ballots were included with the November paper newsletter.

Nebagamon Creek Culvert Removal Progress - Nothing new to report

Fly of the Month - This newsletter feature will resume in our March newsletter

Club Store Item Discussion - A new order placed for summer hats (men's hats were sold out). Quote from ProPrint for note card printing was discussed. Ken Lundberg made a motion to try a small trial batch of note cards on 100# paper, with a second by Mike Sierszen followed by unanimous approval by voice vote. Cost will be \$302.85 for the cards and \$31.32 for the envelopes. Images to be used will be chosen during the January meeting.

Christmas Newsletter Discussion - Membership dues reminder and Christmas greetings from the Club will be sent out.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Dues - Ken Lundberg made a motion to pay the annual dues, with a second by Walt Swanson, followed by unanimous approval by voice vote.

Great Waters Expo Booth Discussion - Ken Lundberg, recommended a special notice to go out asking for volunteers. Ken Lundberg made a motion to approve booth fees (\$475), with a second by Jeff Stollenwerk, followed by unanimous approval by voice vote. Suggestion was made to contact the event organizers for a hotel to use for traveling volunteers. A discussion followed on updating update photos on the display wall and reimbursement for travel expenditures.

Newsletter DVD Distribution to Board - Dennis Pratt offered DVDs to all board members.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.
Recorded by Walt Swanson



Time to Renew Your Membership

Memberships expired on December 31.

Membership dues are critical for us to continue our Club's work. You can renew electronically at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/> or by filling out the form in your newsletter and sending it with your dues to us by mail.

Here's how your Club dues and donations were used to improve the Brule River and Lake Superior environments this past year:

- ◆ Entered its 60th year (officially chartered in 1968) dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the river and its environment.
- ◆ Kept members up to date with 11 quality monthly newsletters and a website which included a Club calendar and work items. See: <http://bruleriversportsmensclub.com>
- ◆ Advocated successfully at many public meetings, including the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Kiap-TUWish Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Brule River Preservation Inc.'s meetings.
- ◆ Held the 49th annual spring clean-up in late April where more than 30 volunteers removed trash from all accesses and campgrounds. The Poplar Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts once again canoed the river removing trash.
- ◆ Held 11 monthly general membership meetings with a variety of speakers, including informative presentations by Amy Eliot and Mikala Haynes of the Lake Superior Research Institute regarding their temperature and sediment study, and Bob Banks updating us on the Brule River Preservation Inc. projects.
- ◆ Supported the 20th year of the Aquarium Project. Club purchased aquariums were again used study the early life history of trout (egg to fry stage) in two schools (Superior and Northwestern). Nearly 200 students were given a presentation by Club staff at the completion of the project.
- ◆ Spent three Saturday mornings on our trout habitat project at Beaupre Springs, a small tributary to the Upper Brule River. This year's work further improved the over a decade of work of restoring high quality water flow and adding 2,281 feet of previously inaccessible trout habitat (beaver damaged) to this critical spawning tributary. Work included planting trees along the channel in May and improving the downstream channel in July and early August. This was the 40th year of trout habitat improvement projects.
- ◆ Presented Danny McCaan with a \$5,000 scholarship to further his resource management education. Danny is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota – Duluth. His Masters project is examining the role of different habitat types and invertebrate prey in support of the salmonids throughout the Upper portion of the Brule. This scholarship program began in 1999 and we're proud to announce that we've awarded \$81,000 thus far. In 2019 we added a local high school scholarship and this year's recipient was Lily Danz who is attending UW-Madison.
- ◆ Established a booth at the Minnesota Trout Unlimited Great Waters Fishing Expo at Hamline University Campus in the Twin Cities in March. Visited with many of our Twin Cities area members.

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	
The Brule River Sportsmen's Club, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization			
https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/			



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.

Newsletter editor: Katie Thompson (goirish@cheqnet.net)

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

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Vice President — Ken Lundberg	Paul Helbach
Financial Secretary — Dean Wellman	Courtney Johnson
Recording Secretary — Walt Swanson	Mick Killoren
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	Jim Waletzko
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