

**Minutes of the  
KNSC Board of Directors Meeting  
September 26, 2016  
Hancock chalet**

**Call to Order:** 7:07 pm

**Attendance:** Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Sandy Aronson, Cory Howes, Wayne Stordahl, Adam Wellstead; guest Bryan Lagalo. Absent: Keith Meyers, Julie Meyers, Candi Silvola.

**Changes/Additions to Agenda:** none

**Changes/Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** Motion by John to accept as submitted, second by Adam, all approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Written and verbal reports provided by John. Motion by Adam to accept the reports as submitted, second by Jay, all in favor.

**Trail (Groomer's) report – Trail Projects, Maintenance & Storage Shed:** Arlyn provided a written report; help for routine trail prep is requested because of delays with the storage shed project which will resume this week. The east ramp of the east-most meadow bridge has popped up; it needs to be re-secured to the bridge; Mark will take a look.

**Public Comments:** Bryan, who works at MTU and is a student group advisor, explained that he can again assist with coordinating volunteers for fall projects. One of the groups he advises specifically requested to work on a bridge. Since the meadow bridge needs repair and the adjacent trail needs brushing, those would be good projects for a student group. Also, ongoing assist is needed with the storage building. Sandy will email info on project needs to Bryan.

**Business:**

Fall trail work planning: Work bee leaders are needed; fall maintenance work list will be re-emailed out to assist leaders in choosing a job. The west side of the Mud Lake Loop is slated for re-opening; Sandy will request volunteers via k-trails. The Trails Maintenance committee (Arlyn, Jay, Mark) need to meet to prioritize trail correction projects.

Capital campaign: Previously, Sandy provided info via email for the board's review, regarding how to set up and run a capital campaign. General discussion: at the end of the 2015-16 season, a visioning process showed that the overall board vision/mission is to work towards offering top notch trails, including grooming earlier/later in the season; specific equipment is needed to fulfill this mission. Equipment needs were extensively researched over the past year and cost estimates have been provided (document on file, emailed to the board for review). 6 of 7 board members present are in favor of proceeding with the campaign, 1 not in favor. The "soft" phase of the campaign will continue. Jay asks that each board member consider potential donors, and bring them forward at the 10/17 meeting; from this, we'll make a plan for asking the donors.

Sandy will have thank-you/acknowledgement cards made up at The Print Shop and will distribute at the October meeting.

Sandy will work on a newsletter to send out at the start of the season to announce the campaign to the general public, assuming the "soft" phase is successful.

Music Jam: Frann is organizing; email update report sent. Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> is reserved at The Orpheum. Two bands are committed. Frann requests photos be emailed to her, to be passed on for a slide show. Clarification requested re: the event's name – given the upcoming Sisu bridge replacement, all agree on the "Maasto Bridge Jam". Mark will notify Frann; marketing is in the works.

Replacement snowmobile purchase: Our goal is to purchase a 2016 SkiDoo Skandic SWT 900 by no later than 11/1/16. Still awaiting the trade in value amount from Houghton Powersports. To date, \$3250 in grant funds have been secured; Jay is working on a grant to be turned in by 9/30/16 to PH Auxiliary to cover the remaining \$1,830, which includes installation costs. Project budget is on file for review.

Signage: The large trail head signs at the kiosks are very faded; Sandy will ask The Print Shop if there is a longer lasting option, or a less expensive option for yearly re-printing. Wayne will check the signs on the trails, to see what needs to be replaced. Sandy will check at The Print Shop about signs to post trail names at intersections. Sandy will contact Pete regarding making updates to the map document, in anticipation of the west Mud Lake trail re-opening.

Sisu bridge: Mark met with Glenn Anderson; the City will split the costs as of the budget year starting 6/2017. Mark and Jay will contact the fabricator for the trusses and will meet with Bill Marlor to get the permit. The budget will be developed when more costs are known. Sandy will start the grant writing process once there is a budget document. This project is also part of the capital campaign.

Publicity and collaboration with Keweenaw Trails Alliance: Mark sent numerous e-mails to set up a collaboration meeting with the local trails organizations. Dean Woodbeck from k-trails and Lois Sedar from MTU responded. Jay will call up Cynthia McDonald and Lori Hauswirth to discuss. The 4 main trail systems all need to cooperate to make this worthwhile, and for marketing to be affordable for all.

Finlandia's Cross Country program: Adam emailed the coach, Arnie, on 9/23/16; will provide updates.

2016 Teton Gravity Research ski film "Tight Loose" November 10 - Orpheum Theater): no action taken yet. Jay will reply back to the film promoter to let them know he'll advertise this via KNSC's email list. On a related note, Jay would like if we could find, promote, show a XC related movie; will ask the "tight loose" guy for leads on a XC related film.

Bryan explains that there could be an opportunity to show a film at MTU. The film board is looking to do more community oriented programs. Suggests offer the film for free; can sell/request donations during.

Updates bylaws: John and Mark reviewed the filing requirements and found that our ByLaw changes do not meet the criteria needed to file the changes with the IRS or the Sate of MI. Jay will review this determination.

**Tabled business:** none

**Next meeting 10/17/16, 7:00, Hancock Chalet**

**Meeting recessed at 8:50**

*Submitted by Sandy Aronson, KSNK secretary*