

**GMNC Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2017**

Attendees: Winslow Robertson, Clint Roberts, Tom Ela, Terri Stright, Callie West, Jodi Peterson, Christina Stark, Nathan Morang

Regrets: Dave Knutson

Guests: Barb, Debbie Bishop, Tina Wilson, Tom Lambert, Tim Carter, Dan Stright, Lian Muller, Tim Carter,

Location: Bill Heddles Recreation Center, Delta

1. Welcome and introductions
  - Board and guest introductions
2. Approve minutes
  - No revisions necessary. Motion to approve. Motion passed
3. Treasure Report
  - Paid for piston bully \$232,000 this past month. The piston bully is complete paid off. This report doesn't show January payroll. Terri will shift the dates to line up with the payroll dates. Grooming payroll has been higher this year to date. Membership donations are down about \$8,093 from last year at this time. We should complete some lapsed member outreach soon. Program fee income is lower (approximately 1/3) this year from last year. We haven't received the \$3,000 Delta County donation yet, but we should receive it soon. Grooming hours and payroll is higher this year but we have a bigger snowpack. We are at about 70 percent last year's total payroll, and 110% of the 2014-15 total payroll. Hours should start to reduce over the next few months. We were actually close to having the same hours last year. We will need to track the hours and may need to end grooming a little bit early.
4. Operations
  - We should have adequate funds for fuels. We have exhausted the funds for snowmobile maintenance. We spent about \$6,000 for servicing the old piston bully 100. We haven't spent much money on maintenance of the new cat.. The snowmobile that wasn't working due to a bad transmission was fixed and can be sold. We should sell at least one of them this year. The Ward snowmobile is seven years old. We have about \$6,500 for grooming wages which should be sufficient. The annual maintenance for the new machine will cost about \$1,500 more and will still fall in the next fiscal year.
5. Race Report
  - The college race weekend was really successful. There were 75 racers on Sunday and about 45 sprinters on Saturday. Our average for the college race weekend was similar to past year.
6. Junior programs
  - Follow up with Winslow on grooming for older Gliders.
7. Wiggio Demonstration

- We will move from Yahoo groups to Wiggio
8. Rental fleet follow up
    - Dave and Clint are working on the rental fleet. There have been some obstacles that will prevent it from happening this year. We may be able to do this next year. There is quite a bit of interest in this program in the future. It is important to support the local retailers. There are rentals available in Montrose (Cascade Bicycles), Grand Junction (Board and Buckle), and Cedaredge (Leisure Time). The only place renting skate skis is Board and Buckle. Colorado Outdoors in Montrose.
  9. Newsletter
    - Lisa needs articles by this Friday for the next newsletter. The newsletter should highlight the lower membership donations (lapsed membership) this year. We are down \$8,093 this year in membership dues. We have about 400 members for this fiscal year. We are about 100 to 150 members lower.
  10. Fisher demo day
    - Fischer demo day will be on the day of the Loppet (Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>). May be primarily skate skis.
  11. Discuss USFS dog input
    - Rules and regulations for trail use and dogs. Historical context on use of the trails. When started initially started with dogs using Dog Loop then expanded to Tower. Have tried to limit dogs at Skyway, but haven't been allowed to limit dogs. GMNC is not allowed to sign no dogs at any of the trails. It is only a recommendation and has only been a recommendation. There has been a courtesy closure at Skyway. We are starting to see some dog use at Skyway. The GMNC maps have shown Skyway as being dog free even though we haven't been able to enforce the recommended closure. Last March the GMNC board sent a letter to the USFS requesting that an official closure of at Skyway be enforced.
    - One solution may be to add more trails to allow for better separation of users. This would be a win/win solution. There is also a recommendation that the USFS help to enforce the rules for lease use in the parking lots. There was also a recommendation to segregate half of the County Line parking lot to keep skiers with dogs separate from those that don't like dogs.
    - The FS has to enforce the existing rules. GMNC can't enforce the rules. There are extensive rules in place that would help a lot of the systems.
    - We have really unique system that has been really good for our community and provides a lot of choice that is not available in very many ski areas.
    - We need bigger signs that are easy to see.
  12. Other Comments
    - Next meeting is in Delta.
    - Fundraising: A lot of people aren't educated about the grooming by GMNC and that we rely on memberships to groom. Recommendation to post signs to educate the public.