

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club
Board Meeting
August 30, 2022**

Attendance: Jay Green, Mark Roberts, John Diebel, Jason Martin, Wayne Stordahl, Mark Klein, Nate Laakonen, Murphy Mallow, and Keith Meyers. Guest: Dean Woodbeck and Teresa Shope.

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda: Mark Roberts added the monitoring report on Churning Rapids and Mark Klein added the registration of the snowmobile.

Minutes: Jay indicated that Murphy Mallow should be added as a guest and that Frank and Emily's last name is Fiala. In discussing the match on the Portage Health Foundation grant, that figure is \$18,543. On page two in the discussion of Mud Lake, it is Erich and Brie Carlson who bought the property. Mark Roberts moved the approval of the minutes with these changes. Jason provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: John noted that for the end of the fiscal year we were close on the budget. /Rhythm and Snap Fitness never sent in their sponsorships. Giving Tuesday exceeded expected contributions. There is currently \$32,001 in checking and \$114,886 in savings. Expenses since the last meeting were shared in the report. Revenue is projected at \$38,000 with a good Giving Tuesday. Wayne asked about the Kiosk. Jay thought we were at break even and asked how much do we need for next year? John will look into this and get back with Wayne. Nate asked about the snowmobile. Jay indicated that he needs to add them into the reserve funds. Jay will get with Mark Klein on a replacement schedule. Nate moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Mark Klein provided the second. There was unanimous approval

FEMA: John indicated that the bid opening occurred in July with three companies bidding. MJO was over \$800,000. Blue Line Site Solutions was a little over \$600,000. Blue Line had not submitted two forms and that matter is in the hands of the City Council. Michael Markham with OHM is saying that MJO is the most responsive bidder. The plan is to follow the historic route in the gorge, but to go around the meadow. The former Middle Bridge will be the new Sisu Bridge. OHM has submitted information to FEMA. Michael Markham thinks FEMA will accept, but he has not heard back yet. The MJO bid will be run through the City Council for contingent approval. Blue Line is not necessarily out.

Signs and Maps: Dean reported that they had a work party out three to four weeks ago that included eight people. The work party and Dean installed forty of the seventy-five posts and Dean did the rest of them himself. Dean picked up the signs and dropped them off at Mark Roberts' for drilling. It is taking one U-bolt per sign. The life expectancy of the signs is 7 to 8 years. Chris Schmidt is working on the map and should have it by mid-September. Trying to get everything in place by the time the snow flies. Churning Rapids is on course and will finish Maasto Hiihto next year. Jay will be seeking approval from the landowners. Dave Bach has

mapped out all those intersections. Mark Klein noted that the High Point Road intersection is going to change. Dean commented on the good work Mark Klein has done negotiating this change.

Groomers: Jay has talked to everyone but Wolf. Kevin wants more money and time. If a full-time job comes up with the park, Kevin will go. Colin is at \$16/hour. Jay called Craig Hughes and they are paying \$18/hour plus gas money to get there. Jay stated that if we want our groomers, we are going to have to pay them. John noted that the current pay at Burger King is \$17/hour. Jay added that pay is \$19/hour at Walmart. Jay feels that we could go up to \$17 and \$18/hour. He would like to call Kevin back. We need two groomers to not be finishing at 3 in the afternoon. Mark Roberts moved that bring up the groomers' pay by \$2/hour over last year. Mark Klein estimated the total additional cost at \$2,500. Wayne provided the second. Jason asked if we pay the bonus. Yes, we do as we reimburse the city. Wayne brought up the comparison of their pay to the bus drivers. Mary does not have a problem with the increase. There was unanimous approval of the motion.

Fall Work: Mud Lake work with the grant is plugging away. John Pekkala, John, and Jay have looked at it. Dave Mattila has been asked what they would do. The city is willing so we will see what they come back with. John noted that the mower is broke again as the blades will not engage. He has covered two-thirds of the field at the tower. Talking with a Wisconsin implement dealer to look at future options. Looking for volunteers in September/October to do weed whacking. Also need to address the culvert just north of Tomasi on the New River Trail and gravel.

Board/City Representative: Mary wants a city person on the board. Jany mentioned John, but Mary wants to see an employee or elected official of the city. John suggested a non-voting member. On September 13th, the city wants a presentation about the relationship between the Club and the City.

Budget: Jay reviewed projections. He is continuing to work on it with a lower expectation on revenue.

Committees: Jay wants each board member to chair a committee to take some of the burden off himself and John. Jay reviewed the available committees and asked the board members to get back with Mark Roberts about what they are interested in.

Keweenaw Community Foundation Grant: This has an October deadline. Wayne brought up the Barnelopet. Wayne and John will work on the proposal. Jay moved that we apply for the KCF grant. John provided the second. There was unanimous approval of the motion.

Chain Drive: John noted that the revenue more than covered the expenses by \$2,953.

Calendar: The Candle Luminary will be on December 26th. Barnelopet will be on February 12th. The Retro Ski will be on either February 19th or 26th. The Glide-N-Gorge will be on March 4th.

Keweenaw Land Trust Monitoring Visit: Mark Roberts indicated that he will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow with Kerry Richards and Sue Ellen Kingsley and asked for input. John noted the autumn olive needs to be addressed. Additional parking at Christensen Road would be helpful. Signage on Finni Creek providing trail warnings where appropriate and that use is at your own risk.

Registration of the Snowmobile: Mark Klein noted that Rob Peters picked it up, but we need a bill of sale. Nate indicated that he had registered one out of Wisconsin with no problem. Jay will discuss this with Mary Babcock.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.