

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club
Board Meeting
September 20, 2022**

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

Mark Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda: No changes.

Minutes: Wayne brought up the city's interest in having a representative on the board, having a city council member that they should appoint. No change was made to the minutes on this point. It was noted that Teresa Shope should be added to the guests at the August meeting. It was suggested that Keith check the balances reported in Treasurer's report (a 1 was left out of the savings balance). Wayne moved approval of the minutes with these changes. Nate provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: John noted sending out the report and that not much has changed since the last meeting. Combined checking and savings total \$147,258.57. John indicated that he had sent out a list of expenses. He talked to Jeff Bloom about the bulldozer operation. 10 hours at \$30/hour for a total of \$300. John Pekkala suggested filling with fuel. Need to look at other ways to make trail improvements with the remaining grant funds. John indicated that he has filed the State of Michigan annual report. Nate asked John about the building fund. Mark Roberts explained how we designate funds for a purpose. We have been looking at a groomers building in the event we get kicked out of the DPW garage. Nate asked about the snowmobiles which led to a discussion of a potential remodel of the cold storage at the DPW garage. Nate brought up that the 24' x 32' garage constructed by the city for \$32,000 which included a slab seemed like a good deal. John indicated that we will keep the pressure on the DPW for use of the cold storage during the summer. Keith moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Mark Klein provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

FEMA: John indicated that Michael Markham at OHM had spoken with FEMA. The project is currently at step 5 of 12 steps. If MJO gets the go ahead, they will start this fall and fabricate over the winter. Nate asked whether the gorge will work for the Chain Drive. John explained that since the project has been through the 12-step process twice before that it should go fast this time.

Signs and Maps: Dean showed the board Chris Schmidt's maps noting that they need a key and a couple of corrections. Dean noted that they are close and expressed concern about printing and then having to change is there is a property sale or gorge trail change. The map will be finished this week, both winter and summer, and then they will go to Copper Island Printing. The sign focus is on Churning Rapids this year. The plan is to get these up by the end of October.

Fall Work: The bulldozer work is done on the Mud Lake loop, and it looks good. Nate indicated that he had ridden it and it was not bad for fresh dirt. John does not think there is much work to be done with rocks. There was then a discussion about how much seed would be needed. It was decided that one acre of seed would be needed. There was discussion about the Spring Creek re-route. John indicated that he would get work party together. St. Urho, Quincy, and the New River Trails were all discussed. John noted that there is about four days of mowing.

Groomers: Jay is trying to pin down Kevin. He wants more hours. The snow bike trails were discussed. Nate and Mark Klein groomed 120 hours. Mark Klein asked about back up groomers. John said Wolf is willing to help and John Pekkala still thinks it is fun and willing to fill in. We just need a commitment from Kevin.

City Representative on the Board: It is up to the city to appoint. Nate asked about the by-laws. John indicated that we would need to figure that out and have the full membership decide. It was resolved that we need to work closely with the city and Jay and John should talk with Mary Babcock.

Churning Rapids Easement Inspection with Keweenaw Land Trust: Mark Roberts reported that Sue Ellen could not make it, but Terry Kinzel was there and delighted. Mark indicated that he brought up the Christensen Road parking and Terry is fine with it, but not willing to broach it with Sue Ellen. The road does not need anything this fall. The County does grade it a couple of times a year. Maybe we can talk with the County about clearing the brush, but let's talk with Sue Ellen. The Keweenaw Land Trust is good with what is happening.

Hancock Recreation Committee Report: No questions of substance.

Giving Tuesday: John indicated that it is a simple application that is due in October. John filled out and submitted the AG form for a solicitation license. We are in the system, but we were insufficient. John sent in the tax information and that should be enough to get the needed certificate. Note: it was granted ahead of the October board meeting.

Keweenaw Community Foundation Application for Barnelopet: Wayne gave John the budget. The deadline for the application is October 15th. There was discussion about going back to the full event.

Articles of Incorporation: The attorney concerns were discussed. Specifically, the purpose needs to be consistent. Ten percent is state statute (boiler plate). Approvals involve a majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting. There was discussion about how the Michigan Recreation Liability Law prevails in court. Mark Klein discussed "non-motorized" as it relates to e-bikes. There was discussion about allowing Class 1 to 20 mph. The question was asked if we should pull "non-motorized" and go with "silent sports" and then point to club policy which would limit to Class 1 e-bikes. On naming, Mark Klein brought up focusing on this area, particularly Hancock. Mark Roberts agreed. Nate suggested Maasto-Churning. Discussion settled on Hancock Silent Trails Club.

Mark Roberts presented an outline for potential committees.

The next meeting will be on October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Roberts moved that we adjourn the meeting. Keith provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.