

Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club Board Meeting  
January 15, 2019

The meeting was convened by Jay Green at 7:04 p.m.

Attendance: Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Susan Stiffler, Wayne Stordahl, Jason Martin, Mark Kline, and Keith Meyers. Groomers John and Colin Pekkala were also in attendance.

**Agenda:** Jay added the Grizzly and the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mark Kline added emergency response.

**Minutes:** Need to change last month's minutes on the Treasurer's Report to reflect that the report was accepted and not approved. Mark Roberts moved approval with this change and Keith Meyers seconded. There was unanimous approval.

**Groomers:** Colin noted that the trails were looking good, there were no bad areas and the trails were leveling out. Posts are needed for the Meadow Trail and he will get them from Swifts. Susan noted the need for a sign. Colin said he needs a map for a temporary intersection. Wayne asked if there are any diamonds available. Wayne offered to paint them if Colin could find any. John confirmed that this would be helpful. Wayne and Colin agreed they would be green. Jay said that for the map the outback intersections should be numbered. The short cut from the Vista Trail to Mud Lake was discussed. John Pekkala said they could drag it. Keith discussed how he had placed the map on his Pinterest Winter in the Keweenaw board, and it had been viewed over 6,100 times. John Diebel talked about his discussion with snow biker who was up from Rochester, Michigan. There was discussion about the snowmobile at M & M, the mechanic for the Hancock Fire Department unit, John Pekkala had called the Chief and Glen had said to send it there to get it running. It was discussed as a potential rescue vehicle. We will come back to this under emergency response. There was discussion about the need for patrolling around the powerlines related to snowmobilers. John Diebel noted that he had discussed the problem of snowmobiles crossing the trail with a snowmobile enforcement officer. Colin noted it had happened 3 days in a row at the powerlines and at Mud Lake. John Diebel and John Pekkala noted that there have been no issues with snowmobilers at Tomasi Road.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$48,000 in the bank in checking and in savings. Annual pass sales are down 15% this year, but explainable given the weather. Pipes seem to be making up for it. Passes are continuing to sell, but need an update from Michigan Tech. \$4,500 still available for fall trail work. John Diebel contacted the city about settling up. Operations continue to be less than the last few years. John noted a couple good donations, including \$500 from Terry and Sue Ellen. We made some money on the luminary ski with over 300 participating and donations came over Pay Pal. We were \$152 in the black. On the Milwaukee skiers, \$264 was made on food and \$125 on day passes for a total of \$389. Jay brought up the expenses in the print shop and noted that the discount should show as a donation on the books. Jay noted that one of the rollers had expensed out (fully depreciated). Also discussed that the smaller shed should be depreciated. There was discussion about grants receivable of \$1,900. John Diebel noted that this was an error and should go away. Under projection uses, it was agreed that the \$4,500 for fall trail prep was last fall. Mark Roberts noted the need to change the report date to 2019 at the top. Susan noted the \$75 for the boot sale and that she still had a men's pair. Mark Roberts moved acceptance of the report. Jay seconded the acceptance. This was approved unanimously.

**Candle Luminary Ski:** Mark Roberts has looked at LEDs for future testing. The propane torches worked out well. \$55 was the cost of candles. LEDs should break even cost-wise after 5 years.

**Milwaukee Ski Club:** Thanks to Jeanne and Eileen on the food! It ended up being a good ski. Even though the snow was bad early, it improved throughout the day.

**Bikers:** No report

**Board Members:** Jay contacted Shawn by email. She declined due to other commitments but thanked us for all we do.

**Webmaster:** KNSC.org as alternate web address...Susan will email Dean about it. John Diebel suggested emailing Nathan Miller. Jay brought up the concern Keith had raised with him about the absence of information about the daily fee. Susan will add it to the page.

**Charge Accounts:** Jay needs to go in to add Jay, John Diebel, John Pekkala and Colin Pekkala (Risto's and McGann's)

**Budget:** Fine money-wise.

**Gorge:** The Hancock Recreation meeting was cancelled. Jay will try to meet with Barry. They are still waiting on FEMA's West Virginia office.

**Chalet:** The police are closing it according to John Diebel, but not sure who is opening it. Jay told Bill Marlor to work it out.

**Newsletter/Landowner Letters:** The timing of the newsletter is dependent on FEMA's determination. The landowner letters are out.

**Heikinpaiva Parade:** Colin will run a machine. Need banners. Mark Kline will send something out to the bikers. Meet up at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019. John Diebel indicated the banners are here the chalet. A pole needs to be determined.

**Retro Ski:** January 27 – Tomasi to creek crossing, down gorge, possibly anaerobic gulch, short Mud Lake loop, Sunset, Ruby Marsh and Long Bridge.

**Grizzly:** Still have it. It is on Craig's List. John Diebel received an email from an organization in Pennsylvania. It was \$7,000 originally, \$6,500 now. Jay suggested \$5,500. John Diebel noted it is working fine. It has a rebuilt engine with a new axle. Colin indicated that power in winter is a problem, but it is okay for mowing. Colin suggested \$5,000. Jay indicated if there was no response, we should keep it. It is a 2011 model with 12,000 miles. Agreed to list it for \$5,000.

**Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau:** Keith got the Retro Ski listed. The calendar on the KCVB site seems effective for Googling purposes. Glide N Gorge – need to establish price and print tickets. John noted that everything Sandy had on the thumb drive is now on Drop Box. Agreed on \$20 ticket price and \$25 the date of the event.

**Adam Wellstead Concern:** over snowmobile incursions and coyote traps near the quarry. Jay will advise of the County Sherriff's Office enforcement.

**Emergency Response:** Gave copies of maps to law enforcement and 911 in Negaunee in past. Agreed John and Colin Pekkala would be able to respond to help law enforcement and have them ride in with them.

[KNSC@bootjack.com](mailto:KNSC@bootjack.com): is now gone. Just use Keweenaw Trails.

**Ski Classes:** Wayne noted that ski classes started on schedule. Five days with 250 in classes. Grades 4-5 out 2x per week with 350. Loop gets worn out. 4x out by end of January with 12 volunteers helping with at least two per class. It is working well. The Barnelopet is on February 10 with 20 volunteers needed. It will be noon to 3 p.m. and is supported with a \$500 grant from the Portage Health Auxiliary. The medals are ordered. \$1,400 from Hancock for Barkley Elementary. John Diebel asked about advertising in the Gazette.

**Next Meeting:** February 19 (subsequently changed to February 12)

**Final items:** John Diebel noted that he had put signs and there is one spare since Tomasi did not need replacing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.