

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club
Board Meeting
March 15, 2022**

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

Jay convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda: No changes

Minutes: John submitted a couple of changes to Keith via email clarifying the “bucket” as the “backhoe bucket” and provided the name of the third sponsorship we were waiting on as Snap Fitness. Jay clarified under WUPPDR that the trail discussed was from Ripley to Lake Linden. Mark Roberts moved that minutes be approved as amended. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Groomers Report: None were present.

Treasurer’s Report: John noted that PayPal and Downwind pass sales are \$2,000 behind last year, but this may work out during reconciliation as MTU is reporting good pass sales. Daily sales are about the same as last year. On net worth, there is more than \$120,000 in cash/savings accounts. Recent expenses have included the Print Shop for the Barnelopet and Glide-N-Gorge. We are also all paid up with plowing. John noted an \$875 donation from Holly Hutsman (Northern Health Specialties). Sponsorships are in from Finlandia, but not from Snap Fitness and Rhythm. If passes come in as expected, \$6,000 to \$7,000 will go to the building fund at the end of the season. With the grant, there was a \$72 cost to the Barnelopet. Mark Roberts moved the acceptance of the treasurer’s report. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FEMA: John noted that there was nothing new since Michael Markham’s email. The plan has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and they expect this part of the process to take three to four weeks. Permit applications have been submitted to EGLE. They are trying to schedule work to get project packages out for bid. OHM will review these with us first. They expect these to go out for bid in late April or early May. Wayne asked if we have been invited to look at the plans. John stated that a meeting will be scheduled. Jay noted that he assumes this will be the 90% review.

Vision: No report

4-Seasons Club: Nate reported that there was nothing on his side. Nate and Dean will put together a checklist to have things for the membership meeting. The 10-day notice requirement was discussed.

Real Estate: The 80 acres has sold on Mud Lake to Eric and Patricia Carlson. This is a positive development as they are skiers and bikers who worked with a biking program in Marquette.

Groomers: The end of season \$3,500 bonus was discussed. We will have them decide how to split it up. We could do it proportional to hours. Mark Roberts commented on the great job they have done.

Budget: Financially, we are doing well.

Sponsors: John covered earlier in his report.

By-Law Changes: There was discussion of the 20-day notice requirement for by-law changes.

Barnelopet: Wayne reported that we have used all the medals and bibs and that we will need to order twice as much as this year. We need a new budget and will need to secure a grant (\$900 to \$1,000) for free participation. We received funding from the Portage Health Auxiliary, but since they do not award to the same recipients again, we should find another funder. Jay recommended ordering in a quantity covering one hundred and that we make that order by the end of December. We will look at this again in September.

Barkell: Wayne reported that three classes have not been out at all yet. John indicated that Deb Mann had been at Barkell talking to Karen and said classes had been cancelled. Wayne indicated that we have people lined up.

Retro Ski: eight people participated until 4:00. John and Jay were there until 6:00. Jay reviewed the path that the ski followed.

Portage Health Foundation Grant: Dean indicated that the grant proposal has been submitted. Jay discussed the 990 and solicitation license, noting that we do not have the latter. We received a letter of support and \$1,000 from the Keweenaw Land Trust. The total project is \$30,000 and we asked for \$17,000. The project includes a donation of tractor time. Awards will occur in April. On the trail work, we would hire Colin and John Pekkala and Wolf Meingast. The sign portion would be all volunteer.

Glide-N-Gorge: Cancelled due to the weather. John noted that the expenses were minimal. The Co-op was willing to donate one meat and cheese tray. Comments were that this was a good call. Crackers went to the food bank. John noted that he had put up thirteen directional signs and that there are still some signs on the Pine Loop.

Annual Meeting: Wayne suggested May 10th. Jay was good with it. Crissy suggested Studio Pizza as the venue. Social at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. John will provide a summary and then we will open for elections. Crissy will follow up on the location. Jay and

Dean discussed the notice requirement. John will handle the 20-day notice. Officers will be nominated at the meeting before (tonight) or at the annual meeting. Jay nominated all the board members but Jason. John seconded the nomination. John brought up the possibility of a nominating committee to investigate additional members. Jay does not feel we need a committee, but if we know people, particularly as we go to a 4-season club. Crissy recommended more women. John noted the need to look for someone with a financial background. John Farquhar was discussed as a possibility. If not, does he know someone. We discussed the possibility of a professional filing of the taxes. Jonathon Luse was brought up. John will talk with him.

There will be no April meeting.

Casey Huckins discussed altering the flow of the High Point Trail and that he is working with Mark Klein on this. Jay mentioned indemnification of landowners. Dean wants to talk with Mark Klein about the signs.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Special Board Meeting – March 29, 2022 – Attendance: Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Jason Martin, Wayne Stordahl and Keith Meyers.

Jay asked the groomers to get together to discuss the bonus. Their recommendation was as follows: \$1,500 each to Kevin and Colin, \$250 to John, and \$250 to Wolf. Wolf commented that the young guys need more than the old guys. He noted that he started as a volunteer. Based on hours, Colin is over \$16.64, Kevin is \$14.50, and John is \$14.50. Rates were increased at the beginning of the season. Jason looked at a percent of hours basis. Colin and John had the same number of hours. On an hourly basis: Wolf 19.75, Colin 18.57, John 19.53, and Kevin 19.79.

Jay's suggestion was that Kevin and Colin receive \$1,500 each, increase John to \$350, and increase Wolf to \$300. John indicated that he likes what Jay has proposed. Mark Roberts is satisfied with their division but likes the higher amounts on John and Wolf to show our appreciation. Jason indicated that he was good with this. He likes what they did, and it makes sense. Keith confirmed being okay with their division as well as the bumps on John and Wolf.

Jay moved the amounts he described. Jason seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

It was reported that Mike Markham is scheduling the 90% meeting the second week of April. OHM is still working on the approval of the Dam Meadow By-Pass. There is a potential issue with their design that will be discussed then.

Wayne asked about the date for the annual meeting. John indicated he is still waiting on confirmation by the venue. He also noted that they do have a liquor license.

Wayne noted that the drag is still at the school.

John talked to the DPW Director about the need to clear the Chalet lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.