

**Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Board Meeting
February 5th 2014 6:30pm Cook Inlet Keeper Building**

OPERATIONS DRAFT MINUTES

Attending: Jan Spurkland, Kevin Walker, Richard Burton, Carlin Rauch, Mike Byerly, Nicky Szarzi. **Absent:** Andrew Peter, Stacy Buckelew, Alan Parks

1. Approval of Agenda Additions 8.3 Marathon alternate plans, 8.4 Epic alternative plans, Wine and Cheese alternative plans. Nicky moved to approve, Carline seconded. No objections.

2. Approval of BOD meeting minutes

2.1 Meeting Minutes of Jan 8th 2014 – Richard was concerned about a motion that was passed for the budget. Jan reviewed KNRD and Women's Nordic budget increase proposals. There is a discrepancy between revenues and actual budget for HWN according to Richard. Richard only records money that comes to him. Some people pay with in-kind contributions. Holly included Megan as one of the registrants but didn't show up in Richard's accounts because she doesn't pay. Jan asked if this will solve itself when online registration happens next year? Richard says yes. We have a number of members who don't provide an email so may indicate a problem with online registration. Richard has an online form to allow registration for Jr. Nordic when people become members. Richard currently has some registered Jr. Nordic participants who aren't members. Online registration will solve these holes. Richard doesn't have any objection to increasing the spending for HWN and KNRD but thought the voting indicated there would be no budget for programs. Mike agrees with Jan that the programs need a budget at the beginning of the season and, if needed later, the programs can propose a "budget adjustment". Richard says the budget can't just be changed all the time because some granting agencies require a budget and comparison to expenditures and if there is a discrepancy we have to explain it. Nicky will fix in the last minutes that Jan, not Megan, is running KNRD. Mike moved and Carlin seconded approval of corrected minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report - Richard asks us to look through the budget reports for discrepancies. Richard hasn't gotten any expenses for any of the programs so big expenses are coming up. Richard needs a biography from Stacey and Andrew for the City grant. He has to do something with our taxes and may hire someone to file a return even though we don't pay taxes. Kevin has all the expenses in for the Lookout Building tabulated.

3.1 Middle School Booster Club ran concessions at the Besh Cup. Jan paid them with concessions money (\$800) he would have paid to have a commercial entity run them. Alan asked us to put the money in our budget for them to spend. Middle School will buy ski equipment with the money. Alan wants an expense account for Homer Middle School. Richard can create the account but a dedicated account is too complicated. Richard moved to create a revenue and expense account for the Homer Middle School, second by Kevin. No opposition. We will get a single check from the Besh Cup so it could be a Besh Cup expense. Jan will write a check to the Middle School account and Richard will reimburse him. Middle School collected money from racers and from volunteers but club paid for volunteers to eat, which is an expense of the Besh Cup.

4. Membership and Website Report

4.1 None. See Richard's report. He doesn't think it's worth setting up online registration this year because takes more time than we have until the Marathon. He will set it up by the time HWN starts up in late summer. Overall membership revenue has been static for the 5 years he's been doing budget. He wishes we could improve our membership revenues.

5. Equipment Report

5.1 No report.

6. Committee & Area Reports

7.1 McNeil - Nicky will talk to Derek about alternative uses for contract grooming money.

7.2 Lookout – Kevin attended grant meeting by Outdoor Recreation Trails Advisory Board. Every project submitted was passed by the board. It's an advisory board so they can only recommend to parks how to spend money. Federal Highways is the final approver. Kevin is optimistic we'll get the grant for \$30,000 to finish the Lookout building. He will hear in about 10 days if Parks Director has approved the project. Using a small amount of electricity so far. Need to look into fuel tanks. There are requirements to install tanks. Should be installed outside. Ginzu is stuck in the ice.

7. Programs

6.1 No programs have been canceled. Spread the word that any skier is welcome to join the float in the parade. Jan suggests attaching signs to the trailer from different programs. Parade participants are meeting Saturday at 11. Jan will have Olympia send out a call for participants.

8. Events

8.1 Sea to Ski (Mike) – Any ideas for advertisement to bring more participants? Last two years have had super low participation compared to highest participation 3 years ago. School age kid participation has dropped off. Can someone take signs up for Sea to Ski to Tour of Anchorage? Carlin suggests put reminders up on Facebook periodically. Jan asks about Ski to Sea instead of other way. Avoid danger by having runners do the steep part and incorporate the Reber Trail. Because of parking must use lower Baycrest. It's the peak of break-up on Olson Mtn. Rd. so Lookout not a good option for part of the race. Add an evening banquet that is a thank-you to the KNSC volunteers similar to the groomer's ball and don't charge?

