

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting
Date/Time of Meeting:	Wednesday, August 31, 2022 6:34– 8:00 PM
Meeting Leader:	Mike Gracz

Attendees:

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

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action & follow up
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved as presented	
Approval of BOD meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 4th meeting minutes approved as presented 	
Admin Report- Derek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very quiet summer Renewal letters have been updated to make them more friendly Mike Ilg (City of Homer) is organizing the ski swap & pairing it with the Mountain Film on Tour November 9th at Homer High Mariner Theater No High School or Middle School ski coach this year yet 1st membership renewal letter goes out September 1st Derek may have to resign from his positions mid-year; he'll try and have a succession plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Website Report - Derek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On hold, Peter, Derek, and Kathy Sarns are a potential subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter will set up a phone meeting of subcommittee
Treasurer's Report - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financials reviewed Budget prep: Take last 5 years and average for a current budget looking at anomalies that might affect the current budget; look at last years actuals & consider using for this year. Fuel will be considerably higher. Can spend up to \$300 without board approval; If something is a budgeted item, can spend up to the amount budgeted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Equipment Report - Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenses: We managed to stay close to our 2021-2022 equipment budget (so far) despite a big snow year and long ski season. However, we're going to have to fill the fuel tanks soon and the per gallon costs are looking like they're going to be quite high for 2022-2023. Homer Trails Alliance: There is quite a bit of overlap with KNSC and the Homer Trails Alliance. They are mostly grant funded so far. We have supplemented a recent mower purchase and have agreed to provide ATV hours for mowing. I expect we will continue to work closely together and need to allow for some additional KNSC expensed for equipment and fuel. Snowmachines and ATVs: All Seasons, the Skidoo dealer says the two new Scandic 900 snow machines have shipped; they may have arrived in the latest truckload. Still issues with the McNeil Scandic 900 purchased last year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer electrician has been found to work on club equipment • Mowers: Lookout has the heavy-duty Swisher mower we recently purchased. The two wheeled DR mower has been rebuilt and is at Lower Baycrest. The four wheeled DR mower is still being rebuilt by Peter Roedl. Bill Hague obtained the parts needed for the rebuild. The Homer Trails Alliance purchased a Rammy flail mower. It is designed to be mounted on the front of a 4-wheeler. The KNSC's #15 (2021 model) ATV at Dave Brann's will be the primary machine for mowing with the Rammy. It requires the mounting hardware and a winch on the ATV. The price for the mower was \$4299, plus shipping from Wisconsin. HTA paid for this expense with a grant. KNSC agreed to contribute an additional \$1063 for: extra cutting blades; an ATV mounting bracket, and an offset bracket. • Summer Activity: Many trails at McNeil and Lower Baycrest have been mowed this summer. It was very dry the first part of the summer and the trails were quite accessible. The Homer Trails Alliance has done quite a bit of work on the Homestead/Lower Baycrest trails and are doing some more mowing this week. • Dave Brann has arranged with Jason Koontz, of Alaska Eco Forestry, to do a mulching/trail clearing demonstration at Lower Baycrest on Sept. 6, 9:00 AM 	
Besh Cup Timing Systems – Jan Spurland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan says we did not get Besh Cup for this year • Jan has not bought any race equipment that KNSC is aware of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
President's Report - Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance expires at midnight 8/31. Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA) is @ \$5600/year & covers grooming (groomers & skiers); they may have Directors & Officers insurance • Mike looked at several insurance options including Frasier who was basically our previous insurance to whom we paid @\$2000/year, but it may not cover grooming or offer Director & Officers insurance • Milli Martin - Milli has approx. 240 acres she'd like to donate for use as a park for hikers, skiers, and equestrians. The logistics are complicated determining who would be the landowner and then who would be the manager or steward of the land. Lauren Rusin (Kachemak Land Trust) has been trying to coordinate the various entities. There is a possibility KPB borough could own the land with a Community Trail Management Agreement amongst the user groups. Marcus Mueller (KPB Land Manager), Milli Martin, Lauren Rusin (Kachemak Land Trust) and Mike are meeting to investigate what the borough needs, what the land trust needs, and what KNSC can offer • Lookout work – John Miles requested \$2000 for cutting alders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Mike gets a quote and details from Frazier, he will choose a provider that meets KNSCs needs • Approved Lookout request for \$2000
McNeil/Eveline Report - Cameale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is in great condition. The trail work from last year really benefited the entire trail system. All trails were all flail mowed towards the end of July. • Eveline averaged 1000 visitors/week during the months of June & July • A flower identification and Dixon/Portlock glacier interpretive panels were installed. An invasive species panel has just arrived and will be installed before the end of the season. • A new kiosk was installed at the beginning of June. • A new trail counter was installed at the kiosk then moved away from the kiosk as folks tend to congregate around the kiosk causing more counter activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flower booklets were extremely popular. Whenever more than one booklet was put out, it disappeared. There is a QR code at the kiosk to download the booklet. • The outhouse cannot handle the visitor load. A 6.5ft new hole was dug & outhouse moved. Outhouse also painted inside and out. • McNeil Signage project – Dave Eberly found post material 1.5” with 1.75” bases; unclear what status of actual signs are 	
Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter, Cameale, and Mike to meet October 4th to try and sort this out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter to send out questionnaire inquiring what is important for strategic planning
Ken Jones sign - Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in the ground yet, Jason will meet with John Miles to ensure that sign does not interfere with grooming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Comments from the audience on anything	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No audience present 	
Comments from the BOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing significant • Peter, Cameale, and Jason are up for re-election this year. Peter & Cameale are committed to continuing to serve on the Board. It is unclear if Jason will be available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 9/1/2022		Next Meeting: October 7, 2022; 6:30P at Ben Walters Lane