

Notes from the September 2 meeting of KNSC board members.

Since there was not a quorum, a regular KNSC board meeting could not be held. Instead, the members in attendance spent some time in an informal discussion of several issues that will need to come up more formally at the next regular meeting.

Attending: Richard Burton, Alan Parks, Tara Schmidt, Allan Phelps

There was some discussion of the annual meeting. Alan indicated that we do not yet have a location for the meeting. He would prefer someplace other than the Islands and Oceans Center. Allan pointed out that one reason we have used Islands and Oceans is because it is the only place having the facilities to show a movie. Alan indicated he would like the meeting to be less formal and more of a social event, and that a different venue may make it easier to do that. There was also discussion about the annual membership mailing. It was agreed we should try to get this out sometime in early to mid October. Tara brought up the issue of how the new budget should be distributed. In particular, does it need to go out to the membership. Allan indicated that Toby gave a budget report at the annual meeting last year, but that no additional notification was done and that the budget does not need general membership approval. It just needs to be approved by the board.

There was brief discussion of grants and fundraising. Tara indicated that the Recreational Trails Grant is open and that we should consider resubmitting last year's grant. She also said that the ATI grant was open for a very brief time without any public notification. The deadline has passed and she thinks it would not have been successful anyway. Also, Tara gave a quick report on the trial Grant Station membership that we approved. The 6 month trial is almost up. Tara said she has used it some, but does not think it is really of that much help. She recommends against continuing after the trial period ends.

Preparation of the budget was discussed at some length. Tara indicated that the tax forms were filed. She is starting to work on the budget for next year. She said that we will need to discuss what to do about a bookkeeper. She also said she had had an informal conversation with Marylou Burton about using quickbooks for budgeting. Marylou is the treasurer for the Friends of the Homer Library and has done quite a bit of work with quickbooks. Tara is wondering if Marylou would be willing to help get things set up once the budget is done. Richard indicated he thinks she would be willing to do this and will discuss it with her. Since we will be out of town until the end of September, it would have to be done after that. The discussion ended with Tara and Alan agreeing to meet and work on the upcoming budget before the next board meeting.

Tara also indicated she has received forms for the registration of some of the snowmachines and that these are supposed to be due by October 5. She said she would try to email Dave Brann about this to figure out how to handle it.

Richard said we have received an email from Wayne Watson that points out the bill for our web site hosting is coming due in early October. Wayne originally set this up and has

paid it in the past but would like to pass this on to the board. This requires a credit card for the payment. Tara suggested that Richard could pay this and then get reimbursed by the club. Richard agreed to do this. Addendum: Since the meeting, I have tried unsuccessfully to update the contact information so I could do this. Wayne also tried and could not do it online. I think since the account was set up by Wayne, he will probably have to change it by phone. In the meantime, since this got so complicated, Wayne has agreed to pay it for this year and get reimbursed by the board. Maybe by next year we can get it updated.