Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting
Date/Time of Meeting:	Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:36 – 8:50 PM
Meeting Leader:	Mike Gracz

Attendees:

Mike Gracz- President	х	Derek Bynagle -Vice President	х	Cameale Johnson - Secretary	х	Peter Crimp - Treasurer	х	Derek – Admin Manager	x
Bob Glen	Х	Jason Neeley	Х	Melissa Cloud	Х	Martin Schuster		Kenny Daher	Х
Guests: Kathy Sarns									

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action & follow up
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved as presented	
Approval of BOD meeting minutes	October 5th meeting minutes approved as presented	
Admin Report - Derek	 Membership report reviewed. Memberships so far are about half the total from last year & up more than last year at this time Working on updating the website calendar Should our website & other KNSC communications acknowledge & honor indigenous inhabitants? Open registration for Jr Nordic after gear available (@Dec 1st) 	 Kathy Sarns will try & get a PayPal swiper to use for KNSC to use for Jr Nordic gear and/or Jr Nordic registration Derek will investigate the best way for KNSC to acknowledge indigenous inhabitants
Website Report - Peter	 Kathy has started process for new website build; should be done before end of November; MatSu & Anchorage ski clubs have nice websites we can emulate 	 The board approved funds for a website build 10/17 via email
Treasurer's Report - Peter	 Working on a good assets list which hopefully will be available for the annual meeting; present how we are doing financially compared to our budget Financials reviewed Peter will not be at the annual meeting to present the financials to the membership AK Ski Education grant comes out 4/15/23; The Cross Country Alaska \$600 can be used as a match City of Homer, Homer Foundation YAC grants?? 	 Mike will present the financials at the annual meeting Melissa will investigate doing the Homer Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) grant and City of Homer grant Peter will send in the CAP grant applications for Dimond & McNeil
Equipment Report - Bob	 Took delivery of two new Scandic 900's; pending installation of wiring; will need 2 full tanks of gas for breaking in McNeil #1 & #2 Scandic 900's still have heating issues. Bill H working on trying to resolve. None of KNSCs other Scandics have this issue KNSC has seven snow machines and five ATVs in service. One of new snow machines will go to Lower Baycrest and the other to McNeil while we sort out the overheating problems with #1 and #2 KNSC has six rollers and several drags. Some of the drags are old and worn out; Bill H and his crew are working on fabricating drags based on our most successful one 	•

	 KNSC has seven Ginzu Groomers. They are very rugged and even our oldest one at McNeil is still in service. The metal teeth, plastic combs, and electric actuators wear and/or break but are easily replaceable Next purchase will be ATV with tracks; estimated cost @ \$18,500; likely will not need any new equipment this season Home Run Oil filled the Sunset fuel tank. The Lookout gasoline and heating oil fuel tanks will need filling before the season gets too busy 	
Lower Baycrest Trails - Cameale	 Homer Trails Alliance has submitted a notice of intent to apply for an almost 5-million-dollar Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant which will expand & improve lower Baycrest trails so they are usable year-round; there will be a focus on accessibility; establish & improve trailheads at Rogers Loop, Green Timbers, Dimond Creek SRS; create a detached walkway from DOT parking area to Dimond Creek SRS. HTA will know by the end of November if the project is approved to go forward with the grant process. IF the project goes forward, HTA is requesting KNSC be responsible for maintenance of the Rogers Loop trailhead bathroom. It is not known at this time white kind of toilet will be installed (requires pumping or not) HTA is requesting a cost share of \$5065 dollars to put 200 ft of boardwalk in the area of Molly's bench east and bottom of Serpentine trail east; NE corner of Homestead trail under Bob Swenson's property; It needs to be 8ft wide to accommodate grooming, ATV, mowing equipment; hikers only need 3-4ft. HTA has the beams and just needs the top boards. HTA will install the boardwalk. 	 KNSC not interested in summer maintenance of toilets KNSC will evaluate HTA's request for trail funds later in the season
President's Report - Mike	 BOD nominations – Mike will ask Kyra Harty if she is interested; works at Cook Inlet Keeper Nordic Skier News – Mike submitted a budget report to the Nordic Skier News Community Assistance Program (CAP) - \$15,473 was split amongst nonprofits in Dimond Ridge & McNeil service areas; KNSC received a total of a total of \$6,447; \$3,868 for Fritz Creek and 2,578 for Diamond Ridge Directors & Officers Insurance – purchased Trail cameras – up & running Annual mtg – November 12th 6P; potluck; Location not secured yet; Kachemak Center could be a backup; Bidarka Otter Room; Elks has not responded Jr Nordic gear – gear is coming in. November 12th is the official day for giving out equipment at AK Mini Storage #302 	 Annual mtg: Board members to go to google docs & sign up for soliciting donations for the silent auction Melissa w do Jr Nordic & Homer Nordic update Mike will get projector from library Mike will invite Kyra Harty to join the Board
Lower Baycrest Shed - Cameale	 The location is on City property parcels 17316067 & 17316066 The COH is supportive & interested in partnering any way they can; needs to be more formal discussion Perhaps KNSC could submit a proposal that specifies exact location (maps), site and structure design, cost estimates, ongoing maintenance plans, etc. No official commitment of funds or designation of where the funds would come from; an option is COH could provide materials & KNSC labor 	 Jason will take the lead on this project Cameale will introduce Jason & Matt to each other

	 COH would want buy in from KNSC; Would need clear guidelines regarding which party is responsible for what Ideally have this kind of development include in the MOU between the COH & KNSC Matt Steffy, COH Superintendent of Parks, Trails, & Campgrounds, is happy to sit down with KNSC to discuss project parameters KNSC could consider a Rasmussen grant for funding 	
Event Calendar	Derek has updated the calendar on the website	•
McNeil/Eveline Report – Cameale & Kenny	 Eveline is skiable CIRI permit this year gives KNSC permission to brush the ski trail using hand tools & chainsaw; Stan Purington has been out doing a lot of brushing; the willow is very hard & slow going to brush & cut; The Friends of KBSP loaned KNSC two of their "larger" brushers which works well on the smaller willows; Brushed areas are Wolf Access past the powerline up & over the gooseneck over to currently at the SW drop into Wolf Meadow. Eveline connector will get brushed this weekend along with finishing the Meadow south connector. McNeil Signage project – we need a few directional signs until they get the signs completed Groomer concerns about equipment Dog parking above fire station – Nate Wise has not made the improvements to the parking area 	•
Strategic Plan - Peter	Strategic plan presented & reviewed in detail	• Strategic plan approved with minor changes
Ken Jones sign - Jason	Installed!! Opening day of Jr Nordic will have an unveiling of the sign	•
Comments from the audience on anything	No audience present	
Comments from the BOD	 Welcome back Melissa FKBSP has a Garmin inReach sat phone; would KNSC like to share it during the winter months? Cost: \$15/mo x 5 month plus \$22.50; Bob will check w groomers about using it; it will come out of Homer Nordic budget 	 Board approved sharing FKBSPs Garmin inReach
Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 11/6/2022		Next Meeting: Annual meeting November 12th