

**Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Board Meeting Minutes
April 2nd 2014 6:30pm Cook Inlet Keeper Building**

Attendees: Carlin Rausch, Jan Spurkland, Mike Byerly, Richard Burton, Kevin Walker, Alan Parks, Nicky Szarzi. Stacey Buckelew excused.

Operations Minutes

1. Mike moved to approve the agenda. Nicky seconded. All favored.
2. Meeting Minutes of March 5th 2014 Kevin move to approve. Andrew second. All favored.

3. Treasures Report

3.1 We are \$8,000 in debt at the moment and it be will more because we have few bills turned in so far and there are many out there. We are short on memberships compared to last year, especially businesses. Electrician donated \$4,000 for Lookout work so that's helping with the match we need. We haven't gotten reimbursed for the Lookout grant and other revenues are still outstanding, so our deficit will decrease. The picture will be clearer in another month when we've gotten more of our expenses paid out. Trail improvement expenses haven't been identified especially for McNeil and Eveline and need to be. Men's Peak program cost of \$900 wasn't budgeted because the program didn't exist when the budget was developed this year. Mike moved and Alan seconded to allow Richard to pay the Men's Peak expense. All approved.

4. Membership and Website Report

4.1 Richard won't work on the website significantly for another month.

5. Equipment Report

5.1 Dave Brann emailed an end of season synopsis. Most snowmachines and both ATV's had major work done on them this year. Richard suggests talking to Dave about buying his mower so other's can use it. Alan wonders about buying a beefier mower like they use at Tsalteshi trails in Soldotna.

6. Committee & Area Reports

6.1 McNeil/Eveline - check on heater because the monthly electric bill has been around \$100 recently. Kevin suggested a timer.

6.2 Upper Baycrest – Good skiing still.

6.3 Lower Baycrest – Two new user-friendly seats in the outhouse. Wants to paint the outhouse.

6.4 Lookout – Low use but skiing is good. It has been groomed regularly except middle section is not groomed

6.5 Marathon Trail – Alan has map Mike Gracz made of ownership. Some big roadblocks because of property ownership. There is a plan B route including Twitter Creek and the uplands. Goal is a piston bully groomed trail. Property owners want motorized trail. There will be motorized trail crossings so want to work with Snomads. Important to resolve the parking issue at Sunset and for the Marathon trail. The small parking at the antenna isn't adequate. Bus will be allowed at Sunset after construction of the firehall, but no vehicles. There's another small location for a few vehicles but limited. Some of the property owners have dogs but the committee doesn't want dogs on the Marathon Trail connector. The committee has to work on management of the trail. Could make a small loop near Sunset to use for the Marathon on poor snow years. They are going to the Land Trust to get training on how to deal with the landowners. Land trust will support the effort with their name on letters or reports. Andrew move and Richard second and all approved to create the Marathon Trail committee with Alan as president. Alan asked for a motion to approve the mission statement. There was discussion to wait until after the strategic planning meeting. Richard moved, Kevin second to approve the mission statement. Passed 6-2. Andrew and Nicky oppose. Alan moved to approve the work plan for the committee and Kevin seconded. Richard supports approving a work plan. Mike agrees that the work plan is what the MOA committee does anyway. Andrew thinks a committee should have a mission statement and a work plan but wishes to wait until after the planning on Saturday and getting the input from the moderator. Nicky agreed with Andrew and felt we were reducing our flexibility for the strategic planning exercise coming up. Jan doesn't agree with approving number 8 in the work plan. Alan is ok with taking out number 8 but wonders about the flexibility of the RTP. Richard made motion to remove 8. Andrew second to remove number 8. All favor. All the stuff in the work plan is what they do to have the Marathon anyway. Motion to approve 1-7 points of the work plan passed 6 to 2 Nicky and Andrew opposed.

7. Programs

6.1 None

8. Events

8.1 Epic – Course was 2 - 50 K laps. The 50 K option was great because the new snow increased the difficulty and will be an option in the future. Didn't want competition with the Marathon 50 K a week earlier. 62 people registered, 44 competed which was low compared to last year. Made just under \$10,000. Expenses will be \$7,000. They won't have a grooming bill. Big equipment cost because of lack of snow and then snow dump. Brought snow machines from other areas. A machine was left at McNeil for grooming. Luckily other areas weren't grooming because of no snow.

8.2 Sea to Ski – Made \$1,500 after expenses. Participation was up hugely. 94 people participated. Weather was great, there was no marathon so people were itching to ski and there weren't any conflicting events. Got pleasant comments from people. Two teams from the Coast Guard. He made a new category: active military \$15.

9. Governance

9.1 Foraker Strategic Planning Session – April 5, 9-3 at Alan's. Be there at 8:30. Lasagna and tamali's and a green salad. Bring the print out of strategic plan. Alan will send around the notes from planning meetings from the areas last fall.

10. New Business

10.1 – none

11. Comments from the audience on any thing - none

12. Comments from the BOD Kevin continues work on the next phase of the Look out grant. Adjourn - 8:15.