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| Meeting Name: | Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting |
| Date/Time of Meeting: | Wednesday, May 3, 2023 6:34 – 10:05 PM |
| Meeting Leader: | Mike Gracz |

**Attendees:**

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| Mike Gracz-President | X | Derek Bynagle -Vice President | X | Cameale Johnson -Secretary | X | Peter Crimp - Treasurer | X | Derek – Admin Manager | X |
| Bob Glen | X | Kyra Harty | X | Melissa Cloud | X | Martin Schuster | X | Kenny Daher |  |
| Guests: Jan Spurkland; Nicky Szarzi; | | | | | |  | |  | |

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| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action & follow up** |
| Approval of Agenda | Agenda approved as presented |  |
| Approval of BOD meeting minutes | * April 5th meeting minutes approved as presented |  |
| Race Supplies – Jan Spurkland | * Jan represents the ski club at Cross Country Alaska. Besh Cup scheduled January 20-21st in Homer. A lot of talk about the environmental impact of Nordic skiing, specifically waxes, hydrofluoro carbons (HDF )sprays in waxes are toxic; Most organizations are declaring themselves fluoro free but there is no way to enforce. Venues are being asked to go fluoro free; High School races are fluoro free. * Trail marking infrastructure: Jan requested 100 V-blocks @ $20 each; he is going to Chamber of Commerce asking for a match as the Besh Cup brings in @300 visitors to Homer * Timing issue has resolved itself so new timing equipment is not needed for the time being. The rest of the state is moving on to web based Zone4 timing software which charges a cost per skier; We time a lot of races for high schoolers which would make the cost prohibited | * Decide in Sept if KNSC wants to declare itself fluoro free * Approved $2000 to purchase V-blocks * Approved Jan representing KNSC at the Chamber of Commerce |
| Admin Report - Derek | * Working on end of season items; Jr Nordic ski returns; has explored with Laser Print about banners representing patron donors to put up next ski season at Lookout |  |
| Website Report – Peter, Derek & Mike | * No website report. Website subcommittee to review whether Square Space can actually meet KNSC’s needs |  |
| Treasurer’s Report & Budget Priorities - Peter | * Financials reviewed including a very detailed line-item review of the budget. This was done to determine how much money was available to fulfill numerous requests for funding. KNSC has less money than it was perceived it had. * Motion to move $5000 out of HF fund to general operating fund failed * Reviewed all expected expenses to Sept 30th vs what we have in the bank which leaves $24,139 to prioritize for $35,745 total requests from all the ski areas   + $11,500 was approved for Lower Baycrest, Lookout, McNeil/Eveline & V-Blocks for Besh cup & other races. The McNeil groomers group will determine what specific projects their allocation will be used for. * 5/4 addendum: Further budget review revealed the Eveline restricted funds are less than what was thought when doing the above budget analysis. This created an additional $5000 available for fulfilling requests. | Approved:   * Lower Baycrest $2000 * Lookout $2500 * McNeil/Eveline $5000; * V-Blocks for Besh $2000 * 5/4 by email vote: Approved an additional $2000 to McNeil/Eveline for a total of $7000 |
| Equipment Report - Bob | * 2 Polaris ATVs machines are having engines & exhausts replaced at no charge; damage likely due to production issue with Polaris. An inordinate amount of time has been spent diagnosing the issue with these machines. Polaris will likely be issuing a recall. * One of the Polaris above also have brake & clutch issues probably secondary to being run with the brake set * A Scandic snowmobile was likely run for a high time with no oil; the engine does not start & might be ruined. * The problems with the two 2021 Polaris ATVs should not deter us from buying a new Polaris 850. Proposals have been obtained from Yamaha and Can-AM (Skidoo) for ATVs with tracks, winches, etc. Neither Honda nor Yamaha had machines that served our needs. Can-Am does have a comparable machine at similar cost. There are significant advantages in staying with the same manufacturer. Among them: ease of doing regular maintenance, operator familiarity, and parts interchangeability. ATVs have some advantages over snow machines, although at a higher cost. ATVs are suitable for grooming once the initial deeper, softer snow is groomed by snow machines. ATVs are easier to steer on sharp corners. They are very useful for summer trail maintenance and mowing both on wheels and on tracks for softer terrain. Unlike snow machines, ATVs are not designed to use snow as part of the cooling system and are better for operations in warmer temperatures. * It is recommended KNSC order a Polaris 850 ATV from Saw & Cycle. Our order would include the usual add-ons including tracks. Delivery will be expected later this summer. Cost @$18,500. This request is deferred due to budgetary constraints. * Consider a Tier 1 Rasmussen grant in the fall for a new ATV |  |
