

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Green at 7:05 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Wayne Stordahl, Jason Martin, and Susan Stiffler. Absent were Keith Meyers and Mark Klein.

Others in attendance: John Pekkala, Colin Pekkala, and Jeannie Diebel.

Changes to the agenda: Barkel Elementary ski, Luminaries

Approval of Minutes: With respect to the minutes of the January meeting, Jay corrected the wording concerning: 1) LED luminaries should break even cost wise after 5 years and 2) that John D. had discussed the problem of snowmobiles crossing the trail with a snowmobile enforcement officer. Due to the fact that only Jay and Mark R. have seen the minutes of the January meeting, further discussion will be postponed.

Treasurer's report: John D. gave the Treasurer's report noting that pass sales were ahead of last year. John D. has not yet received a bill from the City for the fall brushing labor expenses despite reminding the City twice about this. There were no further questions about the Treasurer's report. It was moved by Jay and seconded by Jason to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Groomer & Trail Report: Colin reports that all trails are in good condition with the abundant snow we've had lately. Grooming is being done frequently and several compliments were noted about the quality of the trails. There were some belt issues with the side-by-side, but Colin has installed a new, higher quality belt and the machine is now running well. Mark R. has been asked several times about the grooming schedule, and Colin reports that it is on an as needed basis, depending on the amounts of snow and wind. Generally, trail grooming is completed by late morning. The bike trails are also being groomed regularly and are in good condition.

Glide and Gorge: The Glide and Gorge will be Saturday, March 2, 2019. Most of this board meeting was devoted to making plans and assigning tasks and duties. The route will start at the Chalet, proceed up the City side trails to the appetizer station to be located behind the Church, then proceed down Pine loop or Tomasi road to the foot bridge in the Gorge where the soup station will be. Skiers can then return to the desserts in the Chalet on the City side trails.

Flyers: Susan will prepare 8 ½ x 11 color flyers (posters) using previous versions as templates, but simplifying somewhat. About 50 copies will be made and we discussed where to post these.

Sponsors: We assigned individuals to contact and follow up with the various sponsors who have contributed and donated in the past.

Child designation: We decided someone 14 years old or younger who accompanies a ticket purchaser can participate for free.

Publicity: Keith will promote the event on various social media including Keweenaw Trails. There is ongoing discussion with Steve Jurmu to use his advertising services. John D. will provide articles and arrange advertisements up to \$100 with the Daily Mining Gazette, work with radio & TV advertisements, and promote this through all the local schools list servers. Jay will have a notice placed on Dave's BP sign for \$25.

Food stations: Keith will organize the appetizer station, Jay will handle the soup station and Jeannie the deserts at the Chalet. Mark R. will help Colin deliver the tables to the stations on Friday afternoon/evening.

Plowing: Jay will talk with Bill Marlor about having the Chalet parking lot cleared for parking, and Jason & Craig Kurtz can do minor plowing on Saturday morning if needed by 9:30am.

We will try to find the direction signs to place along the trail, or make new ones.

Music: John D. is arranging.

Firewood: We will see what we have and buy more if needed.

Appointing Another Board Member: We are still asking around to see if anyone is willing to join the Board. Mark R. has asked a couple of people but no one has accepted the invitation. We will keep searching for someone.

Web Mistress/Master: Susan & John D. will correct the daily fee on the web site. KNSC needs to be unparked from GoDaddy and Jay may need to help with this. Connie Julien commented that a link to the groomer's report needs to be provided.

Connie also reported that the KNSC monograms are again available from Superior Monogramming in Ripley. We should advertise this availability.

Charge Accounts at various retailers: Jay has contacted Risto's, McGann's, and Advanced Auto in Hancock to reset the KNSC charge accounts. John & Colin Pekkala, Mark R., Jay, and John D. are authorized to use these charge accounts. Accounts at Fastenall and Swifts need to be reset. An account American Welding Gas in South Range has been opened for Colin's use and he has obtained the welding supplies he needs from them.

Budget: Discussion postponed.

Gorge Recovery Funding: No news.

Trail Counters: No progress.

Parade: A number of Board members and club members participated and it went well. We could use KNSC logos on the sides of the Defender for better publicity.

Retro Ski: 6 people started and 4 completed, the other two had to leave early due to other commitments. We skied for 4 ½ hours including inspecting the washed out portions of the Gorge, across Mud Lake, up the old Yooper Looper trail and across Ruby Marsh. It was between 5 and 10 degrees below zero and the snow was knee deep or greater.

Barnelopet: Wayne reported that 62 kids participated in the event, expenses are estimated at \$450 and the grant from the Portage Health Auxiliary was \$500 and there was a \$5 donation.

Barkel Elementary ski program: The kids ski program continues and most students have skied at least a couple of times. This will continue for another week.

TV6: Jay & John D. were interviewed for the Discovery series by TV 6.

Luminary Lanterns: Mark R. has been experimenting at making some LED luminaries and demonstrated one made from a 50 cent battery holder using 2 AA batteries, a Christmas light LED, a board and dowel. The Board thought it was as bright as a candle. Wayne moved and Jason seconded a motion to proceed with purchasing the supplies and making 200 of these. The motion carries and Mark R. will proceed with this.

Annual meeting: Our annual meeting will be in April and we need to decide what sort of an event to do. Jay mentioned that he will retire as president but remain on the Board.

Newsletter: We decided to wait until we hear about FEMA flood damage recovery funding before preparing the Newsletter, which will be a Spring issue rather than the normal winter Newsletter.

Grants: The Community Foundation of the UP has grants available, due April 1 and Oct. 1. These are listed as UP Sustainability and Wildlife grants but we have had success in obtaining funding through this in the past and need to think of a project to request funding for.

Trail Work: We discussed some of the issues to resolve to begin doing the actual New River Trail improvements next spring.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Chalet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm