

December 2016 GMNC Board Meeting

Attending: Dave, Terri, Jodi, Callie, Clint, Tom, Nathan, Winslow

Regrets: Christina

Guests: Tom Lambert, Tim Carter, Julia Stevens

November meetings amended to add Julia's last name. Tentative plan: January and April meetings in Grand Junction, the rest in Delta.

Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Passed.

Julia Stevens: Wilderness First Aid. Around \$300 per person, up to 16 people. 3-day course, has CPR override. Within next 2 weeks needs to know interest. Taught by her brother through Jackson Hole Leadership Institute. We can use website and Facebook to gauge interest. We can use Julia's email address for responses. She will develop a little blurb about her brother's background, cost, etc. and work with Dave to set up announcements and deadline to sign up. Possible venues: Comfort Inn, Heddles, library?

Tim Carter: dog proposals. Dave notes we have discussed many times on board, asked FS in March that Skyway be designated dog free and County Line open for dogs. No FS response so far. Tim proposes that on Scales Lake and Kannah Creek from intersection of Tower left toward Skyway, to snowmobile crossing, that no dogs be allowed. Suggests we place signs with arrow saying DOGS, pointing toward Tower. Could propose to members. Callie suggests instead we should have conversation with FS. Want to promote safety and clarity with a defined dog policy, like we did with snowbikes. We want FS to enforce regulatory restrictions that support our stated dog policy. Far preferable to taking a piecemeal approach of trail by trail, km by km. FS doesn't want to do it because it's a process involving public input. Terri suggests we get dog ski-joring banned too.

Clint moves that we craft a proposal to FS itemizing these things (safety, skijoring, etc.) and present it to them. Remind them of letter we sent last March and ask them to go through regulatory process for public comment, etc. Terri seconds. Unanimous pass. Dave and Clint will do this.

Terri: Financials. Income and expense – well within budget. Nothing really notable. Early in operating year still. Lots of income in last 2-4 weeks. Making sure vendors are charging us correctly. Groomers doing work for Lambert trail project, not part of our budget – funds released from Restricted account. Memberships and donations about the same as last year, business memberships and donations are much higher, CERF and Colorado Gives also much higher. Received \$12,731 from Colo. Gives Day and CERF for Pisten-Bully. Will have \$4100 left in CERF account.

Annie Murphy will no longer be able to organize Gliders program after this season. Christina may consider taking it. Wants board to consider what level of support we have for Gliders program; how does it fit in overall? If we want to expand it are we willing to invest more money in it? Will discuss at January meeting.

Callie: Adult programs. Skier numbers are down 40 percent over the past 4 years. Just 18 so far, we had 40 last year. Can't put finger on reasons, maybe weather. Only 2 skiers registered for this Saturday. Not confident that we'll make it up in January and February. Newsletter was bare bones, not much description, the website also had less description. The web prices were wrong. MailChimp had wrong link in it, to last year's info. Really slow to get errors corrected on website, takes 2-3 days so we will have more of that done in house so it's more responsive. Two new coaches, Jo Ramey and Laura Johnson. New safety protocol. REI class Nov. 30, repeating Jan. 25. REI wants to cosponsor group ski tour Sat. Jan. 28, at County Line. They will have posters up in the store, popup tent at County Line, food, beverages, swag. Send Callie your ideas for increasing participation.

Winslow: PistenBully will be brought up Friday. Have to assemble it, put tracks on, will take a couple hours. Will have some on-snow training on it. Kenton and Matt will be there. Having some trouble with Ward machine. Old roller is out of round. Need to replace roller and axle, Winslow is working on getting price. Hopefully no more than \$700 or so.

Dave: We should have a member celebration for the PistenBully. Dec. 31st, during race. News release, MailChimp, Facebook, etc. Some kind of refreshments. Could acknowledge donors in our second newsletter. Lisa has time for this. We should have a list of PistenBully donors on the website.

Early season grooming. Some blowback by not having grooming starting til Sat. after Thanksgiving. Skiers go up as soon as first storm hits. Our grooming equipment wasn't ready to go. First good storm made a mud bog at Mesa, hard to get machine out – it should have been in place up on the Mesa already. We need storage that's closer by – in Cedaredge.

Aspen Ski Club and other ski programs like Colorado Mesa University – they need to be paying \$10 per kid for use of our trails when they come up for multi day events.

Next board meeting: probably Orchard Mesa Middle School in Grand Junction, Jan. 10

February meeting will be moved to Feb. 7th.

Meeting adjourned. Moved, seconded, passed.