| President's Report - Mike | * Ski-joring – Some members would like to be able to ski-jor on KNSC trails; ski-joring is not compatible with cross country skiing * Prospective Board member: Sydney Thelke – interested in joining the Board * Alaska Ski Educational Foundation – approved a grant of $2250 for Jr Nordic skis and boots |  |
| McNeil/Eveline Signs – Nicky Szarzi | * Nicky requested 7 seasonal metal trailhead signs ($150) & 34 plastic signs ($340) to be placed along the ski trails; She also requested a permanent sign be placed at the Eveline trailhead acknowledging KNSC ($1000). * Any permanent signs at Eveline SRS must be reviewed and approved by multiple departments within AK DNR including review by the Interpretive and Education Unit and Office of History and Archeology.  Depending on what is on the panel, it would also have to be reviewed by specific native elders.  There are strict guidelines for how they are constructed and mounted. * Kyra suggested adding videos to the website outlining what can and can’t be done on the ski trails * The biathlon club would like to become a program under KNSC; they are requesting signage, mats, infrared guns totaling @ $16,000. They will actively seek additional funding; 1st priority is mats @$2500. They will need to communicate with the Board, including potentially representing themselves by being on the Board as a member. They should be self-sustaining and not rely on KNSC for supporting their infrastructure | * Approved Biathlon as a program under KNSC * Ask McNeil Committee to come up with a recommendation for what signs are going to be put in the McNeil/Eveline system |
| Lower Baycrest Shed/Trails - Cameale | * Trails - HTA is building & staging boardwalk platforms for the 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. * Shed – a very productive meeting with COH was held 4/26 with responsibilities assigned for all components of the project except getting the grant. Construction could start late this summer if funding is acquired. Jan Spurkland wrote the Rasmussen grant for the Sunset shed. He will forward his grant application to Cameale so whoever writes the grant will have a template. Cost of the project could be @ $70,000 ($60,000 for the building, $1000 to clear the land, and miscellaneous costs) * Grant writer? Mike volunteered * There is concern about what the Rasmussen match will be; Mike will ask Julie Engebretsen if city would provide some of the match. | * Mike Grascz will apply for a Rasmussen Tier 2 grant for lower Baycrest shed * Mike G will ask Julie Engebretsen if COH would provide any match for a Rasmussen Tier 2 grant for the lower Baycrest shed |
| McNeil/Eveline Report – Cameale & Kenny | * McNeil group meeting on 5/5 to review & organize/prioritize summer projects * Eveline summer projects:   + Replace all the original signs & posts   + Put up summer maps   + Continued wet trail mitigation particularly on east side of Alpine Meadows boardwalk over to the intersection of Glacier View   + Flail mowing in July   + Move flower interpretive panel further off the trail so it does not interfere with winter grooming equipment   + Continue advocating for Parks toilet to replace outhouse * Eveline State Recreation Site Park steward. Jason Neely in 5/2020 offered to take on stewardship responsibilities from Dave Brann who was the Eveline Park steward since its inception. Kenny & Cameale met with Dave during the summer of 2020 to discuss what Dave does at Eveline. Cameale assumed stewardship responsibility for Eveline 8/2020. These responsibilities include ensuring KNSC is in compliance with the KNSC-DNR MOU and ensuring compliance with DNR policies, of which there are many. The Park steward has oversight of maintenance & activities within the park. Any development, sign placement, construction needs to be reviewed by the Park steward before taking place. The Eveline Park steward reports monthly to the Kachemak Bay Citizen Advisory Board; KNSC; and to Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park. | * Get input from McNeil group how summer trail work affects grooming |
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| Comments from the audience on anything | * None |  |
| Comments from the BOD | * None |  |
| Potential agenda items for this fall | * Consider increasing the Marathon budget next fiscal year * Keep event coordinator on the “to discuss” list |  |
| Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 5/4/2023 |  | **Next Meeting: September 6th** |