

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club  
Board Meeting  
August 17, 2021**

**Attendance:** Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Wayne Stordahl, Jason Martin, Mark Klein, Crissy Gerhart, Nate Laakonen, and Keith Meyers. Guest: Dean Woodbeck

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Agenda:** Jay noted that we will be working off last month's agenda.

**Minutes:** At the end of the last paragraph, Jay indicated that it should read "poster", not "booklet". Mark Roberts provided his changes to Keith via email. Mark Roberts moved approval of the minutes as amended. John provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Groomers Report:** None were in attendance. John noted that he and Wolf Meingast had finished the summer mowing.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$97,889 in the bank and there has not been much activity since the last report. \$179 in Chain Drive expenses with Superior Graphics. \$109 in summer mowing fuel and parts. One \$60 membership. Jason moved that we accept the Treasurer's report. Mark Roberts provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Meeting with Lori Hauswirth from the Noquemanon Trail Network:** They carry board insurance and general liability. They discussed the issue with the Copper Harbor coverage. Their insurance provider will not provide \$5 million, so they are still looking for coverage. Noquemanon pays \$17 to \$18K per year to cover 70 miles of trails. This coverage includes buildings, equipment, and a lot of other things. We will need to deal with this with the City of Hancock before we become a 4-season club. We have no big jumps at Churning Rapids and Maasto Hiihto with none to the extent of the structures at Copper Harbor. MTU is self-insured.

**FEMA:** John reported that there are no recent updates. The ball is in Paul Tomasi's court. Paul is to write something up, but he hasn't done that yet. Jay was hoping that OHM was at 50% at which point we would be having a meeting. The Middle Bridge will become the new Sisu Bridge.

**Vision:** Has not met.

**Website:** No report.

**4-Season Club:** Insurance will need to be squared away.

**Dogs/Foot Traffic/Signage:** Dean Woodbeck noted that he retired in May and built a new trail from Spring Creek to Thoroughfare. The old summer signage was insufficient. He talked to Nate who has talked to Marc Norton at Copper Island Printing in Calumet. Dean is willing to spearhead a re-do of summer signage, noting the trails in Marquette and Cable. Users need to talk about what makes the most sense. Dave Bach is willing to help and do it over the winter. 4' on 4" x 4" at each intersection with a map and additional direction (numbered intersections). 75 intersections for mountain bike trails. \$5,200 cost estimate. Will look at the Portage Health Foundation as a potential funder and Dean would be willing to pursue this. John noted finding a lot of lost people out there. Keith discussed the GPSing of the Chassell Trails and the maps developed by Copper Island Printing for that trail system. John brought up Strava. Crissy discussed Trail Forks and Strava noting that Trail Forks shows you where you are on the trails. The biggest comment she hears from people she is talking to is that they would like to see more signage. Jay talked about making the signage compatible but having both a winter and summer map. Jay discussed getting with Marc Norton at Copper Island Printing and noted Keith's input on what he did for Chassell. Wayne sought clarification on if it was for both summer and winter. Dean said just summer. There was discussion about what type of map to go with. A topo would require merging four quads and it would be \$800 to \$1,200 for the base map and \$120 each. Colorplast would be \$160 each. Aluminum composite would be \$220. \$100/\$140 for 2 x 4 mounted. \$1,000 to \$1,500 for map with trails. \$2,000 to get a good map. Keith noted how Chassell went with the satellite view. Dean noted muting the background so the trails stand out. It was agreed to go with this approach which is like Swedetown (bike/hike). Dean brought up Marc Norton's ability to change GPS to Adobe Illustrator. Jay said we should authorize up to \$1,500 for the base map. Jay asked Dean about trail designations. He said keep the names but come up with intersection numbers that do not conflict, noting that there are no intersection numbers at Swedetown. We can come back with a more solid proposal and mark that up. Dean recommended identifying mountain bike routes without rocks and roots, noting the color diamonds utilized by MTU. Maybe this could be phase 2. Jay came back to his \$1,500 base map proposal and asked Dean to get with Marc Norton at Copper Island Printing. Keith moved that we approve the \$1,500. Mark Roberts provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Kiosk:** Nothing new according to Wayne.

**Summer Work:** John noted that Blue Lake has been out at Hodges, but he has not heard back. Jay noted that he had emailed Kevin Sommers but has not received a response. John discussed the Hancock HS cross country team. They need some volunteer tractor work. John will get with Ryan. Mark Roberts indicated that he could bring his tractor and that Ken Rubin could probably bring his and have someone run the John Deere. Crissy expressed concern about area where 4 wheelers have done damage to the trail. Keith suggested seeking DNR enforcement. John will get with John Pekkala about his availability. Wayne discussed bringing a drag box. Mark Roberts note he has his box blade on and can do the work as opposed to taking the backhoe off the tractor. We can use one and then then other.

**Real Estate:** Nothing new to report other than we did get the property tax exemption.

**Budget:** No report. We will look at this at the beginning of the season.

**Next Meeting:** Jay will not be available until October 6. September 21<sup>st</sup> will be the next third Tuesday as a placeholder. Mark Roberts and Jason both indicated that they will not be here at that time. John will be in charge.

Jay noted that trailhead signs will need to be changed to reflect membership. We need to look at specifics of what we are going to say. \$5 will be a shift to donations at the pipe (suggested donation)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.