
GITCHI-GAMI TRAIL ASSOCIATION

January 16, 2016, 3:00pm

Tettegouche State Park – Visitor Center Conference Room



GGTA WINTER PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Welcome/Introductions

- ❑ An information meeting/presentation began at 3pm. Mark Sandbo presided over presentation.
- ❑ Meeting called to order at 3:45pm
- ❑ In attendance: Bill Blank (GGTA President-teleconferencing), Mark Sandbo (GGTA Vice President), Dan Cruikshank, Tom Peterson (Board Member), Mark Rudningen (MnDNR Trail Coordinator), Michelle Pierson (GGTA Executive director), Chad Pierson, Greg Fangel, Liz Wagner
- ❑ Approval of November 12, 2015 meeting summary – Motion to approve meeting by Tom Peterson/Dan Cruikshank, carried unanimously
- ❑ Agendas and meeting summaries posted here: www.arrowheadplanning.org/ggta

Committee Business

1. Vice-President's Report

- Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2016:
 - March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, and November 10.
 - The annual ride is August 20th, 2016

Motion to approve meeting schedule by Tom Peterson/Dan Cruikshank, carried unanimously

2. Board Elections

- A motion was made by Tom Peterson/Dan Cruikshank to add Greg Fangel and Chad Pierson to the GGTA board. Carried Unanimously.
- Bill Blank was nominated by Mark Sandbo to serve as President for 2016. Bill accepted the nomination. Bill Blank nominated Mark Sandbo to serve as Vice President for 2016, Mark Sandbo accepted. A motion to elect Bill and Mark as President and Vice President, respectively was made by Greg Fangel/Dan Cruikshank, carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Tom Peterson/Dan Cruikshank to elect Chad Pierson to serve as GGTA Treasurer for 2016. Motion carried unanimously

3. Executive Director's Report

- MN Bike Summit – The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota will be holding a Minnesota Bike Summit on Wednesday March 30, 2016. More details here:

<http://www.bikemn.org/advocacy/bike-summit-on-capitol-hill>

- Tom Peterson noted that the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota would be holding their annual dinner that evening. MnDNR will have a table and has some spots open if anyone on the board would like to join that table. See more here:

<https://www.parksandtrails.org/events/2016-annual-dinner/>

4. Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report/End of the Year Financial Statement was made by Tom Peterson/Chad Pierson. Carried unanimously.

5. Trail Coordinator's Report

- Mark Rudningen passed out the Trail Coordinator's Report which included updates on the Lutsen Segment near the Poplar Bridge
- MnDNR Engineering staff beginning to assess a trail route through Tofte
- Sought an update regarding Rick Anderson's request for shared use with snowmobiles and grooming equipment (it was noted that at the November 12, 2015 meeting a vote was placed before the board and it was decided that the trail should remain non-motorized. It was also noted that this vote was not unanimous (4 to 2).
- Cut Face to Grand Marais draft routing is progressing
- West Road Project – seeking Temporary Land Leases. There will be a .26 wetland mitigation involved, timeline for construction into FY 2016/2017
- Beaver River Bridge- latest from MnDOT suggests the trail will be able to be accommodated on the bridge on the inland side

6. ARDC Update

- GGST Scoping Project Update- Final report is under review with MnDNR and final report will be submitted 02/28/2015. A draft was passed around for meeting attendees to look through. MnDNR to meet with ARDC on 02/01/2016 and then ARDC will be seeking GGTA comments before submitting the final report to the Mn Lake Superior Coastal Program.
- Trail Count Update – A final copy of the trail report is available here: www.arrowheadplanning.com/GGSTcount
- Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program STAR Grant was awarded for GGST User Counts Year 2 – we don't have a grant agreement yet
- ARDC requests GGTA consider applying for an Annual Grant from MLSCP for Year 3 counts. ARDC will leverage matching funds, the GGTA will not carry fiscal responsibility for the project. Dan Cruikshank/Tom Peterson made a motion to support the GGTA serving as applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Business

8. **Motion to Adjourn** A motion was made to adjourn by Chad Pierson/Tom Peterson at 4:45pm, carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: March 10, 2016-9:00am Location: Tettegouche State Park Wayside Conference Room