

KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES

Sept 7, 2011

Kachemak Bay Conservation Center

PRESENT: Dave Brann, Molly Brann, Richard Burton, Mike Byerly, Alan Parks, Nicky Szarzi, Kevin Walker

ABSENT: Atz Kilcher

GUESTS: Jenny Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by president Alan Parks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Molly: Moved that the agenda be approved.

Kevin seconded.

The motion passed unanimously and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 05/04/2011

Motion by Dave: Moved that the minutes from the meeting of 05/04/2011 should be approved.

Richard seconded.

The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved

GUEST DISCUSSION

Jenny Edwards gave Mike a stack of “One Way” and “Do Not Enter” signs for Look Out (LO). There are also colored makers if LO wants them.

Jenny asked if the old McNeil shed could be moved to the Stutzer /Edwards property next to the KNSC fuel tank for storage of Bay Crest gear. Dave said it would be best to keep it at McNeil for this winter while they transition to the new shed. Kevin said there may be a need for more McNeil signs. Dave mentioned that the McNeil committee will work out what is needed.

There was discussion about updating the Baycrest trail map. It's outdated and needs to be updated. Nicky, Dave, and Kevin will work on getting it updated and have it ready for the annual meeting and will forward it to Richard for the website.

BUDGET REPORT

Richard presented a report on the budget. Our current balance is \$16,700. He's expected some invoices for finances and for Holly but we should end up around there. The board went through Richards's budget summary as follows:

Budget Summary

Homer Foundation Grant: We need to identify a specific project to apply for. Last year Richard applied in January.

Revenue Sharing: Same as above. Need to make it broad or identify a needed item or work. It will likely be open for Diamond Ridge and Fritz Cr. again. Need to identify for October meeting and have folks present.

ATI Grant: Tara is keeping the books on this grant. We have ~\$127k. Tara got an extension on the grant through next FY. The grant will end Sept. 30, 2012.

Men's Nordic: Jan is not going to do it this year. Richard is not putting it in the budget unless someone wants to take it on. Richard mentioned that Atz may want to do it.

HMS Donation: The club budgeted for \$200 from HMS and they did not pay it in FY11. Richard suggested the club charge them \$400 for FY12 and submit a bill.

Apparel: The board agreed that we leave the \$800 in the budget and use the money for Sea-To-Ski t-shirts.

Pins and Calendars: We will leave \$200 in the budget for pins.

Other Events Income: Last year we had a silent auction at the Annual Meeting. Richard asked if we were doing that again. The discussion will be put off later in the meeting.

Snow Machine Sales: Currently \$3k in the budget for the sale of one. The club has two that we will sale. Richard will leave the budget as is until Dave decides whether to sale the second machine.

Expenses

There are no anticipated electrical expenses at LO since the electric will likely not be used this winter.

Plowing: \$7k in last years budget. This years plowing budget came in very short due to no bill from LO. He presently has \$5k in this year's budget due the lower expenses. Mike will remind Pete and Lisa to submit an invoice.

Outhouses: This included \$5200 for LO this year and \$1000 from McNeil. The McNeil outhouse will be put around the shed area.

Trail Improvements: \$3500 presently in budget. All of it is for Baycrest and McNeil. None for LO. Richard requested folks let him know if more projects are needed.

Alan suggested putting in \$500 for Billy Day to work on his survey data on the Marathon Trial. The board agreed.

Grooming Equipment Purchase: Presently there is \$10,500 for the purchase of one new snow machine. McNeil committee requested that they get another machine in addition. Richard said there is no room in the budget for a second machine. Molly suggested we revisit the issue mid-year after expenses have come in. Richard will leave just one machine in the budget.

Other Equipment Purchase: Dave said the equipment committee discussed having a 4-wheeler at Baycrest. He has been using his own and it's getting worn out. Richard suggested leaving the line item at \$0 and revisiting it later.

Apparel: Richard will leave the budget at \$1200 and anticipate that we will be spent.

Other Discussions

Motion by Richard: Moved that the board approve the budget as presented.

Dave seconded.

Open for discussion. Nicky asked if we have other expenses such as a bill from CIRI for trail planning come in, could those come out of the budget later. The answer was yes. Alan mentioned that Holly's funds were increased for the fall. She will be working 20 hrs / week through Dec. or Jan. Her hours will taper off after that.

