

**Recreational Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Committee Members Present:** Del Bergseth, Hank Ludtke, Dennis Hopman, Katherine Warren, Ray Vlasak, Karen Mulari, Larry Knutson, Gerry Schram

**Staff Present:** Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Kathy Ferguson, Willis Mattison, Neil Powers, Cathie Ferguson, Kay Schwarzwalter, Karen Nitzkowski, Patrick Hollister

**1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:**

- New RAC member Katherine Warren introduced.
- April Meeting Minutes Review/Approval (Hopman motion; Ludtke 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- May Agenda Approved (Ludtke motion; Hopman 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**2. Open Forum**

- Kathy Ferguson: concerns about ATV use in natural areas, interested in protection of public lands – hoping survey can address this. Per statements mentioned incidents in relation to clearing of public lands – Wiley requested specific information be provided to him to verify and to call him up if there are issues. Willis Mattison mentioned he could help gps clandestine trails, but would look for help from the County.
- Willis Mattison: Questioned Road Rally location on pristine lands. This led to other comments from RAC members/others relative to motorized recreation: Bergseth) Have GIA trail to limit ATV use and limit areas accessible to ATV's. Warren) What is in place now to fix areas where there is damage from motorized recreation – concerns about Rat Lake trail and fixing it up; Marty) FEMA area – improvements have been made, road was impassable, asking for enforcement to monitor. Ruth Bergquist) WE State Forest Limited Classification – Wiley) multiple ownership part of the problem.

**3. Survey Review:** Per review of draft survey questions, numerous recommendations were made by RAC members and audience members; Kay Schwarzwalter would review suggested changes with RAC staff and revamp survey by end of week; Warren) wondered about outreach to include WE residents who were not on tax roles and possible ways to identify them via Utility companies/other means. Kay mentioned cover letter signed by County chair that would go out with survey to residents.

**4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Bergseth) Interest in revisiting primitive campsites. Kathy Ferguson had forgot to bring up CAPRA accreditation and wondered if there might be an interest in seeking CAPRA accreditation for Parks and Recreation Dept. (information was provided to staff for review).