

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club  
Board Meeting  
November 16, 2021**

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

Jay convened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**Agenda:** Wayne added the snowplow contract. Mark Klein added the December 4 Fat Bike Fund Raiser and Mini-Excavator.

**Minutes:** Keith noted receiving a correction from Mark Roberts. John indicated under groomer to specify “cut a diversion channel to the new culvert.” Under Treasurer’s Report, John indicated to add “annual” before “report.” There was discussion about the “bootleg” entry from the DNR trail. Wayne asked where and John explained its location. Wayne moved acceptance of the minutes with the changes discussed. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Groomer:** Jay contacted Kevin Sommers. Kevin has not secured a residence. Jay has reached out to Swedetown and MTU. John noted that Wolf Meingast is interested and excited. Colin will get with Wolf and get him oriented. John noted that all the weed whacking is done. A re-route has been cut on St. Urho to avoid congestion with the dog park. Colin has the tracks on the Kodiak. We still need to get the Defender ready and assuming Dave Mattila still has in storage. We may be able to keep the tractor in cold storage. It is currently in the bus garage. Mark Roberts asked about the hay bale fence. This will be done after December 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion about Risto’s storage as a potential option. John Pekkala will be getting with the Hancock DPW.

**Treasurer’s Report:** \$92,283 balance between checking and savings. Since the last report, we have an invoice on fall work, \$800 for the labor. The kiosk time is to be billed. Paid McGann’s about \$2,500 for materials on the kiosk that we will get back. There was discussion about constructing a map case for the kiosk, but this needs to be determined. The Intermediate School District is open to doing it if we have a plan. There is \$46,000 in the building fund. Jay expressed the need for a heated building. Mark Roberts moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report. Jason seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Candle Luminary:** Will take place on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Need to decide what we will be doing. Hot chocolate? Cookies? Keith noted that the Chassell Old-Fashioned Christmas tree lighting is going to be doing hot chocolate. It was decided that we should do it subject to cancellation. John indicated that Jeanie is willing to coordinate with set up for this between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. John will order the bags. We will need to light them and drag them out on the trail. We should allocate two hours starting at 3:00 p.m. Sleds: Jay has two. Mark Roberts has one. John noted

that there are two in the shed. Keith, Mark Roberts, and Wayne volunteered to place the luminaries on the trail. Nate shared the draft posters from Chris. The board determined to go with the one with the snow falling as well as what to include on it about the event. Touched on the change to the St. Urho Trail to avoid congestion by the dog park.

**FEMA:** Jay went to OHM today, but they were out. John indicated that he had run into Alice Roache and Erica Malone out on the trails. The reconsideration of the reroute went in on October 1. FEMA has asked for more information, so OHM is optimistic about approval. The bid package is expected to be completed by late January. There is a new FEMA project manager assigned to the project. John will call Alice Roache and ask for a meeting before they finalize to assure we are on the same page.

**Vision:** No report.

**Website:** Jay got with Susan about taking out passes and going with membership. Jay will be doing a call with Susan.

**4-Seasons:** Nate met last week to discuss Dean Woodbeck and Mark Klein about how to move this along. John mentioned that something will need to go to the IRS. Jay noted that Cynthia McDonald handled the transition for Swedetown. Nate noted that he talked to Cynthia last year. Dean has some knowledge given his past non-profit work. John mentioned that he had talked to a local CPA (Jonathon) who does not think it will be a big deal. Nate brought up following up with Mary. There was discussion about how we want to work with landowners and the Michigan Land Use statute as well as working on reincorporation. Summer use is covered now. We need a list of landowners with biking and no skiing. Keith will email the plat map to Nate. Nate will get names and addresses. Keith brought up connecting Nate and Mark Klein with T.J. Palosaari who recently came to Chassell who was involved with biking in the Columbus, Ohio area.

**Signage:** Jay has been exchanging draft trailhead signs with Dean Woodbeck as they are working on a final draft.

**Kiosk:** Wayne noted that put the old trail map in the kiosk. There is room for snow bike, snowshoe, and general rules available. Jay indicated to make sure we are showing the gorge as closed. We need a corkboard in the case and a lockable latch.

**Fall Work:** All set

**Closed Session:** In at 8:14 p.m. and out at 8:16 p.m.

**Budget:** Jay noted it will be what it was. We will increase business sponsors some and increase the reserve list. We will discuss at the January meeting.

**Chalet:** Discussed wall posters and the need to address this ahead of the Luminary Ski. Maybe do this at the December meeting. Need to determine how to attach them (corkboard?).

**Sponsors:** Jason: yes on Martin Collision and Keweenaw Automotive. Still working with Cross Country Sports and Northland Veterinary. Discussed a point of contact on the latter. Jay: yes on College Vision and has dropped off information with Copper Country Dentistry and Erickson Feed. Emailing Finlandia University. Not pursuing Swift's Hardware. Yes on the Shipping Shop. Left information with the business manager at OHM and with Gino's as well. Embody is a maybe. John: still need to talk to Down Wind, Edward Jones, and Hancock Bike Shop. Yes from Tervo Agency and the combined 5<sup>th</sup> & Elm/Orpheum/Studio Pizza. Keith: yes on Wickley and Roger Helman in process. Mark Klein: Yes on Thermo Analytics and Co-op. Nate: yes on X-matic and Studio 13.

**Snow Plowing Contract:** Wayne noted that Jack Fenton will do it for the same amount this year. Wayne moved that Jack Fenton plow at the same rate with a negotiated fuel adjustment at the end of the season. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. All voted yes on the motion except for Wayne who abstained.

**Fat Bike Ride:** Mark Klein provided an overview of this event on December 4 in recognition of Global Fat Bike Day which will be in poker run format. There will be prizes from donations. It will be a big loop through the trail system with five stops. It will be on the Churning Rapids Snow Bike page. Discussed pushing it out on social media.

**Mini-Excavator:** Mary Babcock is willing to have the city own it. Nathan Miller will dig up the ownership paperwork and pass it on. The frame is broken where the boom attaches, but it is being repaired.

**Glide-N-Gorge:** Chris at Studio 13 will do a poster as part of his sponsorship.

**Next Meeting:** December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Klein noted that he has the paperwork for the transfer of the snowmobile to the City and will bring it in.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.