

KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES

December 2, 2008

6:30pm Anahata Center

PRESENT: Richard Burton, Molly Brann, Dave Brann, Alan Parks, Lisa Wood
(Absent: Allan Phelps, Steve Rykaczewski, Toby Wheeler, Jan Spurkland)

GUESTS: Kenton Bloom, John Miles, Stephanie Haynes, Shelly Laukitis, Derek Stonorov, Jenny Edwards, David Stutzer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda was amended to include discussion of FAA lease at Lookout. Agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETINGS OF 11-04 AND 11-20:

Richard moved to approve minutes from both of these meetings. Dave seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

Molly noted that minutes had not been prepared for the Annual Meeting and we should have a summary of the meeting. Richard agreed to prepare minutes for the meeting, but requested notes from Molly since he has a poor memory of things that happened so long ago.

ADDENDUM TO THE MEETING OF 11-20:

As detailed in the minutes of the 11-20 meeting, the election of officers for 2008-2009 was done by an email ballot that was counted by Jan Spurkland and Richard Burton on Friday, November 21. The results of that election are as follows:

President:	Alan Parks
Vice President:	Dave Brann
Secretary:	Richard Burton
Treasurer:	Toby Wheeler

BUDGET REPORT:

- Toby was unable to attend or call in for this meeting. Yvonne is having problems reconciling quicken and quickbooks and could also not attend this meeting. We look forward to a budget overview at the next meeting.
- The budget committee will meet December 12.
- Molly gave a report on membership fundraising. We have 140 memberships for this year so far with a total of about \$7500 raised from these. Thank you notes

have been prepared and will be sent to each member with a signature from a board member.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

- Dave gave a report on the state of the equipment. One of the new 4 stroke machines developed a problem after only 35 miles and is in Soldotna for repairs. It should be back by Monday, 12/8. One of the older machines has been in locally for repairs but is back at Lower Baycrest now. The 2 new machines need 100 warmup miles on them before being used heavily. One of them has almost 100 miles on it now.
- Presently, there are 2 snowmachines at Lookout, 1 at McNeil, 1 at upper Baycrest, and 2 at Lower Baycrest. One of the machines at Lookout is an older one that is currently for sale with an asking price of \$4000.
- All machines have been rewired the same way and can work with all of the grooming equipment.
- The equipment committee needs to meet to work out some issues. Dave will call a meeting.
- Jenny Edwards raised the issue that there is some concern from skiers that the new Lookout trails will take away from the grooming effort at other locations. John Miles pointed out that a lot of effort was needed initially to get the Lookout trails groomed and signed for safety. It also currently has the best conditions for skiing. However, we are committed to providing the same level of grooming at all areas.

EVENTS:

1. Homer HS races December 6 at Lookout.
 - Shelly Laukitis gave a report on the December 6 races. There will be 5k, 7.5k, and 10k races starting at 11:00am with a 5k citizens race to follow at 2:00pm. The main issue remaining is parking.
 - This led to a discussion of parking for events at Lookout which led to the following motion by Dave (seconded by Richard):

Motion: KNSC approves up to \$1500 for snow plowing for the current year. Anything over this will require additional approval.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- Kenton suggested that parking not be allowed on the north side of the road because of safety reasons.
- Kenton reported that the stadium would be set up Friday, December 5 after lunch.
- It was pointed out that there should be a release form for the citizen race. Shelly will have such a form for the registration.
- Porta Poties will be rented by HHS for this event.

2. Grooming Clinic, December 14-15.
 - Dave and Molly reported on progress for the grooming clinic. There are currently 25 people registered. It would help to have more people for the dinner. John Miles and Larry Martin will be featured speakers.
3. PSIA Instructors Clinic, December 15-16.
 - Stephanie Haynes reported on progress of the PSIA clinic. The instructors have agreed to conduct the clinic for free. Sandy has offered lodging. There will be on snow sessions Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and afternoon. Location is not yet decided. There is a limit of 15 for each of the on snow sessions. There is an announcement in the Alaska Nordic Skier. This should be great for all skiers. Contact Stephanie to sign up.
4. Friday Night Lights, January 2-3.
 - Molly reported on the Friday Night Lights event for this year. It will be held both Friday and Saturday nights (so it's actually Weekend Lights). The hope is to raise money to support purchase of the ginzu groomer. Richard pointed out that the website indicates this will be a fundraiser for the groomer. Molly offered the following motion (second by Dave):

Motion: Any profits from this event over \$300 should go into the ginzu groomer fund.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Wine and Cheese Tour.
 - There was a discussion of details for the wine and cheese tour. Molly indicated that we need to have an events permit from the state to serve alcohol at the event (permit form submitted). The cost is \$50. Molly made the following motion (seconded by Dave):

Motion: KNSC should apply for a permit for the Wine and Cheese Tour
 Motion passed unanimously

 - A discussion of the location for this year's tour followed. It was decided that the preferred location would be the Eveline area.