8.2 Besh Cup (Jan) – Went well but if they had happened one day earlier or two days later couldn't have done them. They were a synch. Got a great review. Homer was the only place in Alaska that they could have been held. The Lookout building was used and was awesome. It was packed with people. Because of building the costs will be \$1,500 less than expected because a yurt rental wasn't needed. Will cost \$3,000 instead of \$4,800. Jan wants to spend

that saved money on a new laptop for timing because the old one has XP on it and is slow. Tech Connect has a Toshiba Satellite with a CD ROM to upload timing software. Richard supports getting a new computer but doesn't think it needs to come out of the Besh Cup budget. May not need a CD in the future but is necessary at present. Carlin suggested we use an external CD drive. Richard thinks that's an ok computer, good to buy local, can get it fixed locally and we can archive stuff on the huge hard drive, use for minutes and install financial software. Carlin suggests we buy an external hard drive. Carlin moved we buy a new laptop. Richard seconded. Carlin amended to put a max of \$600 on the purchase. Richard seconded. No opposition. Jan will do a little more research into the best computer.

8.3 Marathon – see Deland's report. Richard is wondering if we want to change anything online in light of poor snow conditions. If there's any skiing anywhere, we'll have some sort of event. Tour of Anchorage was canceled in 2003. They advertised until one week before and then canceled it. Jan thought that was poor form but that's the industry standard. Put something on the web – “in the event we can hold it we'll put on some event”. We should talk with Deland when we start scrambling. Need to approach Pete Swanson if we move it to McNeil.

8.4 Wine and Cheese – When do we start panicking? Lookout trails are icy and treacherous. Are we limited to using liquor on our trails only? Nicky moved we support the Wine and Cheese serving alcohol, Richard seconded. All favored. (Must do this in order to serve alcohol). Board supports tour at Lookout either a walking or ski depending upon the conditions.

8.5 Epic – Have had some people sign up. Could be a great bike race if conditions don't improve. Considered a beach race alternative. Considered going to Caribou Lake but overflow was bad. They will check Caribou Lake route again. Could make it a relay for skiers that haven't trained to run.

9. Governance Items

9.1 Dog Policy – Current dog policy was 1.5 years of work. How do we move forward to create a new policy or enforce the policy we have? Go to

places without dogs if you don't like them. It would take a lot of legal maneuvering to restrict dogs at Eveline. Nicky suggests people have them on leashes. Carlin has a dog, she doesn't ski with it. She thinks maybe a leash requirement? Mike suggests we start off with positive signage. Jenny could make some signs. Positive message sign at McNeil – dog owners control your dogs. Richard thinks we should take the immediate steps that Mike suggests. The existing policy separated dog areas and non-dog areas. Areas that don't allow dogs are small. If we want to change something, have a committee to look at the policy and see how we could change it. Jan asks how old the current dog policy is - maybe 7 years old? Mike wonders how to get a message to skiers with dogs that they need to be responsible for their animals. Nicky suggests posting incidents on Facebook. Carlin questions how much in control dogs ever are. Jan proposes we ask Jenny make signs to encourage respectful dog owner behavior. Olympia could post information about dogs on line. Jan asks for a board member volunteer to form a task force. Kevin nominates Jeannie Walker and George Matz to head up the committee. Jan would like them to come back in March with a list of people who want to be on the task force and come back in April with a game plan. Kevin thinks Jeannie would try to drum up 6 members. Richard moves to create a dog policy committee and Jeannie report back. Kevin second. We can regulate dog use on Borough but not State land. Private land they can say no dogs.

10. Old/Pending Business

10.1 – KNSC BOD STRATEGIC PLANNING (Foraker Group) – March 22, April 5, April 19 and April 26 are the proposed dates. Jan will put email about April 5 out to the board.

10. New Business

11.1 – none

11. Comments from the audience on any thing – no audience members

12. Comments from the BOD Need to get officers signing privileges for bank Friday morning at 11. Winter Carnival, Epic meeting tomorrow morning at 9.

Parade this weekend. PSIA clinic next weekend, Jr. Nordic Pirate hunt next weekend.

Next meeting March 5th 6:30 Keeper Building Moved to adjourn 8:36 pm.