

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting
Date/Time of Meeting:	Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:30- 8:13 PM Cook Inlet Keeper Building
Meeting Leader:	Mike Gracz

Attendees:

Mike Gracz- President	X	Stacey Buckelew- Vice President	X	Cameale Johnson - Secretary	X	Richard Burton-Treasurer	X	Chessie Sharp – Admin Assis	X
Bob Glen	X	Jason Neeley	X	Derek Bynagle	X	Charlie Barnwell	X	Kenny Daher	X
Guests: Michele Stenger			Jan Spurkland			Randy Wiest			

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action & Follow up
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved as amended	
Approval of BOD meeting minutes	December 2019 meeting minutes approved as presented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike will post to website
Admin Report- Chessie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 newsletters sent in December Thank you notes sent to all annual mtg auction donors In Kind forms all completed Current membership = 432 Assisting event coordinators with assorted needs such as publicity, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send any January newsletter items to Chessie Chessie w contact Annie regarding missing PO box key
Website Report - Richard	Nothing new to report; Stacy commented a couple of “outside” ski clubs have remarked on what a great website we have. Kudos to Richard.	
Treasurer’s Report - Richard	Detailed financial reports were reviewed as sent out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash assets are looking good; nothing is over budget yet; it is anticipated this will change as we get into the year we aren’t necessarily anticipating that we will be over budget-\however, this is the time of year when many of our revenues are in, but few of our expenses. Last year’s City of Homer grant has been closed out. KNCS has been notified City of Homer grants are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stacy will submit the paperwork for another City of Homer grant
Equipment Report - Bob	A detailed equipment report was reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything is working well It is anticipated one of the Scandic V800s will have to be replaced this year; a deposit of @\$500 will be required to place the order this spring with the balance or @\$12,000 due in October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob working with Scandic vendor to order new snow machine
President's Report - Mike		
KBay Parks Meeting – Eveline State Recreation Area	Martin Shuster (his mother was Eveline, the namesake of the Eveline State Recreation Site, in whose memory his dad, Edmund, donated the parcel to State Parks) and Mike spoke at the State Parks Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meeting December 11, 2019 addressing the MOU between KNCS and State Parks to manage Eveline State Recreation Site. Martin presented the background information regarding his parents’ intent for Eveline. Mike discussed the historical relationship between	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While no action was taken at the CAB meeting they have since informed KNCS the CAB is forming a trails committee & requests input from KNCS to discuss Eveline needs

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	<p>State Parks & KNSC and suggested a committee be formed to review the MOU between KNSC & State Parks and the KBay Parks Management Plan that as of last year now includes Eveline which has not historically been included in the KBay Parks management plan.</p> <p>Mike provided the Kachemak State Parks Citizens Advisory Board members with a document containing the text of KNSCs comments for inclusion in the CABs meeting minutes. No action was taken at the KBay parks CAB meeting.</p>	
Board of Corporations error (fixed)	KNSCs Alaska State Division of Corporations Business & Professional Licensing application was filed incorrectly. This has been corrected.	
Jr Nordic Rental (hats)	Mike ordered new Jr Nordic hats. Historically these have sold for @\$10, way under what they cost. This years hats will be sold for \$25 each & are available at Junior Nordic practices	
Dogs at McNeil	<p>McNeil and Lower Baycrest are the only ski areas where dogs are allowed off leash. The parking lot and first @100 yards of the trail to where the overhead powerline crosses the trail are on school property. McNeil Canyon school principal, Pete Swanson, has enacted a policy that dog leashes are required on school property. The policy is because some owners are not monitoring their dog's activities and dog poop is being left in the parking lot and near school doorways where it gets tracked into the school.</p> <p>This information is being communicated via direct email to KNSC members, Facebook and Homer News. KNSC will be working towards a no leash option with a trailhead off school property for skiers with dogs.</p> <p>There is a significant level of concern if folks don't comply with the leash policy while on school property, dogs will be banned all together. McNeil is one of the few schools that allow dogs on their property. It is district policy to not allow dogs on school grounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative location options are being investigated along with funding sources such as the Rasmussen fund. • Mike w ask McNeil School principal, Pete, if the school has signs clarifying leashes required on school property • KNSC considering putting up signs at school property boundaries "School Property, Leash Required" to make it very clear to skiers they are on school property
Trailhead donation boxes - Kenny	There's an "iron ranger" donation box at the State Park yard in Sterling. Jason Okuly has offered to coordinate us picking it up. KNSC will be responsible for installing it at Eveline. Jason and Kenny are volunteering to spearhead the project after breakup season this Spring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny & Jason will get & install box in the spring at Eveline
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinics – (KWN) - Beginning & intermediate classic & skate ski clinics are Saturday, January 11 • Besh Cups (Jan Spurkland) – lots of enthusiasm, volunteers, participants, social media blitz, partners such as KESA, Homer HS, running club etc. • Wine & Cheese (Kenny) – Randy Wiest from Kachemak Ski Club (owns the rope tow) offered their warming hut lodge which has a wood stove as a venue for Wine & Cheese. The offer was to promote comradery between the two organizations. Randy thought access was feasible if skiers went down on the road & back up via the cat track. Since a venue has already been selected for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KNSC authorized Jan to buy a bullhorn for Besh Cups race which will be used for other KNSC events too • Mike will ask John Miles about viability of grooming rope tow area to lodge to use as a potential location for next year's Wine & Cheese event

