

March 2015 GMNC Board Meeting

Attending: Jodi, Callie, Kristina, Clint, Lew, Tom, Greg, Nathan, Winslow

Guests: Kyle Stone, Donna King, Bob Major (member)

Clint presiding

Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Passed.

Winslow – operations. Had another repair on the Cat. Some of grooming suffered but now it's back up and running. Trying to get Kenton to use Ken more with the GM Lodge machine – we have the money. Kenton will use him before the race. Summit trail is unsafe and unskiable right now. Kevin needs additional training on how to groom. Kenton will work with him.

Snow bikes: Winslow met w/ Dave Grossman, Grand Valley Trail Alliance. Maybe opportunities for another trail between County Line and snowmobile trails but they should do their own, we don't want them on GMNC trails because of the damage they cause. Forest Service doesn't have a travel mgmt plan for snow bikes but they could write someone a ticket for using them on the GMNC trails. We need better signage for no snow bikes. We can't say no to dogs and hiking, since the FS allows that.

Callie – finance report. Restricted grants and expenses skew budget. The column on the far right, Variance, is how we're doing vs. projections. We'll continue separating them for ease of understanding, even though it all gets reported to the IRS. We're \$4000 ahead on membership compared to last year. Business memberships are also up. We have \$700 left in grooming budget. \$7300 of unforeseen expense to fix snowmobiles, snowcat, etc.

Should we groom past the Loppet? Only if it snows more. Motion to close grooming that March 29 is last day of grooming. Seconded, passed. Anita may have programs later than that, which would need grooming. Tom motions that we groom for Skis for Kids if needed. Callie will check w/ Anita about what minimal grooming is needed. Seconded, passed.

Lew – suggests all board members have vest saying GMNC Patrol or something like that.

Donna – suggests we have a fundraiser night at a restaurant. We do Kids Pasta Project and a few other events. Maybe ask in summer when restaurants aren't being hit up by students for fund raising.

Greg – early season kickoff with Colorado Mesa outdoor club?

Clint – we don't have an existing committee for fund raising, for general fund. Could have 2-3 volunteers. Dave's mentioned it also. We're all in favor of having a fund raising committee, but we need to have people willing to do it.

Kristina – Susie Kiger has marketing experience, maybe fundraising is something she'd want to pursue. If so we could vote her onto the board and she could head it up.

Set a date for having this committee. We can all keep our feelers out and have one by the 1st of July. Motion seconded and passed. Send suggestions to Kristina for candidates.

Kristina – she and Dave did presentation to Mesa County Commissioners. Would like them to contribute funding as Delta County does (they give us \$3000 per year). Callie will look for orig. Delta Cty letter to use for Mesa. Kiosks – \$7200 each, bought by the FS, for Skyway and County Line. One of old kiosks can be moved to Ward when they're up. Need better signage for snowshoe trail at Skyway. Parking lot improvements at Skyway will be done in 2016.

Facebook page has 835 likes, lots of activities. 68,458 total views on website, daily use has gone done w/ the warm weather. Need to add jr racing program info, update sponsorship info. Subscription feature is up and running. \$1190 given so far in memory of John Burrirt. End of season newsletter out first week of April. Need articles etc. as soon as possible.

End of year party – could do w/ Loppet, last day of grooming. Could expand food table w/ money from party.

New logo – having gear for sale for next year. Smartwool hats. Ball caps. Buffs. Kristina can price out some things. Vests/bibs for board members patrolling.

REI Grant – we have \$5000 to use by April 30, could use for snowshoe signs etc. Will transfer some existing expenses to apply against that grant. This year's grant application is due April 10. Could use for a Ward kiosk, signage, education.

Tom – Barneloppet had 41 kids. Need more coordination w/ Gliders, coaches there to help. Sat. is Mesa Meltdown. Need volunteer to help time. 2 weeks after that is Loppet.

Kyle – has been advertising in CB and Aspen. Two aid stations, at starting area and County Line. Need volunteers to help w/ registration etc., starting 8 am at Skyway.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.