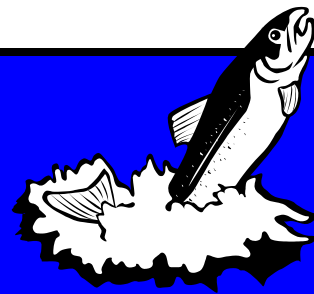


# Brule River

## Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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



September 2023

## Beaupre Springs Project Update

This year we continued the stream maintenance work we started last year on the outlet stream to Beaupre Springs.

On July 22, thirteen volunteers cleared alder with chainsaws and loppers on approximately 450 feet of the stream. On August 5, seven volunteers continued that work by clearing the downstream most 200 feet reach of the stream to where it enters the East Fork of the Brule. Most of this portion of the stream was alder choked. After each morning's work, we enjoyed a Club-provided Subway sandwich lunch. Photos of the work crews are



### July 22 Volunteers:

Sam Alvar, Glen Hill, Kevin Bovee, Dennis Pratt, Mike Zicus, Mike Sierszen, Jerry Filozi, Bill Blust, John Simmons, Tom Stieber, Tim Spangenberg, Monty Hoffman, Craig Lambert.

## South Shore Project Progress



Site photo August 15 looking NW (photo by Wren Works)

The project to remove the abandoned Duluth/Atlantic South Shore railroad grade and its culvert on Nebagamon Creek began in mid-August. The rail grade was built in 1882 and abandoned in 1934. The work is being done by Wren Works of Poplar, Wisconsin.

By September 8, they had removed nearly 30 feet of the grade down to the top of the culvert. The entire grade consists of sand which is being used by the Town of Brule to improve the town's Bellwood Pit Road.

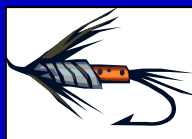
The remainder will be stockpiled at the Bellwood pit for later use. To read more about the grade, visit <https://brulerriversportsmensclub.com/south-shore-railroad-grade-update/>.



Site photo September 14 looking east (photo by Paul Piszczek)



**BRSC**  
**Calendar:**



The next board meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, at the KroBar at 6:00 p.m.



## Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023



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

Officers and Directors: Present - Ed Chaplinski, Glen Hill, Courtney Johnson, Mick Killoren, Dennis Pratt, Mike Sierzen, Dennis Smet, Walt Swanson, Jim Waletzko, Dean Wellman and Mike Zicus.

Minutes of the July Meeting: The minutes as written in the August newsletter were approved following a motion by Dean Wellman, second by Mike Zicus and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: President Dennis Pratt reported for Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk that July's beginning balance was \$24,260.70 and the ending balance was \$24,448.06 with the following expenses: Pro Print (June newsletter - \$30.16); Dennis Pratt (four rolls postage stamps - \$252); Constant Contact (annual service - \$462); Katie Thompson (July newsletter - \$200); Pro Print (July newsletter - \$30.16). The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Jim Waletzko, second by Courtney Johnson, and unanimous approval by voice vote. Financial Secretary Dean Wellman reported that there were \$400 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had three new members. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Walt Swanson and a second by Dennis Smet.

### Committee Reports

Legislative: Tom Sklebar mentioned Senate Bill 265, which has to do with the hunter safety program requirements for hunters under 18. He also said that wolf management continues to be a hot topic.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – Dennis discussed the August 5th volunteer work day. Seven volunteers showed up for the last 190 tough feet of this project.

Audit and Scholarship: Nothing currently.

Education: Ed Chaplinski picked Club stickers up this morning and brought them to the meeting. These looked very nice. The artwork for the stickers was done by Ed's granddaughter and Club member Sophia Drier. They will be handed out to all the Northwestern 6<sup>th</sup> graders during our aquarium project presentations next year.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – Ed Chaplinski handed out about a dozen newsletters, while Dennis Pratt handed out two membership forms at family fun day.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt – Mike Zicus - one inquiry from a lapsed member who mentioned a documentary being produced about Lake Superior. He wanted to know if we could advertise it on the website. Dennis Pratt - September newsletter articles – Family Fun Day; July/August Habitat Projects; South Shore Grade.

### Other Business

Establishment of a Club Email – Mike Zicus/Walt Swanson: things seem to be working as expected. We will review this again next month.

Nebagamon Creek Culvert Removal Progress – Project began in mid-August. A few board members have visited the site and commented about how it was going.





# BRULE RIVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, SEPTEMBER 2023

"Minutes" from pg. 2

**Fly of the Month** – Seven Minute Swing Fly (seven minutes to tie).

**Potential TU addition to the Club's store:**  
Mike Sierszen – Perhaps we could list some of Wild Rivers TU's merchandise. Discussion next month.

**Veterans Support Idea:** Mick Killoren - Vets on The Lake event, honoring our Veterans with a great day of fishing, followed by a tasty fish fry. Support was approved following a motion by Tom Sklebar and a second by Mike Zicus. Discussion on how to support exactly will happen closer to the event next summer.



**August 5<sup>th</sup> South Shore Project volunteers:**  
Bill Blust, Jerry Filozi, Glen Hill, Mike Zicus, Ron Gaare, Amy Holbrook Abrams, Dennis Pratt.

**Family Fun Day** - Turnout was very good although temperatures reached the upper 80's later in the event. We sold five hats and received a donation of \$200 from a club member. Also, Western Lake Superior Trollers donated \$500 to the Family Fun Day account for next year. Club volunteers included Dennis Pratt, Den and Erin Smet, Ken Lundberg, John Simonson, Ed and Mary Chaplinski and their granddaughter Sophia Drier, Bretta Chaplinski and her daughter Marianna, Tom Bydalek, Mick Killoren and Jim Henzie. We entertained 75 families, with 136 adults and 157 children for a total of 293 attendants.

**Upcoming Events** – Listed on our Club Calendar <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/>.

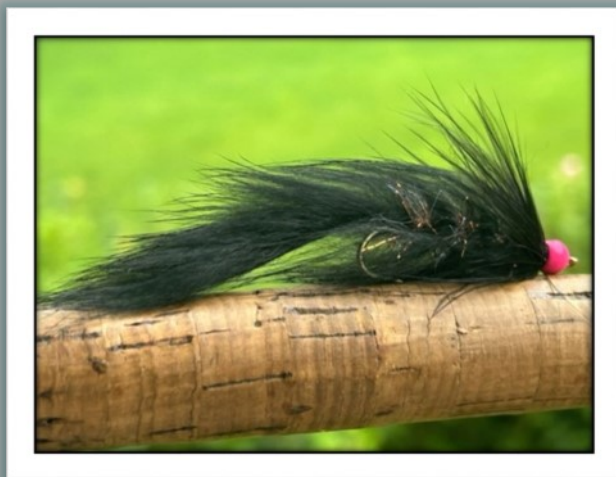
The business meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Recorded by Walt Swanson

## 7 Minute Swing Fly

Dean Wellman, BRSC Financial Secretary – Brule, WI

We're tipping our caps to Paul Sandstrom, the Lake Superior Steelhead Association (<https://www.steelheaders.org/>) and their September Spey Day. I thought I'd feature the "swing" version of what I would say is one of the top flies for Brule steelhead, the Purple Egg Sucking Leech. This fly features the technique of palmering rabbit fur that I learned from a West Coast steelheader magazine in the early 80s. Black is the basic color, but you can use many colors for the underbody. Size of the fly can also vary, but I like to tie these in the 3 – 3½ inch long range.



A recipe for the fly can be found at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-September-fly.pdf>.

<b>BRSC Gift Store Order Form</b> (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.

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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