

**Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club  
Board Meeting  
October 18, 2022**

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

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Agenda:** Wayne added snowplowing contract and kiosk. Mark Klein added Make a Difference Day and Giving Tuesday Project.

**Public Comment:** Keith thanked John for representing KNSC and Mark for representing the North Country Trail at last week's remote worker networking event at the Rozsa.

**Treasurer's Report:** John reported there is \$146,439 combined in checking and savings. He noted the recent acquisition of a wire harness and new blades for the mower. John has put together where we stand on the Portage Health Foundation grant and there is a lot of money left to be spent. Jeff was paid for 10 hours of work on the bulldozer which also represented 10 hours of in-kind from MJO. We spent \$700 on the trail resurfacing to complete it with three culverts elsewhere instead of one. Not many recent donations. Put in the Keweenaw Community Foundation proposal at \$635 for Barnelopet. Michael Babcock suggested submitting for the cross country skiing fund for co-sponsorship of Barnelopet (\$200). Dean billed for the signs and not the map. Wayne indicated that there is a \$1,035 total budget for the Barnelopet. John indicated that the Keweenaw Community Foundation should be made by mid-November.

**FEMA:** John sent out Mike Markham's report. They are moving ahead. We are just waiting on the obligation of funds, but the contractor can be provided a notice to proceed with little risk to the city.

**Signs and Maps:** On maps, Jimmy Dean is an addition and is on the map according to Dean. On the High Point Trail, Casey and Jill don't want the trail on their property. Mark Klein is talking to others about a potential route between Brooks Road and High Point Road. He is waiting to hear back from Don Maki. Looking toward next spring with printing over the winter, possibly April or May. Nate discussed the re-route and potential parking area. Jay asked about the Tomasi Trailhead map and rules. There was discussion about the possibility of doing this within the grant. John offered to share the grant budget.

**Sponsors:** Chris Schmidt billed us \$300 less (shown as his sponsorship). Jay asked the board members to get with sponsors. Two levels: \$150 and \$300. The lower amount has a smaller logo and no membership. The higher amount comes with a larger logo and a family membership. Rhythm and Snap Fitness never paid last year. Nate will talk to Rhythm.

**Giving Tuesday:** \$3,000 last year. There was discussion about the Klugness Foundation cashing out with the potential of \$10,000 to \$20,000 and how timing might work with Giving Tuesday.

There was discussion about the focus of where these donations would be spent including the possibility of a cabin (without rental) or the Kodiak replacement. Discussed other options as well. Keith brought up the potential alternative trail to avoid the haul road. Nate discussed the M-203 trailhead at the sledding hill to connect the campground with the trail. John noted that this would require a lot of benching on the Back Country Trail. Wayne brought up providing a trail pass for a donation. Mark Roberts brought up buying more bulldozer time and mentioned several places where this would be beneficial. Nate brought up bridges in Churning Rapids on Great Oaks as well as the bridge at Spring Creek and High Point south of Villi Maki.

**Groomers:** Kevin will come back but wants more hours. We will pay him \$2/hour more. Mary Babcock has indicated that we must limit hours to 29 hours per week or less and not more than 58 hours bi-weekly. The Pekkalas are both available, Colin for mechanical. Wolf Meingast is available. Two others are interested including Zach Osborn (10 hours/week) and Sophia. Mary Babcock is okay with the number of groomers; we just need to keep them within the budget. It was noted that Aaron who is the new sexton at the cemetery is interested in grooming. Mark Klein asked if additional hours would involve the snow bike trails. The answer was yes. All agreed about this approach to groomers. On fuel, John will talk to John Erickson about this. The fallback position is that John Pekkala can get with Peninsula Fuel can do the fuel delivery by leasing us a tank.

**Fall Work:** Mowing is 100% complete according to John, including the observation tower field. Brushing is still needed on Sidewinder, Spring Creek, and the gorge. Make a Difference Day could focus on this. John indicated that he could check on the weed-eaters, but we don't have a leader.

**By-Laws:** John, Mark Roberts, and Jay went over these and Jay will talk to the attorney (Tammy) tomorrow. They discussed the city representative, and they would only be able to vote if they are a member. One-third of the board would come up for election each year.

**Budget:** Nothing yet.

**Committees:** Jay really wants to have this happen. Webpage: Susan and John; Facebook: John; Twitter: Keith; Barkell/Barnelopet: Wayne; Retro Ski: Jay; Groomer (communication): Jay; Chalet: Teresa Shope/Jason; Fund Raising: TBD; Luminary Ski: Mark Roberts; Grants: Keith; Milwaukee Skiers: TBD; Glide-N-Gorge: Murphy and John will co-chair; Chain Drive: Nate

**Calendar:** With the Retro Ski on February 19<sup>th</sup>, the calendar is now set.

**Snow Plowing:** Wayne has a bid. Four months for \$190/month from Jack Fenton. Jay moved accepting the bid from Jack Fenton for four months at \$190/month. Nate provided the second. The motion was approved by all except Wayne who abstained.

**Kiosk:** Wayne asked about finishing up the map holders. Wayne will work on the trim. John will look on the web for a design. Mark Klein looked online while we had the discussion and found one online for \$572 that is 36" x 60" and has two doors.

**Minutes:** Jay asked Keith to clarify the reference under Giving Tuesday regarding the license with the AG to note solicitation license and to record that we applied and note that they have subsequently granted it. Mark Roberts moved approving the minutes with this change and Wayne provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

John brought up a request for a discount for employees of Canal View like we provide to the MTU Ski Club that had come from Sue Mallow. No action was taken.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.