

Jan. 2016 GMNC Board Meeting

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

Regrets: Greg, Kristina, Nathan

Guests: Julia Stevens, Kyle Stone

Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Passed.

If anyone's program needs a board decision before Mar. 8, needs to be discussed tonight.

CDOT needs to start knocking down berms at exits to Skyway and County Line. Front end loader will be up this week and fix it.

Callie: Treasurers report. Ahead in membership, \$9600 over last year. Overall \$13K ahead of last year – this year we have more unrestricted grants and memberships. We spent about \$2K on promotional items, but \$2K less on trail maps. Last year at end of year we had 185 hrs of grooming Oct.-Dec., this year so far 464 hrs.

Still looking for treasurer. Kim Roberts declined. Maybe still a way to split duties more.

Dave suggests we could reformat membership director job to include some of those duties.

Operations: Winslow. Kevin wrecked his truck, but is okay. Hired new groomer who used to work at Powderhorn. Matt Gallob. Doing great. John Canty will be on retainer. 3 groomers – good for rest of season.

Snowcat maintenance less than last year. Continue to be frustrated with snowmobile maintenance. Rebuilt snowmobile had gear shear off, would cost \$3K to fix.

Team from Oregon State University will come down for CMU sprints, Skyway Scuffle. We'll need a snowmobile for that day, for safety.

Clint: Do we have a moral obligation to keep a running snowmobile for rescues?

Dave: Our ops plan calls for just calling 911. Ambulance crew brings their own snowmobile.

Winslow: We always have to have one available at sanctioned events, and should at citizen races too.

Kyle: We have radios this year and will be able to communicate between aid stations and keep better track of who's where. We should have volunteers sweep the course this year.

Lew; Can we get a snow report in the morning? It comes out at 4 pm and then describes what's already been done. We need info about grooming to decide if we want to come up.

Dave: Groomer calls into Kenton so he knows they are off the mountain and okay. Kenton relays that to Kristina who puts it on website. Winslow needs to talk to Kenton about using SPOTs so that it automatically updates. Can Kenton put up grooming report himself and not have to go through Kristina? Give him password for website. He can at least post a quick status about what is going to happen for grooming that day. Groomers have been doing awesome job.

Winslow: We beat the SPOT thing to death every year. Probably not going to happen that it always gets carried on whatever machine is grooming.

We should just remove the SPOT THE GROOMER page on the website since it's not getting updated. Kristina please do this.

We still need SPOT for safety. We should not renew the tracking feature of SPOT next fall.

Anita: Long term viability of Skis For Kids. With GOCO grant there's the Nature Connection building. Could move the gear to that building. School district is all for that. Would board support shift of operations to that building in Hotchkiss? Next year could have full time person doing Skis For Kids and other stuff out of that building. Win for us – gear would be insured by school district. Kurt Clay thinks it's viable, would like to do contract. If that building isn't going to continue it would come back to Nordic Council. Can she apply for grants through school district to do that? Two grants, one for personnel, one for equipment. If it's run through school district, expenses run thru district, financial stuff is handled by them. Only con – making sure communication piece is set. Whoever's in that position has to have good communication. Links between website. If taking people up to Mesa, making sure there's grooming, determining how it's paid for. Don't seem to be any negatives for this plan. WE would have to continue serving all school districts. Would need to iron out details about ownership of equipment, what happens if something gets broken, what about replacement gear and trailers, etc.

Could do long term lease of that equipment to school district. SFK would support Gliders and Barnelopet.

Anita needs to know if she should apply thru school district or thru GMNC.

Clint motions to support proposal for applying through school district, Lew seconds, all are in favor.

BOARD RETREAT:

What topics do we need to cover when we have Carlene for moderating our March meeting?

Need to cover staffing. Treasurer probably needs to be a paid position. Look at grooming as well. How is our employment structure working?

Programs – we tend to look at them as being “owned” by individuals. They are siloed – Dave has hut, Christina has junior program, Winslow has ops, etc. We need to be more cohesive in how we approach programs, and support each program.

All programs have come into existence because they have champions willing to put in time to make it happen.

Need to get better at using volunteers. How are we working with them? Are we meeting their needs? Are they being well matched when they want to help? How can we help members feel engaged and useful?

COPMOBA – possibility of developing summer mountain biking. Permit with Forest Service – can we get to keep our hut up year round? Other temporary structures are allowed to stay in place (i.e. corrals, etc.)

Need to have events scheduled and budget process done earlier in year, March or April, for marketing.

Dave will mail out “parking lot list” to board, to develop agenda for working with Carleen.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife – will pay for Nordic grooming. We need a letter supporting going after a grant from them. Dave sent a draft letter. Grant w/ budgets needs to be completed, due in Nov. 30% of grooming purchases using grant funding has to come from cash, we can go after businesses and memberships to contribute that. We would get that money for 2017-2018 and that's perfect timing for getting a new snowcat.

Clint moves to adopt the letter. Tom seconds. All in favor.

Jerry Evans – how to honor him? Susie Evans served as our treasurer for many years. An award at one of the races? Dave suggests that just this year, top male and female finishers get Jerry Evans award. Tom will work on that.

Recap of weekend events. Any ideas for mitigating traffic and parking? We need 2 volunteers at Skyway to take turns from 8:30 to 11 or so to wrangle parking.

Need to have membership table signups for 3-day weekends in January and February. 10:30 to 1:30, at County Line. Will do signup online.

Skyway parking lot. 4 diff options. Lots of concerns mentioned about the plans, Dave will convey to Forest Service.

Hats – Lew brought 50 to the meeting. We paid \$20 for them, plan to sell for \$30. We should get them out there and start selling them so they don't show up as a loss for this year. Kristina will control inventory.

