

**Minutes of the
KNSC Board of Directors meeting
November 17, 2015
Hancock Chalet**

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Attendance: Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Wayne Stordahl, Sandy Aronson, Pete Loubert, Adam Wellstead (at 7:40), Arlyn Aronson; absent – Jay Green, Candi Silvola

Changes/Additions to Agenda: pedestrian bridge added under business

Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meetings: Wayne provided one correction. Motion by Wayne, second by Pete, all in favor to accept as amended.

Treasurer's Report: John emailed in advance; provided verbal report. Motion by Pete, second by Wayne, all in favor to accept as filed.

Groomer's report – Trail maintenance update given. Still no assistant groomer.

Public Comments: none present

Business

Bridge Jam – tickets and posters are out. Frann Grossman has been working on all the details. Need to work on pre-sales; stress to buyers that the event is a fundraiser – so please buy a ticket even if not going!

Plowing contract with LR Contracting – Flat rate of \$500/season (\$125/month) – Motion by John, second by Pete, all in favor to accept the terms of the contract.

Keweenaw Trails donation – Motion by John to pay \$200 as KNSC's share of the cost of the update to Keweenaw Trails web page, second by Adam. Discussion. All in favor.

Web Site contract: John had gotten a referral to Nathan Lyle of WebMaestro, who sent a proposal outlining what he can provide, cost, etc. In addition to a complete change to the look and content, we specifically can set up the site for selling memberships, passes, and ticket sales – all of which make this a worthy investment. However, the bid is \$1,140, and is not in the budget. Motion by Adam to accept the proposal, second by Wayne. Discussion. Vote – all in favor to accept. John will contact Nathan to make payment arrangements; he'll provide Sandy's contact info for content.

Trail HUB website – some preliminary research done, does not appear to be a helpful tool for KNSC.

Hay bale barrier fence construction schedule – Will install around Dec. 1st. Arlyn will put a few small shallow stakes in, and Wayne will contact the DNR and Miss Dig for approval, then posts can be installed. John will get the hay bales hopefully on Sunday 11/27.

Luminary Ski set-up crew and organization – John recommends starting set up at 1:00. John will order the candles and sand; bags are available locally. Volunteers will need to be recruited. Publicity will need to occur. Sandy will post on Silent Sport's calendar and the Keweenaw Visitor bureau site. Date set for Saturday Dec. 26th from 6 – 8.

Heikinpaava Parade – Jan. 30 – we'll participate again. The Barnelopet banner will be ready for that. Wayne will find out about how/if we need to register. Arlyn will get the "float" ready.

Wax clinic – Mike Young, local Toko rep, has offered to do wax clinic for the local clubs/trails. All agree that this would be good to have again. Pete will contact Mike to see if he can do on Saturday December

5th at 1:00, or some other Saturday in December. We'll need to advertise this on k-trails, the web page, etc.

KNSC membership list & By-Laws – Mark recommends that the by-laws be made available for the board to review. Wayne has a printed copy; Mark will scan and send to the board for review. Mark also recommends we maintain an email list so members may be contacted regarding meetings and events. John has some membership lists from the multipass database, and an email list of present and past members does exist. John will make the lists available so they may be used for member communications.

GIS mapping & maps – Adam will get back with Pete/the board this week whether his colleague will be able to make the map revisions that we need. If not, Pete will tackle it.

Trail numbering and marking, Trailhead sign reminder – All trail junctions have been marked, just need the new maps. Some new maps holders will be installed. The large trailhead signs will just be modified for now, to put off re-printing them a few seasons. Regarding the trailhead sign reminder, Sandy had proposed having 2 banners made, to post at each trailhead, to encourage users to support the trails; due to the high cost of the banners we'll need to try other means to accomplish that.

Skate skiing – for now, no changes to be made. No updates to sign verbiage etc.

Bridges – status – The Middle Bridge could have used more grading around the approaches but will be usable as is this season. The pedestrian bridge materials are in but will be a project for next summer.

Tank traps on the Pine Loop – Arlyn will speak with Glenn Anderson, to request he speak with the land owner for permission to put up some gates, so they no longer need to dig the large pits to keep trucks out. In the meantime, Arlyn also will see if the DPW can help fill the holes with a pay loader.

Trail counters – Pete checked out what MTU has, cost about \$150 including the metal box which protects it. Use 8 – AA batteries. Suggests getting 1 camera, and rotate its location from one trailhead to the next, to get a sample of trail users for 1-2 weeks at a time. Pete will get more specific information, and we could budget for them next year.

Fund raising committee – Arlyn/Sandy are proceeding with recruiting business sponsors – cost is \$300, which gets the business advertisement on our web page, the trifolds, and the Hancock School wood shop will make signs which will be attached to the 2 trail head kiosks. Goal is for 5 business members this year.

Rhino and replacement status – Defender will arrive to Houghton Power Sports in December.

New storage shed – Arlyn has spoken with Glenn Anderson, staked off where the new, larger shed and old, smaller shed will be; has gotten a preliminary materials estimate – approx. \$6500. Since this is not an item we can budget for at this time, we'll need to seek funding.

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 12/15/15 Meeting recessed at 9:10

Submitted by Sandy Aronson, KNSC secretary