Amendment by Molly: The membership revenue should be increased by \$1240 to balance the budget.

The KNSC bylaws require a balanced budget.

Amendment approved.

Motion passed and the budget was approved.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Dave presented a summary for FY11. Dave gave a rundown of where all the machines are. The annual maintenance will take place on site instead of moving them all to Bills. Will try to get all maintenance done by Nov 1. The new machine will go to Baycrest this year. It's a 2-stroke, probably direct injection. Mower is at LO. Dave will try to mow at Baycrest in Oct. Dave purchased a new chainsaw and a brush cutter (weed whacker). The club has another chainsaw at LO. There are three Ginzu's one for each area. The old Blue and Gold drag is at LO and new Blue and Gold drag is at Baycrest. Wing is still down. Dave anticipates doing a grooming clinic at each site. Clinics will be ½ day. Head groomers will work to have all the groomers there. Dave will order gas.

EVENTS

Annual meeting

Scheduled for Friday, Nov 11 or 12. Alan asked that it be on the 12th. Kathy Sarns did some leg work on other places to hold the meeting. Molly and Alan discussed the specifics earlier and agreed that everything that has been done the past few years was good except the silent auction may not work if the place isn't right. It was agreed that Beluga Lake Lodge was too small and that meeting should be held somewhere else. Alice's charges and the club may be hindered by including other things if it's held there. Therefore it doesn't end up being a fund raiser if held at Alice's. Alan mentioned that airplane hangars are an option, as is the Elks. Alan wanted to have location decided by Wed. next week.

COMMITTEE AND AREA REPORTS

Lookout

Mike talked about the cross country races that occurred this summer. The gravel work will not happen this year since the State is dragging it's heels on the Olson Mt. gravel. Without that gravel much of the other work (e.g. additional gravel for parking pads, maintenance shed, electrical to timing shed, etc.) cannot happen. The LO committee will try to get the electrical hooked up in Sept. The crossing signs were finished by Lisa Krebs and will be installed before the ski season. Other activities planned before ski season include the construction of the outhouse to be built on top of the tank that is buried. Rich Gustafson will try to get up there to mow the trails.

McNeil/Eveline

Dave gave an update on the shed. Jeff Middleton ditched the site. They finished the floor, wiring, and sheetrock. Need to do some more trim and work on the trail coming into the shed. Need to blow in the insulation sometime this winter. There was \$6k in in-kind contributions. Haven't received a letter from Rasmusson on whether the grant is closed out.

Dave gave an update on Eveline. Lots of work was done this summer. Hauled gravel for trails including gravel for the wheel chair trail which was completed. The viewing platform is painted. Over 1600 folks signed the registration book. Will try to get a kiosk up sometime soon.

Baycrest

Dave is working with the Soil and Water Conservation District to move the outhouse at lower Baycrest to make them more accessible. Dave will work on a culvert at Master Blaster. He has logs on site for a bridge.

Sunset

Alan mentioned the club needs to get more MOAs.

Connector trail

Alan, Billy, and Kevin have been working on surveying it and finalizing the route.

Membership

Molly gave an update on membership. Membership was up this year to \$32,538. The club will have a few more banners this year for in-kind contributions.

Sign Committee

See Jenny's comments above.

FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS

Revenue sharing

See above

New ideas

Molly mentioned that she talked to Megan about ski coaches. Megan indicated that all coaches for HWN and JN will be PSIA certified. In regards to individual and small group lessons that are offered for a fee, under the KNSC umbrella, Megan recommends that all of these coaches also be certified whether they are members of HWN or not. Megan is willing to co-ordinate KNSC members who want to coach and people who want to take lessons. Income from lessons would go to the KNSC general fund (not HWN).

Donate a bench

None sold thus far but the board felt we should keep it on the books.

BYLAWS

Kevin talked about some things in the bylaws that either are not being met or the club needs to be met. Kevin will write up the proposed changes and email them to the board.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING END

Meeting was adjourned about 9:00 pm.
Next regular board meeting: Oct. 5, 2011 at Alan Parks' house.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

Budget Summary

Mike Byerly
Secretary