

KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI CLUB BOARD MINUTES

March 3, 2010

6:30pm, Kachemak Conservation Council Office

PRESENT: Richard Burton, Alan Parks, Tara Schmidt, Mike Byerly, Dave Brann, Molly Brann, Kenton Bloom, Kevin Walker

ABSENT: Jan Spurkland

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by president Alan Parks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda was amended to add a sign committee report to Committee and Area Reports, Homer Foundation to Fundraising and Grants, and MOA Committee to Old Business.

The agenda was approved as amended

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 02/03 and 02/09

Richard moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of 02/03 and 02/09. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT:

Tara gave a budget update. She presented a summary report covering the period from October through March. We have exceeded our budget estimates for membership income. We have spent about \$5000 more than we have received, but we still have money coming in from revenue sharing and the Besh Cup. Alan indicated he called the borough about the revenue sharing money. We need to file some additional paperwork, but then we should get it. Tara also indicated that we have filed for a 990 extension. Tara has paid Alder Seaman for the grant work she did and questioned whether Alder should get a 1099 form for this. Alan said he thinks the form needs to be sent to the IRS with a copy to the employee. Molly suggested we may need to have a fundraising committee meeting. We still need to sell more t-shirts. We have not raised as much money as projected in the budget, but have not spent as much as it projected either.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

Dave gave a status report on the equipment. The newest machine has had some problems with overheating when run on hard crust. It was taken to Soldotna to be looked at but they could not find any problems. Due to the way cooling works on these machines, we probably need to be careful when running on hard surfaces. Dave also said that there are manufacturer recalls out for the three newest machines. It is not known yet whether this will result in downtime waiting for repairs. We still have the oldest 2 stroke machine

that is in good working condition to help take up the slack. We will need to decide if it is going to be sold. The budget assumes \$3000 in income from the sale of this machine.

The new ginzu groomer has been taken to McNeil. The original one will need some welding repair this spring after the ski season is over. Steve Fisher took measurements for the new blue and gold drag. Dave will follow up on this project.

There was discussion of gas expenses for the snow machines this year. The gas donated by Fritz Creek store for McNeil grooming has been used up, so we will have to buy gas for McNeil grooming for the rest of the year. Also, David Stutzer indicates that the tank at Sunset is down to about 100 gallons. The 2 stroke machines have been used quite a bit this year and they use a lot more gas. Dave emphasized the need for groomers to keep track of usage when they fill the machines so we know what to expect and when the tanks need to be filled.

EVENTS:

Marathon:

Richard gave a report on preparations for the marathon. Marylou presented a progress report via email to the board. Organizational preparations are going well. We have online registration again this year through the Cross Country Alaska website, but will probably have to do our own next year. The post-race party will be held at Alice's Champagne Palace again this year. Marylou still needs some additional volunteers for race day but expects to be able to get them. An email about the event was sent to the membership. The biggest outstanding question is about the course. Marylou emphasized the need to have someone responsible for course preparation. We also need someone to drive snow machines across before the race delivering supplies to the aid stations and providing a sweep at the end. Dave indicated he will be in town for the race and is willing to organize doing this. Molly suggested that we should try to sell some of our t-shirts at the event and at the post-race party at Alice's.

Sea to Ski:

Mike reported on preparations for the Sea to Ski Triathlon. Claire has indicated Homer Saw and Cycle will sponsor the event again this year. Mike has checked with West Homer Elementary and there will be no problem with using it again this year for a transition point. Many volunteers are needed to make this event work. Mike is going to contact all the people who volunteered last year. He would also like to send an email to the membership describing the event and asking for volunteers. Richard will send this email. Dave has indicated he is willing to organize the ski course. Mike will meet with Dave and Molly Sunday evening, March 7, to go over details.

Junior Nordic:

Alan gave a report on Junior Nordic. This is the last week this year and there will be a final party. Kurt is working on preparations. It will include food, a race, and a group picture. Alan is making a banner for the event.

COMMITTEE AND AREA REPORTS:

Baycrest:

No decisions have been made yet about the spruce bark beetle mitigation program outlined at the last meeting by Mike Fastabend. Dave indicated he has invited Mike to come back to Homer for discussions before any decisions are made.

Lookout:

The yurt floors that were erected for the Besh Cup are still there. There is no rush to remove them immediately. Jan has indicated he will organize it when he gets back to Homer. There will be a public meeting about the ATI grant upgrades at Lookout on March 30 at 5:30pm. A letter is being sent to local property owners inviting them to participate.

Sign Committee:

Dave gave a sign committee report from Jenny Edwards. Jenny applied to the state for legal permission to erect ski club signs along roadways. The state finally got back to her indicating that the club is not eligible for a permit. Jenny does not think it is worth pursuing further. We have several signs that have been in place for 5 years with no complaints yet. We agreed to let this drop for now.

FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS:

Homer Foundation:

Richard reported on the progress of Homer Foundation grants. Richard has submitted a grant request for a Homer City Grant. We are requesting \$3000, but likely will not get that much. There is also a need to close out the equipment grant we got earlier this year. This included both the new ginzu groomer and the new blue and gold drag. Dave will track progress on the blue and gold drag.

Rasmuson Grant for McNeil Storage:

Derek Stonorov sent an email to the board about preparations for this project. He met with McNeil School and Kachemak Emergency Services representatives to discuss the location for the storage shed. While we could get permission to build it on school property, the Kachemak Emergency Services area would probably provide a better location. Derek attended a meeting of the Kachemak Emergency Services Area board to ask about the possibility of putting the building on their property. They seem receptive to the idea but follow up is needed from the board to make a formal request which would then go to the borough for approval. Dave will follow up with Jeff Middleton. Molly is writing the Rasmuson Grant request. There is no budget yet, but the idea would be to build a 16'x 24' building. While there is no match required for the grant, Molly thinks we would have a better chance if we did show support. Molly will write the application and send details to the board for review.

ATI Grant:

Tara submitted a final proposal to Bill Luck via email. Bill sent back some comments. He wants an environmental checklist by April 1 and three quotes for gravel. We need to obtain required permits and submit them by May 1. Kenton is the project manager. Kenton and Tara will get together with Bill to work out details. The most important immediate concern is to attempt to obtain the gravel locally from the Ohlson Mountain pit. The high school booster club is going to write a letter of support. Alan will follow up with the schools and a letter to DOT requesting use of the Ohlson Mountain gravel. Kevin will contact Bill Holt from Tsalteshie to inquire how they obtained help from DOT to build their parking lot. Kenton suggested that the Lookout Committee should meet to discuss this project prior to the community meeting scheduled for March 30.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS:

MOA Meeting:

A meeting of the MOA committee was set for Sunday, March 7 following the Sea to Ski meeting with Mike, Dave, and Molly. Mike is contacting landowners along the marathon trail and at Lookout. We need to solidify the process, determine if the trail needs to be moved, and make sure we have legal access.

MEETING END:

Meeting was adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Next regular board meeting: April 7, 2010 at the Kachemak Conservation Center.

Documents submitted:

Summary budget report

Email letter from Derek Stonorov about McNeil storage shed

Marathon status report

Richard Burton

Secretary