

**Minutes of the
KNSC Board of Directors meeting
December 15, 2015
Hancock Chalet**

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Attendance: Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Wayne Stordahl, Adam Wellstead, Pete Loubert, Candi Silvola, Sandy Aronson; absent – Jay Green.

Changes/Additions to Agenda: several items added via email previously.

Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meetings: Wayne provided notice of some typos in November's minutes. Motion by Adam to accept the corrected minutes, second by John; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: John provided reports via email in advance and elaborated verbally at the meeting. Motion by Pete to accept the reports as submitted, second by Adam; all in favor.

Groomer's report – Trail Maintenance & Assistant groomer: Sandy reported that maintenance on Churning Rapids continues. The hiring process for the assistant groomer position is in the works.

Public Comments: none present

Business:

Luminary Ski – set for Saturday December 26th, 6 – 8 p.m.

Heikinpaiva Parade – Jan. 30 – Wayne checked with the parade marshal – nothing else needs to be done. We'll have our float and 3 banners.

Glide 'n Gorge – Candi gave assignments for everyone to ask our various sponsors for donations of food. Planning is proceeding...

Keweenaw Trails Donation – Motion by Adam to donate \$200 towards the k-trails website update, second by Wayne; all in favor.

Donation request letter – the end of the year appeal letter is ready to go. Last season's donations were \$1500. Motion by John for KNSC to allocate \$255.09 for copying/folding, envelopes, and postage; second by Pete; all in favor.

Trail numbering and marking; GIS mapping & maps – Many thanks to Pete for getting the map file updated, with the largest new detail being the junction numbers. The junction markers were put up previously this fall; Wayne has been out to put up new and corrected trail number signs plus some posts. Map posting will commence shortly.

Milwaukee Skiers – Sunday January 3rd, as conditions will allow. Candi will organize the lunch.

Tri-fold brochures – Sandy will edit the front side, including adding the business sponsors plus updating verbiage. Pete will update the map side as needed. The document will be forwarded to the board for review before printing.

Snow biking update – according to the "Churning Rapids Snow Biking" group, they plan to groom some of the single track trails this winter using their own equipment. Copper Harbor Trails Club has provided some financial support for grooming equipment, but CHTC and the cyclists are promoting the idea that snow bikers will need to purchase a KNSC membership or pass since they also will be using the ski trails. The board is reminded that all trail users should support the trails by purchasing a membership or pass,

and it's a good idea for each of us to discuss this with people out on the trails since they may not be aware. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

KNSC membership list – Mark noted at the last meeting that it would be good to know who our members are. Sandy has printed off the 2014-15 membership list to post in the chalet; will also be on the updated web site. Also to be posted – documents to thank our previous year donors, volunteers for fall trail work and for the Middle Bridge.

KNSC By-Laws – Mark has converted an older paper copy of the KNSC By-Laws into an e-document, and will meet with Jay to incorporate any more recent changes. Mark will send via email to the board for review when it is ready. Plan is to update/revise, present it to the membership, then vote on the proposed changes at the Annual Meeting in April 2016.

Bridge Jam -- follow up – an in depth meeting will be held soon with Frann, the “behind-the-scenes gal” for this year’s event. The board did discuss KNSC’s contribution for the Orpheum hosting the event. Motion by Adam to contribute \$250, second by Pete; all in favor. John will get a check to Mike Shupe.

Web Site contract – in November’s board meeting all agreed to hire Nathan Lyle of MyWebMaestro to update KNSC’s web page. Half of the fee was paid up front. Nathan is working with Sandy; so far has produced 2 designs but the project has a way to go.

Wax clinic – follow up – held on Saturday 12/6, 5 people attended. Since this was a warm, green-grass day, wax tech Mike is willing to hold another clinic later this season, when people are out skiing. Pete will follow up to arrange the date.

Fund raising committee – Sandy provided a report on business sponsors and the like. Looks like 5 are on board, and Wayne will inquire at McGann’s. The end of the year appeal letter will be mailed on 12/16. Hope to submit a grant for a storage building to Superior Health Foundation by 1/15/16. Will produce a distinctive trail pass tag for Lifetime Members.

Rhino replacement status – the Defender and accessories are on their way, no date known for when there will actually be pods on the ground at Maasto. (Or significant snow for that matter!)

New storage shed – Arlyn has recommended a 20’ x 14’ skid building be erected near the green storage shed, so that all of KNSC’s tow machines, implements, and tools may be stored inside and out of the weather. This past summer \$250 was spent on materials to cover the implements and only 1 of the tarps remains undamaged, so this will be a recurring cost until storage is secured. Grant funding will be required for this \$6500 project.

City Recreation Plan – John reported that the Plan was finalized by the rec. commission and submitted to the city council for approval. KNSC has several items included but what projects actually make it to completion depend on available funding, rather than where they are on the rec plan list.

Other

Tabled business: CR Cabin, What club??, club growth , Grant writing: Smartwool, CF-UP, Cliff Bar, wood/fire sled & toboggan sled, Retro and moon/fire changes

Next meeting 1/19/16 Meeting recessed at 9:00

Submitted by Sandy Aronson, KNSC secretary