

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Kachemak Nordic Ski Club BOD Monthly Meeting
Date/Time of Meeting:	Wednesday, April 6, 2022 6:34– 8:50 PM
Meeting Leader:	Mike Gracz

Attendees:

Mike Gracz- President	X	Derek Bynagle -Vice President	X	Cameale Johnson - Secretary	X	Peter Crimp - Treasurer	X	Derek – Admin Manager	X
Bob Glen	X	Jason Neeley	X	Melissa Cloud	X	Richard Burton	X	Kenny Daher	X
Guests: Jan Spurkland									

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action & Follow up
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved as presented	
Approval of BOD meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2nd meeting minutes approved as presented 	
Admin Report- Derek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Been busy promoting & supporting the Marathon & Sea to Ski events; a few new members joining still 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Website Report -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek will review the issues; it needs an overhaul. Kathy Sarns may be available to help. Look at Club Express's web program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Treasurer's Report - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Burton has resigned. KNSC appreciates the many years Richard has spent keeping a close watch on the finances. In addition to taking on the bookkeeping responsibilities he has always translated financial information to the Board helping ensure appropriate financial decisions are made. Financials reviewed; there is still a fair amount of outstanding revenue and expenses. The transition to an accounting firm, Homer Bookkeeping, is going well. Revenue from memberships is now above \$50,000. KPB revenue sharing of @ \$10,000; the Community Assistance Program (CAP) has not come in. We do not receive the money until we spend it. It needs to be spent by end of the KPB borough fiscal year which is June 30th. Peter will be gone for most of 4/22 – 7/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameale to cover treasurer responsibilities during Peter's absence with Derek as the backup Peter to complete the Revenue Sharing reports during his brief stint in Homer late June
Equipment Report - Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Hague training some volunteers to help with equipment maintenance ATV #13 needs muffler & front differential ATV #14 needs new transmission Considerations: With two of three older Polaris ATV's down we need to plan for their eventual retirement. Both are worth repairing now; they are otherwise mechanically sound. There is no big hurry, but it would be good to have at least one of the older Polaris 850s on wheels for mowing at Lookout this summer. To have Saw & Cycle repair both would cost @\$4000. Would be less if labor can be done by volunteers. <p>Assuming we can get the two snow machines we've ordered this next season, the following year we should expect to replace at least one of the Polaris ATVs. They are high mileage and getting more expensive to maintain with age. The mileage on #13 is 9204.8 miles/932.9 hrs., and on #14 is 6626 miles/650.3 hrs. The #12 ATV at McNeil is the highest mileage machine, but it was re-engined in 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved repairing the two ATVs Bob will take chain saws that are not being used to Saw & Cycle to be sold

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<p>Besh Cup Timing Systems – Jan Spurkland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan is the representative to Cross Country Alaska. Besh Cup usually comes to Homer every 3 years. KNSC has @\$10,000 of good hardware for timing but the software is outdated. If we wanted to expand our hardware, we could but the new software would work well with our current hardware. Fencing for managing races needs replacement; prefer with open mesh fencing so the wind will go through it. • Jan will investigate grant sources to pay for race equipment prior to spending any of the approved funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved putting in a bid for 2023 Besh Cup • Approved purchasing the new version of the software up to \$500 • Approved up to a \$1000 for fencing • Jan will report back to the Board at May mtg on grant sources
<p>President's Report - Mike</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grooming Insurance – pursuing this will be dropped; the price quotes we received were exorbitant. Will try again with other providers next season. • Board & Directors liability Insurance –RISQ consulting will send KNSC an application City of Homer KNSC Recreational Use Agreement gets renewed every 5 years. The City of Homer land is on the Baycrest system. A portion of Raven's Way, College Ave, and some of the DOT trails run through it. The agreement is the same except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ if we use a food truck on city property, they need to have a food truck permit from the city. ○ if we hold a new event with > 500 people, or one creating traffic disruptions KNSC will need a special event permit from the city. • Rotary presentation April 14th - Mike will do a general presentation • Sunset KESA parking issue has smoothed itself out. • Jr Nordic ski storage – the amount of equipment is too much to store in anyone’s personal storage areas; Alaska Mini Storage off Kachemak Drive has offered KNSC ½ price for a unit; it would be @ \$60/mo • Morelli/Sasakura/Milli’s grooming/dog problems – Some of Milli’s loop crosses Morelli/Sasakura land; this season the groomers cut some willows on their land without permission; More dogs than just landowner dogs have been skiing on the trails. Rumor abounds that it is ok to have dogs on Milli’s loop. Morelli/Sasakura are considering having a written management agreement for ski trails crossing their land similar to what KNSC has with City of Homer and KPB borough., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historically, Milli’s loop was not put in until the Marathon Race. As years have gone by it has been put in earlier and earlier where now it is part of the overall Lookout trail system instead of just part of the Marathon trail. There are alternate routes crossing borough land KNSC could create trails on without crossing the Morelli/Sasakura land. KNSC could move the marathon off any private land and just put on public lands we have a management agreement with. Minimizing interactions with private landowners would be in the best interest of KNSC. ○ It is the Board policy to not have dogs on any of the trails in the Lookout trail system. KNSC cannot enforce this on private land. • Ohlson Mtn Rd reparations – The road was made last year using gravel that most contractors consider substandard, but it did pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved renewing City of Homer KNSC Recreational Use Agreement for Baycrest trails • Approved using Alaska Mini Storage for Jr Nordic ski storage • Mike w send map for Board to review for Milli’s loop access alternate routes • Mike will send DOT letter of support for repairing Ohlson Mtn Rd