COMMITTEE AND AREA REPORTS:

1. Sign Committee.
 - Jenny Edwards reported on sign committee progress. Refer to the notes she submitted for complete details. There was discussion of the cost for application to the state DOT for official signs. It was decided that we should do nothing with this at the current time.
2. McNeil Canyon/Eveline.

- Derek reported on grooming issues at McNeil. Regular grooming is being done Monday, Wednesday, Friday at McNeil. There is still a lot of willow brush on the trails. We will need to come up with money and a plan to clear the accumulated brush so the trails can be groomed earlier. Hopefully this could be done next summer.
 - There is a new 3k loop on borough land that is being considered and would be constructed by the school. KNSC would provide the grooming. This may still be done this year.
 - Derek attempts to keep the gates open on the weekend. He is acting as the primary contact person for the McNeil trails and will provide updates on grooming.
 - Dave is grooming Eveline once a week on Thursday. Volunteers have worked cutting brush on a relocated connector trail between Eveline and McNeil, so it should be possible to connect the two trail systems soon. Derek indicated the McNeil groomers may also help grooming Eveline this year.
3. Baycrest.
- Dave reported on work being done at Baycrest. Volunteers have put in a lot of time recently to upgrade the trails. Some highlights: There is a new connector trail from the DOT trailhead to Raven's Way. A new bridge across Diamond Creek is being constructed and should be adequate for skiing and grooming this winter. A work party will put up the planks Wednesday, December 03 and Dave is providing golden spikes for each board member to put in. No cat work was done on Headwaters Hwy. this year, but Robert used his tractor to improve the trail. Parking for the Sunset loop will be provided when the new fire station is built. KNSC will then not have to do the plowing for the parking area.
 - David Stutzer has started work on the Marathon trail. He is planning on putting out a call for help. The hope is that it can be improved so it will not need so much snow to begin grooming.
4. Lookout Mtn.
- John Miles reports that he has been working on signage and that many of the new trails are signed one-way to provide safe skiing on the steep downhill corners.
 - Kenton Bloom talked about the lease agreement for the FAA land that is part of the new trail system. A copy of the agreement was handed out. This led to the following motion by Dave (seconded by Lisa):

Motion: KNSC should approve the 5 year lease.

Motion passed unanimously

FUNDRAISING & GRANTS:

1. Rasmuson requirement that we match \$2500 for ginzu groomer.

- The grant helped fund 2 new snowmachines and a ginzu groomer. It is still uncertain whether past events can be used to provide some of the matching funds. The foundation likes to see events targeted to the grant. The Friday Night Lights event this year will possibly provide some funds. Other targeted events may follow.
2. Homer Foundation:
 - There is a deadline of the first week of January to submit a letter of intent for a Youth committee grant. The award is typically from \$1000 to \$3000 and must be targeted to a concrete project. They would need a letter of intent that identifies the project.
 3. “Name the Culvert” Lookout Fundraising
 - We owe \$10000 for work done. About half has been raised. It is hoped that this effort will provide much of this. Jenny suggested we need to think about a vision for the signs at the crossings. They should be something special. We need input from Allan Phelps about this effort.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS:

1. Reconfirm Dog Policy and Access Points.
 - Alan Parks brought up the issue of access points for dogs to the Baycrest trail system from Diamond Ridge. The preferred access is from the parking area at the top of Rucksack, but we need a commitment to keep this open. Molly made the following motion seconded by Dave:

Motion: KNSC should continue to plow the Rucksack parking area.
There was discussion about the need for signs and details of plowing. Alan Parks will work on how to do the plowing.
Motion passed unanimously.
2. Strategic Planning Meeting with Foraker.
 - Alan Parks has talked with Foraker about our strategic plan and bylaws. We need to set some specific goals to achieve elements of the plan. There was a discussion of further training from Foraker. Dave suggested that, if we arrange further training, we try to schedule it so all board members can attend. Jenny suggested we might be able to defer some of the cost by opening up to outside participation.
3. Bylaws.
 - Alan Parks passed out copies of the current bylaws as well as a copy of a template provided by Foraker. The board needs to review the current bylaws after which we should convene the bylaws committee to consider possible changes.
4. HHS Ski Team & KNSC Contract.

- Jan was unable to attend tonight but Shelly indicated that no additional work has been done on this, so it will have to wait until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Weekly KNSC ski report/event announcements on KBBI.
 - Alan Parks has been speaking with KBBI about the possibility of having weekly radio announcements giving information about ski conditions and upcoming events. The cost would be \$10 per announcement. KBBI would do the announcement from information supplied in a fixed form by KNSC. We would specify how often to air the reports, but we would not control exactly when the announcements would air. Molly made the following motion seconded by Dave:

Motion: KNSC approves up to \$400 per year to provide for announcements to air on KBBI.

There was discussion about the need to try to get a fixed time for these announcements even if the cost is a little higher.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned about 9:30pm.
Next meeting January 6, 2009.

Documents submitted:

Special Events Permit application from State of Alaska
KNSC Sign Committee Notes
FAA lease agreement
KNSC Constitution and Bylaws
Bylaws template from Foraker

Richard Burton
Secretary