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	<p>this years event Mike will ask John Miles about grooming potential to use lodge next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ski for Women (Haven House) - Haven House has expressed interest in having KNSC more involved. It has been a Haven House event for many years & KNSC would prefer to leave it that way ● Friday Night Lights (Stacey) – Stacey solicited help for doing the lights; Deland has committed to Friday; several Board members volunteered to help with Saturday. ● Marathon Race – Kenny working w Deland; some discussion @ having it at Wolf Ridge which would entail getting permission from private landowner; decision to keep at Outlook w 42k, 25, race & 13k tour options. Registration will not be available until it is known for sure the venue will be at Outlook. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chessie to remove old Marathon race registration link from website
Honoring Ken Jones	<p>Ken Jones died in a kayak accident in 2016. He was a previous president of KNSC. KNSC briefly discussed in 12/2016 honoring him with a trail or trail juncture “Jones Junction.” Nothing ever came of it. A recent \$2000 donation to KNSC in his name prompted re-opening the discussion.</p> <p>The Board discussed naming the Outlook loop on the east side of Harbinson Lane across from the hayfields “Jones Loop.” Mike will speak with Ken’s family about the idea. A presentation could be done at the end of season Jr Nordic pizza party.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike will speak w Ken’s family about naming a trail after him ● Jason & Stacy will coordinate getting a nice sign made
Sunset Ski Area	<p>Parking signs have not been put up. It is unclear where they even are.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stacey will investigate & contact Jenny Edwards
Baycrest Ski Area	<p>Several KNSC members are asking Board members what the status is to ski across private property where it has been posted private property. The landowner has said he is ok with skiers, not hikers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike will contact the landowner to get clarification
Making Tracks Movie	<p>Mike has been approached about showing John Miles “Making Tracks – Alaska on Skies” at the Winter Backcountry Film Festival. This event is hosted by KNSC & cosponsored Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition and Winter Wildlands alliance. The Board felt this event was not an appropriate venue for the Making Tracks documentary.</p> <p>1/21 addendum: Making Tracks will be shown as the final film at the Winter Backcountry Film Festival</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike will discuss alternate movie venue options with Robin
Ice fishing shack for timer warming hut	<p>Depending on weather conditions, assorted event race timers can become very uncomfortable & hypothermic standing out exposed to the weather. Discussion was held about purchasing an “ice fishing shack” which is portable & provides protection from the elements. Cost would be @\$200.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bob will pursue purchasing ice fishing shack
Comments from the audience on anything	<p>No comments</p>	
Comments from the BOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charlie alerted the Board the Homestead trail “issue” could get contentious. He lives in the area & has been working with homeowners to keep it from developing into an ugly issue. ● Derek questioned status of “real time” grooming which is happening minimally. A plan is in place for iPhone testing. ● Stacey commented on how awesome conditions are at Outlook. Kudos to groomers!!! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tracking iPhone to be given to John Miles ● Derek will send Chessie a “blurb” @ the online grooming system being down so she can post it to FB so members are aware

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Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 1/9/2020		Next Meeting: February 5, 2020 6:30pm Cook Inlet Keeper Building