

Oct. 2015 GMNC Board Meeting

Attending: Dave, Jodi, Kristina, Christina, Clint, Tom, Winslow, Susie, Lew, Anita

Regrets: Callie, Christie, Greg, Nathan

Guests: Tim Carter

Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Passed.

Meeting location and food provider schedule –

November 10th, GJ (Lew's Office) - Susie

December 8th, Delta - Callie

January 12th, Delta - Dave

February 9th, GJ (Lew's Office) - Nathan

March 8th, Delta - Jodi

April 12th, Delta - Christina

May 10th, GJ (Lew's Office) - Tom

Anita: SFK. GOCO Inspire Initiative grant. Connecting underserved kids to the outdoors. Got Level II grant. Hispanic and Myanmar kids in Delta County and Olathe. We have 18 months for planning. Submitting budget next Monday. Required to do extra research, get community feedback. Grant is in three parts. First part is \$1250 so that GMNC could rent a bus, get food, take kids and families up for Barneloppet in March, and do community survey. Based on that community input will then determine what we request money for and how much. Could get \$750 to explore possibility of ski rental fleet. Also \$750 for exploring options for transportation.

Tom will not be available to run Barneloppet this year, on Mar. 5. Biggest thing is riding herd on everything the day of the event. Large opportunity for promotion and marketing, Tom can help with that. Christina says she can help quite a bit. Need a champion to own the event. Will discuss at Nov. board meeting. Clint also offers. We will pull off this event no matter what.

Motion for GMNC to be part of Anita's GOCO proposal for first step (Barneloppet, transportation up there, and survey), seconded, passed. We can opt out of later steps if needed.

Membership dues – last time we increased was 2007. 66 2/3 % increase. Want to raise to \$75 for individual, \$90/110/125 for families. Carefully craft message in Nov. newsletter to explain value of membership. If we don't make family rate double the individual, we'll lose money with couples just signing up for family rate. But if we raise too much we might lose member numbers, and that's important for our dealings with the Forest Service. Make differential in price for non-members large enough so that membership is meaningful. Have some kind of hat or pin for members. Trail host could be in charge of distributing them.

Motion that we set membership at \$75 individual and \$125 family. Seconded. Passed with one dissenting.

Other levels – \$150, \$250, \$500, \$1000

Motion to set all these fees. Seconded. Passed.

Race calendar:

Dec.6, Winterstart

Jan. 2, Grand Mesa Classic 10K

Jan. 30th, CMU sprints

Jan. 31st, Skyway Scuffle freestyle

Feb. 27 Loppet

(Mar. 5 Barneloppet – not part of race series)

Mar. 19 Mesa Meltdown

Fall camp for junior program – Nov. 28

Dec. 6 – mandatory instructor training

Adult Learn to Ski: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 (makeup date Dec. 19), Jan 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, (makeup date Jan. 30), 11-12 pm, classic only

Skate ski: Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, 1-2 pm (makeup date Jan. 30)

Womens ski clinic series: Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, 12-1 pm (makeup date Mar. 4)

Susie volunteers to work on consistent look and feel for all posters.

25 year celebration. Should do w/ Mesa Meltdown? Nope, by end of year everyone's on to biking. Let's do with Winterstart instead.

Kannah Creek Kickoff is Nov. 2.

Ski swap Nov. 6 and 7, need people to sign up for membership tables

Will also do membership tables at REI in late October?

Board members should make reservations now for Kids Pasta Project dinner Nov. 9.

Grants – CO Parks and Wildlife grant, would pay for Nordic grooming equipment. We match that 30%. Dave is working on. Rotary Club is taking submissions for grants. Lions Club grant for capital. Would help w/ buying grooming equipment. All due in November. Should we prioritize working on these? Aiming to replace grooming equip. in 2018. Dave and Kristina will look at applications and decide what to apply for.

Had about 60 volunteers for Public Lands Day, record number.

Tim Carter: What's next for rentals? Dave will find out from FS office in Grand Junction what requirement is for concession for rental. Looking for used rental fleet. Dave suggests talking to Flagstaff Nordic Center. Dave and Tim will have phone conversation, bring proposal. There's \$750 out there for planning.

Next meeting: Discussion of finance and budgets. Extension of snowshoe trail? Card for Jerry Evans.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.