

GMNC Board meeting 1/14/2014

Attending: Annie Murphy, Tom Ela, Dave Knutson, Christina Stark, Callie West, Christie Aschwanden, Jodi Peterson, Anita Evans, Toby Morse, Winslow Robertson, Nathan, Clint Roberts (coach), Ron Thoreson (Sons of Norway), Lew Kirkegaard (prospective board member)

Thanks to Callie for the delicious carrot soup and muffins!

Agenda approval: Tom wants to add an update on the maps. Nathan wants to add Western Colo. Community Foundation. Winslow: unfinished business concerning signs. Also add parking lot grand opening. And Clint.

Moved, seconded, passed.

Minutes from last meeting approval: Approved with revision. Moved, seconded, passed.

Ron w/ Sons of Norway: presents a check. We chip in for rider for insurance for Barneloppet. Let's keep it going. New policy: we'll accept bibs back at end of race. If kids want to keep them it's fine too.

Lew: willing to be a board member.

Clint: also willing. If chosen I would serve.

Callie moved to nominate both, seconded, approved.

Annie; We have our signed permit now to groom from Nov. 15 to April 15. Submitted our REI grant report. Someone did a fundraiser from Hilltop, wants to present a check.

Callie, Treasurer's Report: total assets, combo of liquid assets and capital: We have \$8k more value in assets than we did last year. \$20K grant offset by accumulated depreciation. Business donations and grants are way up, mostly because of \$20K grooming grant. NRL race stayed within budget on expenses. More than \$3,000 less this year in race fees, because of fewer races, scratches, etc. Would like to know how many new members we have this year, how many renewing members. Good to make calls to lapsed members. Also send out letter at end of January.

Community First Foundation (Colorado Gives Day): We got \$1200. Christie put it up on our FB page.

Bill due for SPOT: just need to know if it's OK to pay. The groomers have them but don't use them. Toby will tell Callie by 2/1 if he's found some better alternative for safety.

Anita, SKS: 201 skier days as of yesterday. Includes Glider day. 57 kids on Gliders roster. Ridgway worked out well for maiden voyage of trailer. It's working out great. Will be taking trailer to Colbran and back to Ridgway, then for Delta County events.

Annie: Had to turn away kids for Gliders this year. Could probably do another 70, with homeschooling kids from GJ. Trying to keep classes 6:1.

Volunteer software using for Gliders: should use for all our volunteer stuff. Pulls up calendar. Click on event, create jobs, send out link to volunteers, they can click on day and job. That program sends reminder and sends organizer a list. And it's free. VolunteerSpot (link in agenda, volunteerspot.com).

No lost and found box up at hut, we need one.

Tom: Race Committee: Next race is end of Jan., sprints 1K classic Sat., freestyle 10K Sun. both at 11 am. Pretty much dialed in. Will need some volunteers. Trying to get more participation in citizen sprint race. We need better prizes, and do more advertising.

Team sprint, costumes? Charge \$5, not \$10 or \$15? Good raffle?

Christina: Went to another race to shadow TD (race officials). NRL at Crested Butte. Went to their sprint day. Helpful for race organizing and understanding rules.

Dave: Parking lot grand opening? We should have a celebration and thank-you for the diff agencies that were involved. But too early for grand opening, don't have pavement, kiosks, etc. yet. Maybe the 3-day weekend in Feb. have a thank-you party. Pretty incredible that 4-5 agencies got together and got it done.

Maybe repercussions from making it a public event, given the deaths that precipitated the project getting done. Instead we should send a card signed by the board.

We shouldn't be grooming a second way into County Line. We should funnel them to the one trailhead with the bathrooms, maps, donation boxes, etc.

Warming hut: only one person has stayed overnight. We should send a MailChimp telling people it's available. Anyone wanting to stay should contact Dave. FS says they have plans for a permanent structure at Skyway. During summers, COPMOBA might be able to move the hut to County Line, which would count as taking it down. Trails at County Line are better for mtn biking.

Callie: Adult programs. Skate clinics – Christina, Clint, Doug, Deb, Jane helped coach. 22 people registered. 19 showed up. Went really well. Two clinics left. Clint – one of class members volunteered to host a waxing social. Will be held at Powderhorn at Rick's. Starting at 2 or 3. Demo. Could probably use bottom room at Powderhorn. Annie will get back to Clint about room.

Womens' classic clinic on Fridays coming up. She'll do a MailChimp campaign. Last three weeks will be skate clinics. 20-24 participants expected.

Toby: Operations. John and Kenton doing a great job. We've missed some signage, will make sure it's out. Ken Simpson will groom w/ big cat every Friday morning. He can't get everything. Will focus on wider trails. Will bank additional days for spring storms. Still working on some challenges w/ Piston Bully. Will modify its blade w/ another piece of steel for floatation. According to LGL, we have 369 members. Close to what it was last year. Missed some membership table opportunities. Trying to look at bigger picture down the road, to develop really good business memberships.

Comments about dogs trashing trails. Start selling canine memberships. Requires additional grooming and fuel. Need some kind of bling for collars.

Tom: Newsletter. Some people want a print version. Deadline for next one is next couple days.

Winston: Need new grooming snowmobile to replace the old two-stroke. We could get \$2K for old one, new one costs \$14K. We should be able to get a grant for that.

New business:

Annie: Policy for advertising events for other organizations that want us to put their race on our site etc. Proposal: Events promoted on our website must fit our mission, must be members, approved by board. Policy approval moved, seconded, and passed.

Lew: Biathlon. Some interest, a few concerns over noise. Would be a lot of work to get it set up, logistics, etc. Position of board on this? Will mostly be for developing local skiers. Will be pricey to get targets set up etc. To get all equipment, etc. probably \$3500. Course would be only open certain days to those who are certified. Need to see if FS is on board and process to get approved. Check cost of insurance rider, if needed. Figure out potential funding sources. Then poll members.

Will do survey about this, and other things – NRL races, programs, etc. At end of season.

Nathan: Western Colorado Community Foundation. Could be longterm funding base, appeal to diff individuals who may want to donate. Could use to build up endowment, it's an investment. Returns 7-8% over the last 15 years. We can discuss at a later date. \$5K to start. Annie will invite rep from this to next meeting.

Tom: Map update. Made most of initial contacts but haven't followed up. Wanted to be getting design done but still a couple weeks off. Getting map files from Winslow. Have some businesses signed up for map ads.

Christie: Snow bikes – saw signs of them on County Line. Let's head that off now before it becomes a problem. Need signs at trailheads saying No Bikes, No Boots. Skis and Snowshoes Only.

Next meeting Feb. 9 in GJ.

