

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club  
Board Meeting  
March 19, 2019**

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

Jay Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Jay added the newsletter and approval of the January and February minutes to the agenda.

It was noted that we need to add the changes to the January minutes. Mark Roberts sent the February minutes to everyone.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Diebel – The Glide N Gorge came to \$2,296.72. The City of Hancock has not billed us for fall brushing. John indicated that he has prodded, but there has been no action. Jay noted that he had met with them today but didn't bring it up. John noted that there is a prospect to sell the Grizzly's tracks. Someone is coming from Minnesota. A motion was made by Mark Roberts and seconded by Jason Martin to drop the price on the Grizzly to \$3,500. The motion passed unanimously.

**Groomers' Report** – Colin and John noted that they are not going out if it is above freezing. Tilling is about the only option unless we get some fresh snow, maybe with 3 to 4 inches. John noted that if we get snow they will be out there. John Diebel noted there was good crust in Churning Rapids today.

**Public Comment** – None

**Summer Work** – Jay noted that Colin is trying to figure out what he is going to do and asked about what the city could do. The \$10,000 surplus and specifically the \$9,000 with the grant and the match. Could we do this through a city hire? It was noted there could be a lot more value with Colin doing the work. Colin noted that by July the crunch is over with Abe's. We should seek a grant modification by having a city employee do the work. The question was posed about whether the board was okay with part of the surplus going toward this. Wayne noted that getting early grooming of trails in place is a priority. Jay will discuss the wage issue with the city. The fiscal year ends on May 31 and the council needs to adopt a new budget. John Pekkala will get numbers to Barry. Where will equipment staging take place? Cold storage? John will get estimate from Kyle Oja on the cost to partition. Barry is okay with getting an estimate. It would be heated. Need to get a number in front of the council. The trolley barn is rented from Superior Sand and Gravel (or whoever buys it). Also checking on the availability of the Arena. Jay reiterated discussing the wage issue. John Pekkala noted the city may kick in towards Colin's wages. Jay indicated a presentation will likely be made. John Diebel noted that Marlor is on the Recreation Committee and feels there may be an opportunity to get some funding. Need to be sure to emphasize Colin's technical skills. The improved relationship with the bus garage staff was also noted. Jay asked where the money to address cold storage would come from and asked

the board if they were okay about his approaching the city about the money. The board agreed. John Pekkala will put everything that fits in the shed. Wheeled items will go in cold storage at Pekkala's as a third option. He will also give Bill Marlor a heads up about Kyle Oja coming out ahead of time. John Diebel noted to put the wheels on the Kodiak so he will be able to mow. John Pekkala indicated they will put wheels on everything. John Diebel offered to help. Wayne asked if Colin had a copy of the statement of work from the grant as it is available. John Pekkala thought he had it. John Pekkala asked if we were still looking for board members as Ruth Archer is interested.

**Glide N Gorge** – Jay discussed the debriefing. John Diebel sent about 18 or 19 thank you notes and a letter to the editor. Mark Roberts said he heard from someone who appreciated it. John Diebel said soup cups were estimated at 135 to 140 and that it was tight at the end. There was plenty of meat and cheese left. Desserts worked out.

**Chain Drive** – Presentation given at the Recreation Committee. The city will indemnify. Jay sent landowner contact information. Wayne asked about mowing. John Diebel said yes on doing it. Scheduled for Father's Day weekend.

**Website** – Jay provided information to Susan. The button on the site for the daily pass is now obvious.

**Charge Accounts** – No change. Still need to get with Swifts and Fastenal.

**Budget** – Jay – modified off the old budget. Revenue – passes and business sponsors up; fund raising down. Added an emergency contingency fund. Will add \$1,000 per year until it reaches \$6,000. \$26,500/year in annual revenue/expenses. Only \$200/\$300 short on daily passes. Got \$9,000 last year on reconciliation. Need at least \$8,000 to break even. Downwind being closed may have hurt pass sales. The Meyers bridge donations are still on reserve. Funding may not be an issue with FEMA.

**FEMA** – decision is still tied up in West Virginia

**Barnelopt** – Wayne – used up bibs, so will need to buy 30 more, \$60 to \$70 – more medals needed. \$550 budget...prepare again for next year's event (Portage Health Auxiliary). Wayne moved that we authorize him to submit a proposal. Mark Roberts seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Barkell Elementary** – Wayne shared the thank you from the 4<sup>th</sup> graders

**Easter Egg Hunt** – This has occurred at Mont Ripley in past years. Jay discussed with Barry and the city will cover with insurance. Susan is checking with Finlandia about putting it on. Jay noted we should talk with Mattila at Superior Sand & Gravel. Susan indicated she will get with Cindy. St. Urho's Loop was agreed on as the best location. Jay asked Susan to work out the details. Susan noted 300 would show up at Mont Ripley.

**Grants** – Community Foundation of U.P. in Escanaba and U.P. Sustainability Forestry and Wildlife Fund were discussed, but nothing resolved. Wayne brought up the Canal Run beneficiary opportunity as a potential source to help pay for mowing, operator and fuel.

**Annual Meeting** – will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chalet. It will be a pot luck. Notice to be sent out as an announcement on the list-serve. Susan will handle this. Baby E's BBQ and everyone bring side dishes.

**Board Members** – We can have up to 11 under the By Laws. Jay is recommending 9 for quorum purposes. Jay moved 9 members for the annual meeting. Wayne seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval. Ruth Archer was discussed as a potential board member. Jay volunteered to talk with her and pointed out that she is a good organization person and that she does LEAN for MTU. Mark Roberts reviewed the board requirements and guidelines. There also was discussion of the importance of youth and gender diversity.

**Newsletter** –

**Other** – John Diebel brought up the question of when to pull the portalettes. It was decided to do so after the coming weekend.

**Minutes** – January/February – John Diebel pointed out spelling errors to Mark. Susan moved approval and Jason seconded. There was unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.