

**Minutes of the
KNSC Board of Directors Meeting
October 17, 2016
Hancock chalet**

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Attendance: Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Wayne Stordahl, Julie Meyers, Keith Meyers, Sandy Aronson. Absent: Cory Howes, Adam Wellstead. No public in attendance.

Changes/Additions to Agenda: none

Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meeting: Motion by Mark to accept as submitted; second by Keith; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Written and verbal reports provided by John. Annual report was filed recently. Motion by Mark to accept the reports; second by Jay; all in favor.

Trail (Groomer's) report – not present. Sandy reported for Arlyn that the storage shed project is proceeding slowly. No assistant groomer hired yet; thus we need more volunteer help with trail clearing projects.

Public Comments: none present

Business:

Fall trail work – the maintenance committee met recently, to establish priorities for projects.

Accomplishment: mowing is complete; Mud Lake re-opening is almost complete.

Remaining tasks: weed whacking most of the trails; clearing the ditches on Sidewinder down to the NG bridge

Schedule work days – Sandy will announce/lead a work day weekend of 10/22; Jay weekend of 10/29; John – weekend of 11/5; Keith – weekend of 11/12.

Signage – Sandy reported on a proposed trail marking project. Last season, the trail numbering signs were checked, more were installed, etc. We also added the junction numbers, which included a significant map update and installing markers at all 40 trail junction. Now, to further make trail navigation more clear, we could install plastic trail name signs. The Print Shop can make 50 signs with plain white vinyl letters for \$624. Or with reflective letters for \$843. Donations have been solicited, and The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee has responded with a \$300 contribution. Sandy will keep the board informed on donations. To allow sufficient time for the signs to be made and installed, an e-vote will be requested in the upcoming week or 2.

Quotes were requested for the trailhead kiosks. Printing for both the sign and map, for both kiosks, is \$360, or \$450 with UV stabilized ink. Discussion. The verbiage signs are still accurate and are not very faded; will just have the maps printed. Sandy will request a quote for just the maps, with both types of ink.

The maps and signs committee met to determine updates for the 2016-17 maps; change requests will be forwarded to Pete Loubert. Sandy will get quotes for map signs and the trifold and forward to the board, as this project progresses.

Replacement snowmobile purchase – current expense/income reviewed. One grant app for \$1,800 (Portage Health Auxiliary) and one for \$1,500 (FirstMerit Foundation) are still pending. Without these grants, \$2,709 remains, assuming we include funds to reimburse the City for labor to prepare the machine for grooming. Discussion. Motion by Mark to allocate up to

\$13,400 for the snowmobile, including fees and set up, and accept \$3,500 in trade for the used one; second by Keith; no discussion; all in favor. John will follow up with Houghton Powersports and Glenn Anderson.

KNSC Board – Jay reported that Candi mailed a letter to resign from the KNSC board, citing family and work commitments that make her time more limited. She however would like to continue to volunteer for events/activities. Jay will send Candi a letter of thanks for many years of service and exemplary leadership of the Glide N Gorge.

For the sake of future board members, Jay recommends that basic expectations be drawn up and made known to anyone considering serving. This list would make it clear what KNSC needs and expects from its board members, which is helpful as a recruiting tool and ensuring the right people are drawn to serve. The board is asked to come to November's meeting with ideas, so this list can be initiated; revised at subsequent meetings; and be "final" by the GMM in March.

Capital campaign – Discussion lead by Jay, Keith, Sandy. The campaign committee will meet in the next 1-2 weeks, to further clarify exactly what/why the campaign is about, and will present this information to the board. The next step is gaining major donors, then later announcing the campaign formally to the community.

Maasto Bridge Jam – Jay will contact Frann to come to the November meeting to get the tickets to the board to pre-sell, and to give some pointers for selling.

Finlandia's Cross Country program – no report

2016 Teton Gravity Research ski film "Tight Loose" November 10 - Orpheum Theater) – no new report; Jay to follow up

Other:

Plowing contract: same terms as last season, contract for November 1 to March 30 for \$625. If plowing is needed in October or April, \$25/session. Discussion. Motion by John to accept the terms of the contract; second by Wayne; all in favor.

Keweenaw Visitor and Convention Bureau: annual membership is \$200 this year. Reviewed/discussed the benefits. Motion by Jay to renew the membership; second by Mark; all in favor.

Tabled business: none

Next meeting: Monday 11/21/16

Meeting recessed at 8:55

Addendum:

10/20/16, Jay Green, email to the board: "Sandy is concerned with the time it will take the Print Shop to cut and print the 50 or so signs and would like to get them up by New Years for the Milwaukee Ski Club since they are a major donor for them and would be extremely useful to them (if there's snow). They (Mil Ski Club) have committed \$300 and the total bill is around \$640. The Co-op has been asked to contribute \$300 and seemed favorable but Curt had to check with the new marketing person. I suggest we go ahead with this; how do others feel??" As of 10/25/16, 7 of 9 e-mailed support for the project. The Print Shop was notified to proceed.

11/5/16, Sandy Aronson, email to the board: “At the last meeting, we discussed the trail head kiosk signs/maps, and decided to get just the maps re-printed, since the verbiage side still looks ok. For 2 of the kiosk-sized maps, cost will be \$180, or with UV stabilized ink, \$225. I would recommend we go with the UV stabilized maps. I make a motion that we have The Print Shop make the updated kiosk maps using UV stabilized ink for \$225.” Motion to go with the UV stabilized option seconded by Mark; by 11/8/16 7 of 9 responded in favor; motion passes. Sandy will have the maps printed once the updates are made.

11/5/16, Sandy Aronson, email to the board: “The signs committee has figured out what we need to order and put up this fall; I'd appreciate if we can e-vote on this, so they may be ordered, and maybe we'll be able to put them up before too much snow is on the ground. Thus, your prompt reply is appreciated.

I make a motion to order the below signs for upgrading the trail signage:

1. \$36.23 for 25 trail blazers for the snow shoe trails (diamond with a snow shoe) (CCSAA)
2. \$33.60 for 20 each of reflective edge green and blue trail blazers (we paint the trail #'s on those) (Voss signs)
3. \$20.50 for 10 "return to trail head" signs (we write which trail head on those) (CCSAA)
4. \$85 for 25 "no snowmobiles", 12" x 12" (voss signs)
5. \$10 shipping - voss
6. \$20.66 shipping - CCSAA
7. ~\$40 for ~300 torx screws to install signs (including signs from The Print Shop)

TOTAL: \$245.99”

Motion seconded by Mark, by 11/8/16 7 of 9 responded in favor; motion passes. Sandy placed the orders.