

**Minutes of the
KNSC Board of Directors meeting
August 18, 2015
Hancock Chalet**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Changes/Additions to Agenda: were emailed previously

Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meetings: no changes; motion by John to accept as submitted, second by Candi, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: John provided reports via email; reviewed each. Motion by Pete to accept as submitted and reported, second by Adam, all in favor.

Groomer's report: see below

Public Comments: none present

Business

Sue Collins resignation & new board members: Sue gave notice of resignation from the board; Mark requested input re: recruiting a replacement. General sentiment is, to invite/ask trail supporters who would have an interest, but gaining more board members would not be a high priority.

Middle Bridge – progress & remaining work: Mark provided an update on the project. Decking has been ordered and just came in. Next step is getting the hitch and axle ready to tow the metal spans; still need a full sized 4x4 pick up to tow them. KNSC's blog has been updated continually to document progress.

Rhino replacement: Arlyn reported that an ad has been put on Craig's List with only a couple responses. Original asking price was \$11,000; re-posted and lowered to \$10,500. One person did offer \$10,000; another \$10,500 but with some of the amount as a trade for goods. Motion by John to accept as an offer as low as \$10,000, second by Adam, all in favor. Arlyn will follow through.

Barnelopet: Wayne reported that the banner design was finalized and has been created by The Print Shop. This season's event is Feb. 7th 2016.

Bridge Jam: General sentiment is to hold the event this fall. Mark offered to speak with Jim Hertel, to see if he's willing to lead the event again.

Hancock Recreation Committee meeting, Sept. 8: John is our liaison; additional Board members are encouraged to attend to show support for having the proposed equipment building added to the list of projects to be considered for funding in the next 5 years. Meeting is held in the City Council chambers at 6 PM.

Trail routes for this year: update maps & trailhead signs. St. Urho's will need some modification due to the power line construction project which could continue throughout the winter, but no mapping change will be done as this is unknown. Adam will contact a colleague who is fluent in GIS to see if he would be willing to assist with mapping. Trail junctions should be added to the maps and to the sign posts on the trails, so a locally available person to assist with making those changes is mandatory.

Churning Rapids trails: John recently spoke with one of the landowners to review the trail clearing that will be necessary to keep the corridor open this season. A soft consensus was reached. Brushing will commence very soon.

Mud Lake area trails: Most likely, due to labor and time constraints, only the trail segment on the east side of the lake will be opened for this season.

Trail Maintenance (& washing machine removal): Mark asked for a consensus on prioritizing trail projects for the fall. 1. Re-routes around the power line project as needed for St. Urho's 2. Mud Lake/Sunset/connection to River Trail, aka "Mud Lake Loop" 3. Churning Rapids, Spring Creek Trail 4. CR trail 10, aka east side of "The Tower Loop"

Washing machine – Mark, Adam, Pete will remove this debris; Mark will add it to his stash at home.

Fence on railroad grade: Need a few "permanent" posts to help make setting up the temporary fence easier and more stable. John will discuss with Glenn Anderson as DNR approval and contacting Miss Dig should be done.

Tri-folds brochures at trailheads: Mark has noticed many people hiking this summer who've inquired about maps, membership etc. Requests the map holders get re-stocked. Will do tonight!

Assistant trail worker/groomer: advertised on Craig's List; John will also post on John Dee's web page.

Skate skiing survey: Adam and Pete will design a short survey to determine skier community support/attitudes towards allowing skating this season.

Finlandia Nordic Ski program: Adam will contact the A.D. to see if they may be interested in partnering with KNSC in some way.

Web site: Still looking for a web master. We were not able to shake out a volunteer. Several professionals were also not able to accept.

Grants & funding update: Sandy provided an update regarding recent grants received and applied for. Next up is UPPCO Community Grant (\$1,000) – will request funding for the web page; Shopko (1,000) – for replacement trimmers and shovels.

Trail counters & cameras: For grant writing data knowing how many trail users would be helpful. Adam will look into some info; John check with Glen Archer regarding other options.

Trail maintenance equipment (tractor, brush hog): A tractor/brush hog would be a more viable option for mowing than our current equipment, but cost and storage are major barriers. Other major expenses ongoing include Sisu Bridge and equipment replacement on set schedules. John will follow up with Glenn Anderson regarding the Recreation Committee meeting to make sure the 9/8 meeting is the one Board members need to attend.

Other

Next meeting 9/15/15, 7:00 at the Chalet

Meeting recessed at 9:00

Submitted by Sandy Aronson, KNSC secretary