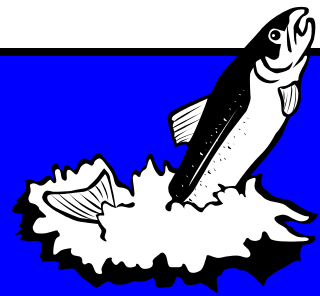


# Brule River

*Sportsmen's Club, Inc.*

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



January 2025

## Wilson Creek Road Culverts Replaced

We thank Chris Collier of the Trout Unlimited - Great Lakes Division and their many partners for removing two more fish passage issues on Wilson Creek.

Wilson Creek is a major tributary to the West Fork of the Brule. Wilson contains a good portion of the brook trout spawning areas for the West Fork watershed critical to the Upper Brule brook trout population.



Both of this year's culvert replacements were tied in with Douglas Counties Highway P resurfacing project.

The two photos show the before (2010) and after of one of the culverts. This culvert originally had a one-foot outlet drop before the DNR staff added the two small rock berms over a decade ago to temporarily allow brook trout passage.



**BRSC Calendar:**

The board meeting will be held online  
Monday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m.





## Brule River Sportsmen's Club Meeting Minutes November 25, 2024



President Dennis Pratt called the online meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Officers and Directors: Present - Dennis Pratt, Jeff Stollenwerk, Walt Swanson, Dean Wellman, Mike Zicus and Ken Zivic.

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

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that October's beginning balance was \$11,900.82, and the ending balance was \$12,052.57 with the following expenses: DW Reimbursement (50 mailing tubes) \$117.90; Boy Scouts Troup 212 (river clean-up) \$250; DP Reimbursement (July 13-Oct 7 expenses) \$286.91; Katie Thompson (October newsletter) \$200; Pro Print (October newsletter) \$28.59. The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Walt Swanson, second by Mike Zicus and unanimous approval by voice vote. Financial Secretary Dean Wellman reported that there was \$600 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had three new members and two renewals. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Ken Zivic and a second by Jeff Stollenwerk.

### Committee Reports

Legislative, Audit, Scholarship and Membership: Nothing to report currently.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – Walt will reach out to Scott Anderson to see if there is interest in adding gravel by the Winneboujou Boat House.

Education: Den Smet – Den will be picking up the fish eggs in December. Superior High School and Northwestern Middle School teachers will have the aquariums ready.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt –Dennis Pratt will be sending out the December issue this year, which will include a listing of our accomplishments and a membership drive.

### Other Business

Board Election Ballot – Walt Swanson will be emailing our election ballot. Results will be finalized on Saturday January 20th. Ken Zivic has agreed to assist in the testing process.

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

Great Waters Expo Booth Discussion – Ken Lundberg has decided not to lead the booth this year.

Upcoming Events – Please check our [Club Calendar](https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/) at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/> for the latest events.

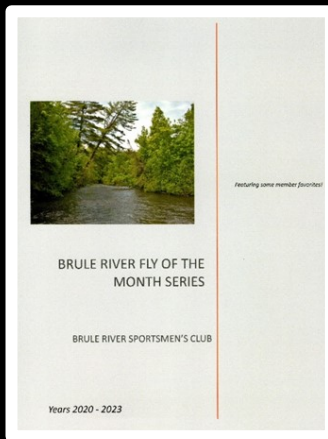
The business meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Recorded by Walt Swanson*



*Early winter scene at County Highway B*

## Brule River Fly of the Month Series book available on-line



January 1<sup>st</sup> was the official beginning of fly-tying season. We have about three to five months, depending on which season (spring lower river or general trout opener) you're planning on tossing your flies in.

During the Brule's open trout season your Club has been featuring a fly each month (8 flies per year) in our newsletter. This year we entered the sixth year of that project.

We've published a booklet with all those presented in the first four years, 2020 through 2023, with detailed recipes for all

these members favorite flies. Get your fly-tying season started the right way by purchasing a copy of 'Brule River Fly of The Month' booklet and support the Clubs efforts to boot. You can purchase your copy on-line at: <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/>

## Memberships Expired in January

Your membership needs to be renewed for 2025 beginning on January 1. Club memberships are desperately needed for us to accomplish our objectives. All members upon dues payment will receive a membership card and a Club sticker.

You can easily update your membership in our Club Store at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/>

<b>BRSC Gift Store Order Form</b> (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$50	
	Women's baseball hat	\$30	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Men's baseball cap (mesh back)	\$30	
	Limited edition brook trout print	\$40	
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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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