

KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES

December 7, 2011

6:30 pm, Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

PRESENT: Dave Brann, Richard Burton, Mike Byerly, Alan Parks, Carlin Rauch, Jan Spurkland, Megan Spurkland, Nicky Szarzi, Kevin Walker

ABSENT: none

GUESTS: Jess from Nomad Shelters

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dave moved to approve the agenda. Nicky seconded. No objections. The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 10/5/2011, 11/2/2011, and the Annual Meeting of 11/12/2011

Kevin moved to approve the minutes. Nicky seconded. No objections. The minutes were approved

SPECIAL TOPIC

YURTS FOR KNSC EVENTS AND GENERAL USE

Jan presented a yurt plan for the club that could include two 16' and one 30' yurt that could be used for any event and be moved around from site to site. The yurts could be used for the Besh Cup races and would provide 1100 sq ft and accommodate 100 folks which is what is required by Cross Country Alaska. Jess the owner of Nomad Shelters proposed some sort of joint use b/w Nomad and KNSC and renting them out. Nomad could do the bookings in the summer. Jess described the set up, take down, floor construction options, and door options. She also provided some rough cost estimates.

TREASURES REPORT

Richard presented two reports; the actual budget and a budget summary. The club presently has ~ 25k to spend. Thus far the club has brought in more than what we've had budgeted. Membership is a bit behind but business memberships are up. On the whole, the club is in pretty good shape currently. The board brought Carlin up to speed on the budget in general.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Dave presented an equipment report. The new machine is broken in but needs wiring. This will be done after first of the year. There will be an equipment meeting next month. There are currently a lot of machines down and we're kind of on the edge until we get those fixed. The board will continue considering purchasing another machine as the season progresses and a better budget projection can be had.

Jan talked about timing equipment. He talked with Alan Phelps after the HS race about new upgrades. They thought it would be good to have one more hand timer for redundancy. We currently borrow one for the Besh cup. They are approx \$1k. They also identified a need for a stadium clock. It costs ~ \$2k. Dave suggested that we may be able to go ahead and purchase the hand timer this year. Richard suggested putting any timing equipment purchases in the Homer Foundation grant.

Motion by Jan. The Board should fund the purchase of the hand timer.

Dave seconded.

Motion approved.

EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL RACES / BESH CUP

High school races were a success. Jan ran the race as training for the Besh Cup. Jan identified the needs for the Besh Cup. They won't be too much, some bamboo, pin flagging, fencing, etc. The stadium expenses should easily be covered in the budget. The big outlier is the shelter. CCAK's big concern is sheltering athletes for 3 hrs b/w the skate races. He's made a lot of contacts with companies that have ATCO trailers, and tents like the National Guard.

PSIA CLINICS

The clinic has 18 folks signed up and is this sat. Friday will be a half indoor half outdoor. The total cost would be \$1,300 at worst case. Megan got a grant for \$400 so the maximum club expenses would be \$950. Megan may be getting certified as a trainer. She is also looking into children's clinics for next year.

SKI YOUR AGE

Jan is still shooting for DOT trail head location. If there isn't enough snow, then he'll move it to upper BayCrest.

FIRDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Will try to hold it at DOT trail head. If no snow, than upper BayCrest.

BEGINNER WOMEN CLINICS

There are four different Saturdays scheduled. There will be private lessons offered by the PSIA trainers. That is on the website. There was discussion about whether the club should get some of the money from the private trainings. Should the club get a cut or not since there are club expenses and it's a club sponsored event. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

SKI SWAP

Alan talked with Mike Illg about doing another ski sway on 1/16/2012, the same day as the telluride film fest. Mike Illg has the high school commons reserved. Alan will work with Mike

to make it happen. Megan suggested making the ski swap a Jr. Nordic ski swap. Carlin mentioned that it would be a good idea to have the Jr. Nordic registration before the first day of Jr. Nordic which tends to be busy and takes up time. She suggested doing registrations at the ski swap. There was general consensus that we could put emphases on Jr. Nordic but also have it for adults. Mike mentioned that John Miles has talked about a bunch of skies at the middle school that aren't being used and perhaps those could be checked out for the season by parents for kids. Dave mentioned that there's some history regarding the purchase and intended use of those skies that the club should consider. Carlin will look into it with Kenton.

JR NORDIC

Following up on the discussion above with Carlin regarding obtaining skis for the Jr. Nordic program the following motion was made.

Motion by Dave. Jr. Nordic committee should have the authority to spend up to \$2,500 out of the Jr. Nordic restricted funds to purchase skis for the program as needed.

Jan Seconded.

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE & AREA REPORTS

BAY CREST/SUNSET

Dave provided a written update. Alan talked about the work that was done to move a section of sunset loop. The work party went well and all the dirt work and clearing is done. He said that half of the sunset loop in easements should be done by end of the year.

MCNEIL/EVELINE

Dave gave an update. He's still working on Eveline trail construction before they get too much snow. Construction continues on the maintenance building. Nicky submitted the CIRI permits for trail access on their land. CIRI has signed off on them so it's a done deal. The cost was \$750 for the permits. They should be good for 7 yrs.

LOOKOUT

Mike gave an update on an ATI grant meeting that occurred on 12/6/2011 regarding gravel acquisition. The meeting was organized to try to see what can be done to acquire the Olsen Mt. gravel. Mike summarized the history of the project and what has transpired on the attempted gravel acquisition thus far. The next step is a meeting between Tara, Snowmads, and the Homer Soil and Water Conservation district to discuss strategies. Following that meeting, we will decide on the next step. Kevin and Mike wrote up and distributed a resolution of support for the Olsen Mt. gravel acquisition and presented it to the board.

Alan moved that the Resolution be accepted.

Kevin seconded.

The resolution was approved.

CONNECTOR TRAIL

Alan is talking to some of the land owners near diamond ridge

FUNDRAISING & GRANTS

MEMBERSHIP

Holly provided a membership update to Richard and he summarized it. Highlights included 11 new members completely new to KNSC, bringing our total to 508 members, partners, etc. FY12 memberships make up \$ 18,398.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS

FIREWOOD SALE

Dave gave a run down on the firewood sale.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Alan discussed the topic of possibly having a retreat to discuss the clubs strategic plan. He suggested we update the clubs strategic plan and revisit the clubs focus on the future direction of the club. This has been done in the past with the Foraker Group. We used to be members with them but our membership has lapsed. Alan suggested renewing.

Motion by Jan: The club should renew our membership with the Foraker Group

Nicky seconded

Motion passed

BYLAWS

No discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Dave made the suggestion that the club should consider having an advertisement in the Homer Recreational Guide. The guide is put together by Mike Illg for the City of Homer and is distributed around town to promote recreational activities in the area. The cost varies by the size of the ad but ranges from \$100 to \$500.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOD

None

MEETING END

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next regular meeting will be 1/4/2012 at the Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

Yurt plan

Budget

Budget summary

Membership database update

Equipment report

BayCrest report

McNeil/Evenline report

Homer Recreation Guide Advertisement invite

Mike Byerly

Secretary