

GMNC Board meeting 3/11/2014

Attending: Tom Ela, Christina Stark, Christie Aschwanden, Jodi Peterson, Anita Evans, Toby Morse, Nathan Moreng, Clint Roberts, Lew Kirkegaard, Dave Knutson

Regrets: Annie Murphy, Callie West, Winslow Robertson

Thanks to Dave for pizza!

Agenda (moved to accept, seconded, passed)

Ops Report and Grooming: We've been having Ken Simpson go out with the big snowcat and hit County Line and Skyway, then use Piston Bully to set what Ken can't. Can do it all in 2.5 hrs. Full 8 hrs. if just used PB. For all of Jan. Ken's bill was \$1600. Prob. about \$100/hr. Probably a wash financially, saves wear and tear on PB. Helps to have firmer trails at County Line. Ward usually gets groomed last, after Skyway and County Line.

We're probably doing fine on funds for grooming because Ken's being paid out of the grant. From here forward we'll do grooming Weds. and Fri. unless we get big snows. Maybe go to weekend grooming in April.

CMU had some kind of email glitch – grooming reports had not been getting sent out. Finally today they all got sent. Problem fixed. Next year we should go to MailChimp instead of continuing to use the CMU mail service. Then we could allow people to sign up if they want to receive the reports.

Lew suggests we could have a forum where people could post their own grooming/snow condition reports. We also have the Facebook page that people can post on. The website really needs a redesign – should get that done this summer (we also need that done to be able to sell business memberships).

Wish list for next year – Toby will send to Annie to distribute to board. For example, 4-5 benches, signs identifying mountains in panorama from overlook.

Starting to price snowmobiles, one of the old ones is on its way out. Between \$11,000-\$12,000. Grant item.

Tom: possibility of making some trails wider so big snowcat can get all the way around?

Christie: May be a timber sale planned for Skyway.

Maps: Tom. Trails updated, just need to lay out ads. Remove Jeans Westerner. Add notice that no mechanized use allowed, including bikes. Need to change map to make it really clear that GMNC pays for grooming. Include statement that trails are groomed through YOUR donations (groomed by your donations for you). Could put a larger box on the Lodging and Services page. Also tweak wording about council on Things to Remember page. Also put something on map itself saying GMNC uses donations to pay for grooming.

Membership calls/tables: We are about 50 members under last year, which translates to about \$4000. Pass list around of people who gave last year but not this year – initial names that you know and could call. Would be nice to do members appreciation last weekend of March. Council provides beer. Looks like we have \$350-400 to spend.

Jodi will check with Revolution Brewing for beer donations.

Skis for kids: 1200 skier days so far. 1-2 more groups in last week of March. Still looking at grants. Waiting for grant application from Kampe Foundation. Cabelas also has money available. Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation. Goodwin Foundation. Looking at another trailer. If don't get RMEF will check w/ Cabelas for supplemental funds. A couple of other possibilities out there too.

Biathlon: Lew has been scouting out an open area off Scales Lake. Could be great connector trail too. Only downside is it's further from trailhead. Meeting coming up with Forest Service to discuss.

Busted Lung Race: Have RockSlide Brewery providing race party. 15K loop, easier to manage if there are medical problems, aid stations aren't so spread out. Discount for GMNC members.

Barnelopet: Anita will contact all the people who registered before. It's now on Mar. 22. Need to get trailer and skis up to Mesa.

Dogsled race: What about having it over at County Line? 2 day race, 4-6-8 mile races, start at 8:30, done by 1:00 pm. Issue – it's always the same weekend as the college race. Could use snowmobile corridor as part of the course, so we didn't have to close all Cty Line trails. But the race would fill the CL parking lot, which is a problem. GMNC preference is to keep it where it is, it would cause difficulties for us. FS probably wouldn't even issue a permit since it would close down a major trail system for most of 2 days.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.