

**Minutes of the
KNSC Board of Directors meeting
October 20, 2015
Hancock Chalet**

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Attendance: Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Candi Silvola, Pete Loubert, Wayne Stordahl, Sandy Aronson, Groomer Arlyn Aronson. Absent: Jay Green, Adam Wellstead.

Changes/Additions to Agenda: Wayne will provide a review regarding the Barnelopet. Arlyn would like to add a discussion about the pedestrian bridge.

Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meetings: Motion by Pete, second by Candi, all in favor to approve as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: John provided written and verbal reports. Annual State of MI non-profit corporation report filed. Motion by Wayne to accept the Treasurer's Report as filed, second by Pete, all in favor.

Groomer's report: No new assistant groomer hired yet. Brushing is ongoing; more help is expected from the fraternities. Most of the mowing was completed (by John) before the mower broke down again. Make A Difference Day is Saturday Oct. 24th – will have the volunteers help cut in the “new” trail where the power line construction took out the “old” trail.

Public Comment: none present

Business

MTU Nordic Ski Club student discount (\$25 total/student with \$10 to KNSC, \$10 to Swedetown, and \$5 to Chassell – KNSC got \$150 dollars-15 students- last year) - Swedetown and Chassell have both agreed to this again this year– Jay supports this; KNSC has done this in the past. Motion by Pete to offer the student discount as described, second by John, all in favor.

Calendar – event schedules:

Bridge Jam is set for 12/5/15.

Heikenpaiva parade is in January (no date available yet.)

Moon/fire – Arlyn suggests holding one on December 19th, and depending on turnout decide if the rest should be held. We'll put the event(s) on the calendar.

Luminary set for 12/26/15.

Retro ski set for 2/21/16, Jay is organizing.

Barnelopet set for 2/7/16

GNG – Saturday 2/27/16 (same weekend as the Copper Dog, but GNG has never been done on Saturday before; we'll see if this is better for our participants to do both).

Fraternity volunteers over next few weeks we can get groups of volunteers to help; leaders are needed. John has offered to lead a group on Saturday 10/24 afternoon, or Sunday 10/25. We'll continue to coordinate/plan work days as the season goes.

Barnelopet: Wayne provided a sample of the banner. New medallions this year!

Bridge Jam: Frann has been the “behind the scenes” gal. Event set for 12/5, 2 bands have committed, to be hosted at the Orpheum. More details to follow. The most important thing, is to be sure we and other trail supporters pre-sell tickets.

Rhino and replacement status: covered earlier

Skate skiing: Adam emailed Mark to report that he has “roughed” out a survey and will get a hold of Pete to go over this, and will present a draft survey to the board.

Web site – master: John obtained a referral, and a proposal will be emailed back in reference to our web site updating “wish list”.

Trailhead sign reminder: Sandy and Arlyn will present verbiage next month so the board can decide whether to have these banners printed.

Middle Bridge – status: small amount of dirt work to be done, for the approaches. The railings will be added on next year. The tool trailer will remain in the gorge, as it is helpful to have storage for the Glide N Gorge.

Fund raising committee: Sandy reported that she’ll meet with a grant rep with WUPPDR to see if he can help direct KNSC to seek appropriate grant opportunities. Still waiting to hear on the Shopko grant that Candi applied for this month.

Brushcutters: Will purchase if we are awarded the Shopko grant.

Trail counters: Pete has done research on trail cameras. Approx. \$200 for the camera, but also need a sturdy, secure, metal case to prevent theft. Needs to be mounted 50 – 100 feet from where the trail users would be. John suggested Pete contact Erik Haataja at Aire Care, as he has a lot of experience with game cameras. Arlyn suggested Pete contact Jim Meese at MTU, as they have had a trail cam up for several years. Pete will follow up. Upon more information, Pete will make recommendations for a specific model and case, along with prices, so the board can discuss and decide on implementing using a counter/counters.

Barrier fence construction schedule: Wayne reported that he did contact the DNR. Was informed that a “permanent” fence cannot be installed, but break-off posts to secure the fence would be allowed, but need to contact Donna at the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors bureau, who is in charge of the snowmobile trail system. Plan will be for stakes to be installed where we’d like to put some posts; Donna to be contacted to inspect; Miss Dig to be called to verify location of utilities.

GIS mapping & maps: Adam reported to Mark via email that he has contacted his colleague who can assist with map editing. This will include any trail location changes, adding trail junction numbers, etc. Mark will communicate back with Adam to coordinate. Pete also may be able to assist.

Trail numbering and marking: Wayne has counted 40 major trail junctions. Has the painted number signs. This season, our priority will be getting the junction number signs up, and the maps updated accordingly.

New storage shed: Arlyn reported about current space limitations, and the idea of adding another storage building. The current green shed could be moved towards the parking lot, and a new larger shed put where the current shed sits now. Preliminary approval was obtained by Glenn Anderson and Bill Marlor. Additional storage would allow the implements to be stored indoors in the summer, and a larger building will allow for summer storage of the Defender (Rhino replacement), which is about 6 inches wider and longer than the Rhino. Would need to seek grant funding for this storage building, as the current budget cannot accommodate this expense. Arlyn will work up a design and materials list, to determine an estimated cost.

Pedestrian bridge at the bottom of the Pine Loop: The current foot bridge is too narrow for safe winter crossing. Arlyn contacted Glenn Anderson recently, and the City would be willing to provide the materials for building the supports for a wider pedestrian bridge (4’), with one rail, so skiers and snow shoers may safely cross. The decking would be recycled from the Middle Bridge. However, it remains to be seen if we will have the time and help to complete this project.

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 11/17/15 Meeting recessed at 9:24

Submitted by Sandy Aronson, KNSC secretary