

## **KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES**

February, 6 2012

6:30 pm, Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

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

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Richard moved to approve the agenda. Mike seconded. No objections. The agenda was approved.*

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 1/4/2012**

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

### **TREASURES REPORT**

Richard presented a report. The bank account shows a current balance of \$19,987.33. Subtracting the \$9,440 in restricted funds leaves a balance of \$10,547.33. We spent \$12,180 on the new snowmachine that was approved at the last meeting and this accounts for most of the difference in available funds. There are still major expenses coming for plowing, outhouses, accounting (Tammy), contractual labor (Holly), machine maintenance, and Besh Cup expenses. Jan said the expenses for this year's besh cup should be less than last time.

Memberships are down a bit from Budgeted. We will likely be down a few thousand dollars from budgeted. Richard submitted a grant to the Homer Foundation to help pay for the new snow machine. They funded 4k. Homer Foundation informed Richard that they funded it because it was purchased from a local business. Richard will use the BC revenue sharing money to go towards the new snow machine. We still have 8k from McNeil revenue sharing to spend. Kevin and Dave discussed how to spend the money for McNeil / Eveline trail improvements.

On the plus side, we received notice of an additional \$5050 in borough revenue sharing money (\$1683 for Diamond Ridge and \$3367 for McNeil). Richard submitted a grant request to the Homer Foundation to help fund the recent snow machine purchase and has just received notice that they are giving us \$4000 for that.

### **EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Dave presented a report. #2 is at LO to temporarily replace #4 which is at River and Sea having electrical repairs. That repair will likely cost ~2k. #3 is getting one of the skis repaired – not going to be expensive. #5 at sun set and in good condition. McNeil machines are good. #8 is at LO and is good. #9 (the new skandic) is good. #10 arctic cat is broken in but still needs wiring. Much of the other BC equipment is buried. Dave will try to have an equipment meeting within a month.

## **EVENTS**

### **BESH CUP**

Jan gave an update. He's waiting for receipts from CCA. Revenue should be very similar to last time. Expenses should be ~2k less than budgeted. The event well. He had some suggestions but nothing unusual. Jan counted all the cars at all three parking lots.....bottom line - we won't be able to get all the cars off Olson Mt. road. Grooming – lots of work and the trails still fell apart. Yurts are likely too small. Green house yurt worked well. He suggested that it might be a good investment for other events. He will be putting together a folder of all the event particulars for the next person.

Megan mentioned that she talked with the TD and they said the stadium could “should” be higher in the hayfields.

### **FIRDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

Report by Dave. First night 75 adults, second night 50. The event had ~1.7k in profit. Weather cooperated.

### **JR NORDIC**

Carlin gave an update. Pre-registration still dragged out. There are ~63 kids signed up. Thus far there are 4 sets of gear that have been rented. She wants the rental fee to go back into the restricted fund. Richard was against the idea. There was general discussion about how each program has a budget and things like the ski rentals should go into each year's budget. Funds collected from skis would go back into the general fund.

### **WINE AND CHEESE**

Kevin is the new chair and gave a report. He met with Dan and Dan lined him out on the event. Kevin has come up with a route for the trail. Still needs some volunteers especially at the second stop. Grooming is taken care of. The second stop will be at the overlook. Richard will put an email announcement and ask for more volunteers. Alan asked if we have received the insurance application. Richard hasn't yet but will check.

### **CLINIC REPORT**

Megan gave a report. There were 28 folks in the clinics. Richard had it open to on-line registration and in Megan's words "it as a hit". She suggested more on-line registrations and memberships. Richards had been working on doing something for online memberships. She had ~4.5k in registrations. She suggested opening up all the clinics to both sexes. She also suggested changing it up every year to keep it fresh.

There are ~43 registered in HWN.

### **MARATHON**

Marylou requested a name for chief of course. Alan suggested Billy Day. They ordered patches this year. Only expenses thus far. Richard will start the on-line registration next week.

### **COMMITTEE & AREA REPORTS**

#### **BAY CREST/SUNSET**

Most everything is open.

#### **MCNEIL/EVELINE**

McNeil and Eveline all groomed. Folks need to move their cars for snow removal.

#### **LOOKOUT/ATI**

Alan talked to Representative Seaton and he suggested stressing the fact that schools use LO a lot. Therefore safety is a big issue (e.g. safety for access and busses). Kenton passed on that the borough will likely be putting in a resolution of support for the gravel acquisition. Will schedule a LO committee meeting for next week.

#### **CONNECTOR TRAIL**

The marathon trail has been groomed 3 times so far but with all the fresh snow, it's back to square one. There was discussion on the portion coming out of Twitter Cr. and private land issues. We need to decide what the preferred route should be. The preferred route will likely need cat work. Megan mentioned high school snow machiners could help break trail after big snows.

### **FUNDRAISING & GRANTS**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

See budget

#### **FIREWOOD SALE**

There are ~ 50 to 60 cords of wood left. All snow covered now. Will likely make some sales later in the spring.

## **HOMER FOUNDATION**

See budget. City application is due within a month. We can expect ~3-4k. Richard will put in an application, in a few weeks.

## **OLD/PENDING BUSINESS**

### **HOMER 100**

Megan will ride it with Micky Todd this weekend and map the trail to check the distance and cell phone reception and just to see the trail.

## **BYLAWS**

No discussion

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

A Special Olympics event will be held 2/8 at LO. Diana Escalera will be helping Carol Schuler coordinate the local games. There will be 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 400, and 1600 m races for snow shoeing and 1k and 2.5k for skiing. The event will start at 9 am. Mike asked if it would be ok to have this as a club sponsored event. Dave mentioned the club motto "your idea, your event".

### **PISTON BULLY**

Megan talked to John Wise about Piston Bully (PB) grooming. He has a snow cat that he could leave at lookout next year. His cost is \$29.50/mile. She talked about the different events and how they might be groomed for next year. Dave asked what attachments he has. She will talk to him about the implements and have him look at the LO trails. Alan mentioned the piston bully meeting we had a few months back. Jan suggested that PB grooming be a budgeted item for next year's budget. Richard mentioned the 2k in the PB fund that could be used for this purpose. The board will write an article in the Nordic Skier explaining the board's status on PB grooming of the club trails.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOD**

There was some discussion of dogs on the trails.

## **MEETING END**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Next regular meeting will be 3/7/2012 at the Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

## **DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**

Budget sheet  
Budget summary

Mike Byerly  
Secretary