

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

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

MINUTES

OPERATIONS

1. Added 8.4 Wine and Cheese to agenda. Nicky moved to approve modified agenda, Kevin seconded. All approved.

2. Approval of BOD meeting minutes

2.1 Meeting Minutes of February 5th 2014 – Change \$600 to \$800 for Middle School concession fee at Besh Cups. Correction regarding Lookout grant amount: \$30,000 grant and \$7,500 matching. Alan move, Carlin second. All approve corrected minutes.

Guest: Roger McCampbell, Alaska State Parks: His topic is ski opportunities with the State Parks. He asked if we were interested in developing more ski trails? At Diamond Creek? Dave Brann not interested because we have all we can maintain. Logging at Diamond Creek has opened up some track and skate skiing trail opportunities. Partnering with us improves the chances for getting grants for equipment. Glacier Spit trail is being developed up the Grewingk Valley. Parks is developing a new management plan that will be a two year process. Alan asked if Parks took a public opinion survey. Yes, but it closed; they are still taking comments, however. Alan asked, half in jest, if the State can buy us a mechanical groomer? Nicky clarified that State Parks may groom the trails across the bay if they have more staff but are looking for partnerships; state parks could transport volunteer groomers. Kevin suggested human powered grooming (people setting tracks with skiing). Andrew supports high elevation trails first but low elevation trails would be great, too. Mike is enthused about trails across the bay and about hut to hut trails. Help with grooming and maintaining trails can piggyback with using ski trails. Jan commented that there are organizations on this side of bay that make trails but there's no umbrella organization that provides multiuse trails; the State could pull from many clubs to help with trail maintenance of multiuse trails. Might improve our grant success with State Parks as a partner. Roger

encouraged us to write to the legislature supporting Park's operating budget because it will benefit us and he encourages us to also provide comments to the management plan in support of trail development. Shawana.Guzenski@alaska.gov and Monica.Alvarez@alaska.gov are taking comments.

3. Treasurer's Report

3.1 Revenue sharing, \$10,000, not spent yet. Richard submitted a grant to City of Homer and he thinks we'll get \$4,000. State Grant for lookout shed hasn't been paid to us yet. He got the revenue from Besh Cups of \$3,700 this year (less that last year but expenses were less; \$800 will go to Middle School). He'll write a check to the Middle School. On expense side he needs to communicate to the Borough that the revenue sharing money for grooming won't be spent on that. It will be deferred to operating expenses. If there aren't enough operating expenses then it will be used for projects. Kevin suggested a mower for McNeil. Most objected to that idea and thought it should be used for infrastructure. We are losing revenue from canceling events: \$6,000 expected from Marathon, Epic revenues are lower than last year.

4. Membership and Website Report

4.1 Memberships still dribbling in. The total is at \$22,000.

5. Equipment Report none

6. Committee & Area Reports

6.1 McNeil/Eveline Nicky will check on the lease to be sure that we can do the building foundation as proposed by Derek.

6.2 Upper Baycrest – Still some skiable snow.

6.3 Lower Baycrest – Still skiable

6.4 Lookout – Nobody skiing there. Hayfields are bad but everything excluding the stadium is good. Kevin stated that the \$12,500 matching requirement increased to \$16,000 without notice or warning. Hardly any electricity used despite the heavy building use so Kevin advises to turn on the electric heaters. Let Kevin know if you do any volunteering so he can put that towards our match requirement. They owe us \$26,000.

7. Programs

6.1 All programs are done for the season. An invoice coming to Kevin from KNRD.

8. Events

8.1 Marathon – Canceled that Monday. Preregistrants were contacted and we will pay forward the 8 memberships to next year. One bought a tshirt. Deland could walk out of most expenses. We bought 60 blank tshirts. Can use for Sea to Ski or use for next year. Do we have a business obligation to sponsors? We could make KNSC tshirts and put sponsors on them or include all the sponsors for both years on next years tshirts. Jan thinks we need to have a tshirt. Cost last year was \$11. We could print some and not all. Sell them for \$15. If we create a ski club tshirt, don't put a date on. Suggestion to use bumper sticker logo. Don't use for Sea to Ski because of uncertainty in conditions.

8.2 Epic – Doesn't have to be a ski race. Encourage skiers to bring running shoes. Safety issues – glaciers, ice. Will have two laps of 50K or shorten to 50K if it remains icy. On Monday they are going to make the call. Banquet Friday night, planning for 100 participants. McNeil School is rented. Kevin and Pat will check out trail with snowmachines.

8.3 Sea to Ski – Trying to think of different courses. May include Sunset. Can park outside the flagged zone at the Sunset parking lot. Technically aren't supposed to have events there on Sunset. Firehall completion will end any events being held there for certain. Also have to make sure private property owners are ok with it before we hold events on Sunset. Mike bought bibs so have a Sea to Ski expense.

Wine and Cheese – 60 people attended; down from previous ones. Snowed right before it, luckily. Made a "to do/not to do" sheet for next year.

9. Governance

9.1 Dog Policy Task Force – see Kevin's email suggesting the Club put up some big signs and super educate folks. Put in newsletter for people to control their dogs. Jan asks, should we push for an information campaigning now or next year for signs? Kevin recommended next year. Jan agreed we do a education blitz next year.

9.2 Snomads – Scott Connolly called Jan about Snomad members unhappy with us because we work with quiet rights. Scott said, not the opinion of Snomads or Scott. We don't mind if they partner with motor rights groups so what's the difference?

11. Comments from the audience on any thing none

12. Comments from the BOD No computer bought yet. Board retreat April 5 for 6 hours. Jan and Alan will meet with mediator with ideas. Lori Wolf with Foraker will be facilitator. Review of how we handle grant requests: identify need, come to board, board votes to support going for grant, identify who will write it and manage it. Alan and Kevin met with John Fowler on Marathon trail. Mike Gracz made a map of land ownership. They are going to have a big work meeting and make a draft plan to proceed with the Marathon trail.

Meeting adjourn 8:14 pm.