

KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES

October 2, 2013

6:30 pm, Kachemak Conservation Building

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: none

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 9/11/2013

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

TREASURES REPORT

We have ~ 24k in the bank minus restricted funds. Richard informed the board that the club needs to look for a new accountant. Richard will be looking for alternatives. He may take over the duties in the short-term. Richard, being the treasurer, proposed dividing up the duties of accountant and treasurer so he isn't doing all of the money stuff. Nicky volunteered to help out. Currently, we are paying 2.4k / year for accounting.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The FY 14 budget was worked out during this meeting. The club is currently ~ 7k over budget. The board worked to get the budget in line. The club needs representatives from both Diamond Ridge and McNeil to show up at the Revenue Sharing meeting this weekend. Richard mentioned that the RS is one of the better sources for the club to purchase equipment. Jan asked if there are other places that we may be able to get money from for the equipment needs. We may be able to apply for more than one equipment grant with the Homer Foundation. Alan will look into that.

BOD members discussed places in the budget to cut to bring it into line. Jan suggested dropping the tracksetter/track pan at 2k. We can put it back in later if we get funding for it or if other money becomes available. Nicky asked for clarification on the reason for a new snow machine / 4-wheeler. Dave explained the club objectives of purchasing a new machine each year. The club did not purchase a machine last FY since it forward funded the Arctic Cat the previous FY. The club did however, obtain the 4-wheeler with tracks last FY, though that was purchased with money from Enstar in exchange for the use of the DOT parking area.

Nicky suggested leaving the McNeil outhouse off the list which would bring it down 1k. There was discussion of cutting the McNeil contract grooming budget down to 3k. There was a large discussion of where and whether we should do contract grooming. The main concerns were to be fair to all areas and to all groomers. The McNeil committee put the contract grooming into their budget and obtained cost estimates. Contract grooming at McNeil would be much less than the other areas since the equipment is close by and there would not be road transportation cost. Mike thought that since it not that much money, the club should look at it as a test case for contract grooming for the club as a whole.

Motion by Jan. The club should cut contract grooming to 3k and move 2k from reserves to balance the budget. Nicky seconded. There was discussion of whether the club should draw from the reserves. Following discussion the motion passed.

Motion by Richard. The budget is ok to pass. Jan seconded. The motion passed

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

ANNUAL MEETING AND BYLAWS

Alan will organize a fashion show for the meeting with Gary Thomas auctioning off outfits. Alan mentioned that the club needs to put together a PowerPoint presentation that we can take to the borough and also to the city, Chamber, etc. Alan asked for input on this, photos, who we partner with, etc. to build the PowerPoint.

Alan submitted a piece the Nordic Skier about the meeting. He'll put it in the club announcement. There was a question of whether we would do a mailing this year. Consensus was we would do one this year and include an announcement that the club will be going paperless next year. The bylaws will go out with the letter. Bumper stickers will go out with the letters. Alan, Nicky, and Mike will help with the auction items. The PowerPoint presentation will be running in a loop and Mike will put together the slide show.

Mike will print out the ballets

COMMITTEE & AREA REPORTS

LOOKOUT/GRANT

Richard and Kevin will get together and go over the RTP budget. Thus far the project is on budget and is nearing the end. There was discussion on how to spend the remaining money. The BOD agreed that we should spend the remaining money on garage doors and ceiling insulation. Mike requested 1k out the general fund for various LO improvements, grass seed/siding for the outhouse / brush cutter.

MCNEIL/EVELINE

Nicky submitted a request list.

BAY CREST/SUNSET

Alan requested ~ 6k mostly for trail work.

CONNECTOR TRAIL

Alan requested ~ 6k for various tasks (surveying and planning). Jan mentioned that getting a finished trail will take a lot of money. More than what the club could finance out of the GF. Dave was against putting any money towards the trail until all the MOA's are arranged. Alan withdrew the 6k with the option of putting it back in later in a budget revision.

BYLAWS

No discussion

FUNDRAISING & GRANTS

No discussion

LOOKOUT GRANT

See above

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Retreat planed for Nov.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard mentioned that he would like to help hiring a replacement for Holly (writing job description, searching, interviewing). Megan volunteered to help.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOD

None

MEETING END

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next regular meeting will be 11/6/2013 at the Kachemak Bay Conservation Building

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

Draft budget
Balance sheet
McNeil Committee report
KNSC Bylaw change proposals

Mike Byerly
Secretary