

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

March 7, 2012

6:30 pm, Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

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

**ABSENT:** Dave Brann

**GUESTS:** Kathy Sarns

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 2/6/2012**

*Mike moved to approve the minutes. Carlin seconded. No objections. The minutes were approved*

### **TREASURES REPORT**

The balance sheet shows \$21,211 currently in the bank account. Subtracting the \$9,440 in restricted funds, this leaves \$11,771 available to spend. We still have major expenses for Jr. Nordic skis, plowing, equipment repair, newsletter, accounting, Holly, etc. that will probably total at least \$11,000. We still have income from a Homer Foundation City Grant (we won't know how much until sometime in April), Revenue Sharing and upcoming events.

There was a large bill that came in for plowing for Baycrest. No bill for Lookout yet, but it will likely be large given all the snow fall. The revenue sharing money hasn't come in yet. Richard put in for a Homer Foundation grant for 4k. Richard's hoping that we'll come out with 10k at the end of the ski season.

There was discussion on the Rucksack trailhead and dogs. That trail was originally designed to provide access to the lower (dog friendly) trails from Diamond Ridge. The club needs to maintain that parking area if this was the intent.

Richard mentioned that we need to start thinking about next year's budget. We went into this year flush but after purchasing an extra snow machine, and increased bills for all the snow and machine maintenance, we'll be tight at the start of next year. Alan emphasized that the club most likely forward funded a snow machine purchase for next year, meaning that we will likely not have to purchase one for next year. There was some discussion of the expenses the club will see next year for Piston Bully/Snowcat grooming.

### **EQUIPMENT REPORT**

An equipment meeting was held 2/22 at Billy Day's. Kevin took notes. Alan gave a run down what was discussed regarding the Piston Bully. He'll be putting more work into this together with Megan, John Miles, and John Wise. Dave was absent but sent the following notes (via email): "Bruce found lots of info on atv's and utv's which has been passed on to Bill Strutz. I am attaching the notes with just a few lines I added about items for all machines. After the Marathon I will make a wish / want / need list and call another meeting or send an email to folks to prioritize item we think should be included in the next budget."

At this point, # 6 & 7 are at McNeil, #7 has a clunking noise and small oil leak that is being looked into. #3 (two stroke), 4 and 8 are at Lookout. The hitch on #4 is broken. Bill H. is looking into repairs for that. #2, (two stroke) is at Sunset, #5 is at lower Baycrest as are the new Skandic (dies when the throttle is released, otherwise runs fine, suspension was changed, steers better). Arctic Cat will be taken in Mon. or Tues. for first dealer 200 mile check. The wiring harness and radiator are still not here for that machine.

Pete requested one more machine at Sunset this week. Dave mentioned in his email that any of the machines at his house is fine to move up there - all can pull rollers or drags. Someone just needs to move one up there.

Snow cat grooming - Micky Todd is a possibility for next year. Megan met with John Wise. The plan is to have PB/Snowcat grooming for two events next year (Homer High School race, and one other). The cost will be \$120 hr.

## **EVENTS**

### **WINE AND CHEESE**

Kevin gave an update. The event made about \$1200. It was a good time.

### **JR NORDIC**

Carlin gave an update. "It's over with." She reported it was good season. Carlin mentioned that she supports coaches training as it all comes back around to the Jr. Nordic program.

### **MARATHON**

Richards said the trail is in the best shape he's seen. There are 47 registered thus far. He expects twice that amount the day of the race. He needs a tent for the computer. Marie Alexon is making the metals.

### **HOMER 100**

Kathy gave an update on the event. There are 21 signed up thus far with payment from 13. Pat has been advertising on MTBR. Megan advertised at the Tour and it's on facebook. Insurance will cover both the Homer Epic and the Sea to Ski. Homer Saw and Cycle will donate hats. The

Soggy Bottom will donate entry fee for the 2 top finishers. Prizes will go to the top 3 men and women. There's been a lot of lodging donated. Still need timers. Kathy is still working on signs. The course will be marked every 5 k. Banquet will be at the elks on Sunday at noon. Vagabond café is catering. Need volunteers to clean up. Sweepers will pick up the course. McNeil school will cost b/w \$600 and \$700. Kathy talked about emergency procedures and how to manage them. There was discussion about scenarios. Mike offered up two Spot messengers for the sweeps and check points.

## **COMMITTEE & AREA REPORTS**

### **LOOKOUT/ATI**

Alan talked to Carl High about the Olson Mt. gravel issue. Alan reported that it was a good and informative conversation.. DOT is not the keeper of the gravel. Chris Mahoney with DNR is in charge. Alan attempted to contact her to discuss what needs to happen for the club to acquire the gravel. Carl said they need 30,000 yards for graveling Olson Mt. road and that is what is estimated to be in the pit. Mako Hagerty and Bill Smith are ready to submit a resolution to borough in support of the gravel acquisition. Alan will approach them when we know it is ok to proceed.

Mike gave a summary on the Special Olympic race. All went well. He would like to make the race a regular thing and have it a club sponsored event.

### **MCNEIL/EVELINE**

Nicky said one of the land owners on Wolf Ridge is having second thoughts on the MOA. The shed is being used to store the wine and cheese signs and could be used to store other things like Jr. Nordic skis.

### **BAY CREST/SUNSET**

Trails are in good shape. Richard got a message from one the land owners about the road transitions and concerns about collisions b/w skiers and cars.

### **CONNECTOR TRAIL**

Nothing to report

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Richard thought that this year's memberships should be around 20k. He mentioned that the club was more optimistic in the budget so, though membership looks ok, they are behind as far as the budget goes.

## **FUNDRAISING & GRANTS**

## **HOMER FOUNDATION**

See above

## **OLD/PENDING BUSINESS**

### **BYLAWS**

Alan and Richard talked about getting the changes on the ballots for next year's annual meeting.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Alan said we are now current with Foraker Group. Alan wants to schedule a time to hold a meeting. April was not an option so it was tentatively scheduled for sometime in October.

### **TRAILHEAD SHELTERS**

Jan talked about the possibility of having Yurts for trailhead shelters (see below).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION HOWL**

Jan discussed Libbies proposal for summer time activities with HoWL at Lookout. The proposal is in the infancy stage. Libby would like to write a Rasmuson grant to purchase two yurts to be located at the Lookout Mt. Trails. They would be used for instruction and housing for summertime activities. They could also be used as warm-up huts for Nordic skiers and the HHS race. Jan thought if they were looking at one of the 30' yurts that stays up there than it could be good for the club.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOD**

Jan will be putting in an article in the next Nordic Skier about PB grooming.

### **MEETING END**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

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

### **DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**

Budget sheet

Budget summary

HoWL proposal

Equipment committee report

Mike Byerly

Secretary