

Grand Mesa Nordic Council
Board Meeting - Delta
5/13/13

Jodi Peterson, Tom Ela, Callie West, Anita Evans, Christie Aschwanden, Annie Murphy, and Dave Knutson

Regrets: Christina Stark and Winslow Robertson

1. Agenda Approval: Tom moved to approve the agenda, Christie seconded and all approved.

2. Minutes: Tom moved to approve the minutes from 4/9/13 with two changes, deleting posting of Ops/Volunteer Coordinator and correcting Anita's SKF estimate. Anita seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Member Appearances: no members were present except for Directors. Annie placed this agenda item to encourage members to attend and discuss their perspectives with the Board.

4. By-law Changes: Annie suggested the following changes: Section 3.5 allowing special meetings to be called by any two Directors instead of five Directors; Section 3.7 deleting the sentence requiring the Board to use Roberts' Rules of Order at meetings; and Section 3.11 designating two or more Members to constitute a committee was changed to at least one member being a Director (previously two committee members had to be Directors). Callie moved to approve the by-law changes and Tom seconded. All approved the motion.

5. Election of Officers: Annie proposed the following slate for the next season:

President: Annie

Vice-president: Dave

Treasurer: Callie

Secretary: Jodi

Directors: Tom, Winslow, Anita Evans and Richard Hyppio holding one seat, Christina, and Christie.

With a quick thumbing of the nose at Robert's Rules, Annie moved to approve the slate and coupled with Tom's quick second the motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of Committee Chairs: Annie recommended the following committee chair appointments for next season:

Race Committee: Tom

Operations Committee: Winslow

Junior Committee: Annie

Warming Hut Committee: Dave

Parking Lot Committee: Dave

Personnel Committee: Annie

Finance Committee: Callie

Dave moved to approve committee chairs and Tom seconded. Once again the motion passed unanimously and with the Directors now on a roll, we moved to the next agenda item.

7. Finance Report: Callie reminded Directors that the end of Fiscal Year is April 30, thus reports for this meeting reflect expenses for a full season. In response to Callie's questions about handling program funds, Directors chose three reserve funds: Gliders, SFK, and Warming Hut. Each of these programs have received restricted donations. Other fund balances will roll into the general fund such as races, adult lessons, and NRL. For budget purposes, Directors want to see income and expense line items for each program. We will be purchasing trail interpretive signs for trail heads and the trail intersections. We will adopt a budget at the first meeting in October.

8. Operations and Staffing: Prior to the meeting, Winslow reported via e-mail a summary of his meeting with Loren and Mike at the Forest Service. Major points include:

- We can continue to widen/improve the Summit trail as we see fit. No issues with Timber staff.
- The Overlook trail, which was supposed to get widened in the timber sale, is back in our court. I have asked them to look into using their crews, but I will need an estimate of number of trees. It will have to wait until summer.
- Early-season options: We have permission to use areas other than our trails, as long as it's temporary. We can look at where they logged on Scales Glade, or the access road from Scales road to the Kannah crossing trail. Could have potential for early-season events.
- The USFS will be responsible for the large maps at the trailheads. They may be able to print the intersection signs if we buy the materials. It would be less expensive than a sign shop if we went that direction.
- The hut location needs to remain at least one more year at Skyway. Moving it will require another EA. We need to consider the impacts of using CL for events, as we would be mixing dogs into the equation.
- I requested that they install more 'ski area boundary' signs to deter snowmobiles. They will order and install them.

Annie reported that three candidates were interviewed for Membership Coordinator by the hiring committee of herself, Christie, Dave, and Robyn. The Committee recommends hiring Toby Morse, former Director of Aspen Valley Ski Club. He brings grooming experience as well as a strong Nordic background. Tom suggests that the grooming coordination takes priority over membership. Annie moved to offer Toby \$15,000 to cover ops coordination and membership. Dave made a motion to approve with was seconded by Anita. All Directors present enthusiastically approved the motion.

9. Race Dates for next season: Tom proposed the following race dates:

- 12/8 for Winter start
- 1/4 10k classic
- [1/25](#) classic sprint race
- [1/26](#) 10k skate race

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3/8 for Mesa Meltdown 5k and 20k

10. NRL Race: Christie reported a high likelihood that we will be hosting the early season NRL race again this year. She suggested that it could be held at Skyway in conjunction with Winterstart on both days of that weekend. Christie will join the race committee to work out coordination or combining NRL and Winterstart. Anita expressed concerns about combining these two events. Her concern was that the informal flavor and local flair of our races would be impacted by the intensity and high-tech approach of an NRL race. It may be a non-negotiable that the NRL race be held on [12/14](#) and [12/15](#).

11. Skis for Kids: Anita reported 836 skier days for SKF this season and will be seeking to purchase a new trailer for equipment deliveries.

12. Unfinished Business: Annie nominated John Burritt for the Snowball. Dave needs to update by-laws before he even thinks about handing off Secretary duties to Jodi. Christina asked for input on lessons need and those present requested training for coaches of beginning classic and skate skiers with an emphasis on working with kids.

Amazingly the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. instead of the usual 9 or 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting Board meeting will be on October 8th, 2013 in GJ. Dave suggested that a nominal amount be set aside for pizza or wraps for Board meetings as travel plus the meeting drags Directors right over the supper hour with no nourishment, and we all know how athletes get when they are undernourished!

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Knutson
Secretary