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	<p>State requirements. The road has already deteriorated to being almost impassable so skiers cannot get to Lookout.</p>	
McNeil/Eveline Report - Cameale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The model of trail counter purchased was based on a recommendation from Homer City Parks who purchased it based on recommendations from State Parks. It turns out this particular trail counter is intended for darker forested areas and is not intended for sunny, snowy, reflective areas. The counter has been returned to the company and are waiting to hear if they will give a refund. Homer City Parks has returned 3 of their counters. A package deal of 3 infrared type counters has been purchased from TRAFx. The cost of the 3 package was just a little more than the cost of 2 counters individually. These counters work well in bright sunny snowy areas. The counters have been configured and locking boxes are being built for them. They will go to Eveline & Rogers Loop. The 3rd will be shared with Homer City Parks and be used at Bishops Beach. Total cost of counters & locking boxes is @\$2900 and are being paid for with a donation to KNSC. A 30" x 40" flower interpretive panel is complete & approved by DNR. A Dixon/Portlock glacier panel is being worked on. Once it is approved by DNR, both will go to a company in Canada for printing. Panel support stands are being manufactured locally. These panels are being paid for with funds donated by the Gary Thomas 100 Men Project. Signage project – Major Intersection signs posts will be put up this weekend. McNeil Ashwood dog parking on Big Dipper Ranch Road above KESA – It has been well used and is rutted up; KNSC does not have a way of closing it or keeping traffic out. KNSC has a responsibility, as good neighbors, to upgrade the lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved moving \$2000 from trail contract grooming to trail construction and use the money to upgrade parking at McNeil Ashwood dog parking on Big Dipper Ranch road above KESA Kenny will contact contractors for bid to upgrade to dog parking area Cameale will ask CIRI about year-round sign stakes on their land
City of Homer grant - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received \$2000 which is for operating expenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Homer Foundation Youth Advisory Committee Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear if KNSC ever physically received the grant of \$1000 or how the money was spent. If it was not used for High School ski team equipment, it will be reallocated to another use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike will check with Katie Miller to find out if this grant was used to purchase High School ski team equipment Peter to ask Richard if we actually received the Homer Foundation youth grant of \$1000 Melissa to work with Derek on "closing out" the grant
Summer trail work at Baycrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request was made for @ \$1000 for bridge work. The money requested has already been budgeted. 	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sea to Ski March 26th - @60 people participated; lots of youngsters Marathon March 19th – a huge success; @ 115 people participated including 2 skiers who participated in the Winter Olympics in Beijing this past winter Volunteer recognition event at Grace Ridge in May – Melissa will coordinate with Grace Ridge. In addition to all the groomers & volunteers, KNSC wants to give Bruce Hess a special recognition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa to work out details of May volunteer recognition event at Grace Ridge

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	Bruce has done all the wiring & electrical work for all the equipment & is leaving the State. Melissa will look into an appropriate gift.	
Strategic Plan – Mike & Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Groomers Picnic Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa has delivered the picnic table to Lookout; Milli Martin has given permission put the table on Milli's Loop in the Cottonwood area. It is way too wet to be used in the summertime. Millie requested a "No fires allowed" sign be put up with the table. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa will let John Miles know the table can be put in the Cottonwoods if conditions allow this spring; otherwise wait until next season; John needs to find out the exact location to put the table in the Cottonwoods
Ken Jones sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not been installed; Mike has the location on a map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike will send Jason a map of the exact location & Jason will install
Comments from the audience on anything	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No audience present 	
Comments from the BOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenny brought a bunch of Ninilchik kids to McNeil who loved it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Minutes prepared by Cameale Johnson, KNSC Secretary, 4/7/2022		Next Meeting: May 4, 2022; 6:30P at Ben Walters Lane