

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting
Date/Time of Meeting:	Wednesday, January 4, 2023 6:36 – 8:27 PM Cook Inlet Keeper
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		Kyra Harty	X	Melissa Cloud	X	Martin Schuster	X	Kenny Daher	X
Guests: David Stutzer; Kathy Sarns									

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action & follow up
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved as presented	
Approval of BOD meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 7th meeting minutes approved as presented 	
Sunset Loop & Private Property – Cameale & David Stutzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon & Daphane Maxon have @12 acres on Dimond Ridge which have been subdivided into 4 lots. Two are 1 ac lots & the other is 4 ac. There is a 7 ac lot owned by her daughter. They want to subdivide the 7 ac lot into 4 lots. A significant portion of the Sunset ski trail goes through these lots. The owners want to move the Sunset trail closer to the road. The Sunset trail does not have any easement status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surreal Subdivision unit 5 Tract C which is 7.34 acres & parallels Diamond Ridge is going before the KPB Plat Public Hearing on 1/9/22. The meeting is 5:30 Zoom. The developer, owner’s daughter, is building now right near the trail. The issue is that there is no dedicated easement, and KNSC does not have an agreement with this new owner, name is Mahar Maxon, to allow the trail to continue to be used. Should KNSC attend the plat public hearing to express concerns about being a stakeholder in the Sunset trail? Just let KPB Plat Committee know the trail has been there for 30 years & leave it at that. Be very careful about the verbiage “easement” or “prescriptive easement” Kirsten Dixon bought the land immediately to the west of the Maxon property & is concerned about having a bunch of little lots next door; she is interested in buying the entire 7 ac parcel & making it moose habitat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike will call in to KPB Plat Public comment meeting & express concerns about being a stakeholder in the Sunset Loop
Sunset Loop & dogs – David Stutzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A skier wants to use the bottom part of the Sunset Loop trail to access the Far Side trail with her dog; dogs are not allowed on the Sunset Loop The bottom part of Sunset Loop crosses Fred Pitzman’s land; Fred has given the skier permission to have a dog on his land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KNSC cannot prohibit someone from skiing with their dog on their land. Sunset property owners are concerned that while they allow the ski trail on their property, KNSC is responsible for setting the rules on the trails which includes no dogs Property owners are concerned about this one dog being allowed on the trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Admin Report - Derek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership report reviewed • Still lots of inquiries about registering for Jr Nordic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Website Report – Peter & Kathy Sarns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Burton will look at assorted website issues & review if the website will be able to meet KNSCs needs or if KNSC needs to step back and look at alternatives for a solution that will work for the long-term. • Derek is the “keeper” of the current website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard will explore the issue to see what the best course of action is for KNSC
Treasurer’s Report - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials reviewed; most of our revenues are in but most of our expenses are not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Equipment Report - Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiring in process for the new Scandics • Multiple problems with 6 different machines; the maintenance crew has been very busy • The DOT lot equipment shed became inaccessible after it got bermed in by a snow plower KNSC hired; Bill H discussed w DOT crew & they cleared it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Lower Baycrest Shed - Cameale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held 12/21/2022. In attendance were Matt Steffy representing COH; Jake Fraley, an immediate neighbor & HEA lineman; Jason Neely for KNSC & he built the Diamond Ridge/Sunset grooming shed; Dave Brann for KNSC & has oversight of Baycrest ski trail system; Mike Byerly, for KNSC incl groomer; Billy Day for HTA; and Bill Hague who organized the meeting. • Matt Steffy & Billy Day proposed parking on both sides of the trail close to Rogers Loop. Parking would mostly be on the road right of way with the actual trail then starting a bit further down. They did not anticipate any issues with parking on right of way. They also suggested lighting & cameras • Jake Fraley’s concern is if the parking is very far off Rogers Loop, it will be a location for illicit behavior as he has already seen suspicious behavior in the area • A potential site for the maintenance shed was selected. From Rogers Loop, go down to the Y & turn left. On the left side there is an open area that will not require taking down a lot of trees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On the Plat map it is 200ft north & 15ft east of the HNJ 268-S 1969 cap survey marker. This places the shed on the DNR side of a section line within the 50ft wide section line easement. A permit would have to be obtained from DNR. ○ An alternate location would be to move the shed slightly west to Quirtland St. which is COH property. Quirtland St would not ever get developed as an actual street. More trees would have to be cut but it would be easier to get permission from COH vs. DNR ○ The DNR land is the Homer Demonstration Forest (HDF). There is an ILMA between DNR & Department of Forestry for management of this parcel. A Homer Demonstration Forest Steering Committee exists for ensuring the HDF is managed per the ILMA. Homer Trails Alliance is the Steering Committee for HDF. • Dave Brann suggested it be longer than the Sunset shed as Baycrest has more equipment. The sunset shed is 24ft long. 36ft would be appropriate. Natural gas is in the area and can be used for heating. • Matt Steffy will discuss the plan with his superior’s 12/29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision needs to be made about location of shed • Cameale will find out if there is a way the HDF Steering Committee can approve the shed on DNR land

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Lower Baycrest Trails - Cameale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HTA TAP grant is under review. There are a lot of applications for a limited amount of money. HTA is working with City Council members to submit an ordinance to appropriate \$424,010 from the HART-Roads Fund to be used as matching funds for the Homer Trails Alliance TAP grant application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
President's Report - Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance – application for D&O has been submitted Philomena Manley Parcel – The McNeil Eveline Connector trail crosses the Philomena Manley parcel at the upper NW corner & follows the CIRI Manley section line over to the E boundary of the Manley property. Because of McNeil creek overflow making it unsafe for skiers, a bypass “bridge” has been groomed which is @30ft S of the section line easement on the Manley property side. An alternate route to Eveline would be via the McNeil Wolf system. Given the access from McNeil to Eveline is the most used access, permission was obtained from John Hendrix, Philomena Manley’s son, to groom the trail on Manley property. He is concerned over losing land through prescriptive easement. Mike sent him examples of homeowner agreements for review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Event Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek has updated the calendar but it is not available on the website; quite a few upcoming events No one has agreed to take on the Marathon event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
McNeil/Eveline Report – Cameale & Kenny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Kachemak Bay State Parks hosted the First Ski event at Eveline on January 1st; it was very well attended with @50 people The new McNeil system winter ski trail maps have been placed in the field The McNeil PortaPotti costs \$285/month; Pete Swanson, Principle of McNeil School would prefer the PortaPotti not be there & an outhouse hole dug instead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize plans for digging an outhouse hole at the April meeting
Friday Night Lights – 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McNeil this Friday, 1/6, from 630-830. Primary parking at the school with signage to the Eveline Connector intersection where the center of festivities will be- fire, s’ mores, hotdogs, sign-in/wrist band pick up. Tiki torches will light the shed loop and a modified Sprint/School loop. Cost \$10/KNSC member; \$15 nonmember 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wine & Cheese at Lookout 2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Byerly & Mike Grasz will organize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Byerly & Mike Grasz will organize
Comments from the audience on anything	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Stutzer brought up a couple of Nordic Pulse issues. He has started packing the Marathon connector trail from the Diamond Ridge side. He would like to see the strategic plan. Peter will get him a copy. He suggested when discussing trails across private property making it as easy as possible for the owner to say yes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter will send David Stutzer copy of strategic plan
Comments from the BOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameale reported KPB is discussing the Community Assistance Program (CAP) awards at the February 7th meeting. The award amounts may be higher than what we had originally anticipated. Cameale will not be attending the February 1st meeting; Volunteer for secty?? Mike – 224 kids have Jr Nordic gear; >20% of that age group population of kids from Anchor Pt south participate in Jr Nordic Derek – Middle School ski team has 24 members; Derek is the coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melisa will be secty for February 1st mtg

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Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 1/5/2023		Next Meeting: February 1st
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