

## Missoula Nordic Ski Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/21/09

Attendees: Michelle Voight, Dennis Fenney, Charlie Wellenstein, Craig Krueger, Alden Wright, Kellie Carim, Sherri Kenyon

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

Michelle established a second "Pay Pal" bank account for online membership payments

### 2. CLINICS

Kellie is interested in providing some training clinics and is willing to volunteer her services. As she finds out more details about cost and times for her recertification the club will review and discuss the possibility of providing some support. In the meantime everyone agreed that it would be great if Kellie taught some classes. We will continue the discussion on the details for this upcoming season.

### 3. TRAILER

Craig will talk to John to confirm a 12' trailer will meet our needs. Michelle will write a check for costs at time of purchase.

### 4. FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT

Charlie, Craig, and Joe met with the Forest Service. All the items we wanted or wanted removed we got. Charlie will do the twice per month spot checking during the season as required by the contract. An item of concern that was not in the contract was grant assistance by the Forest Service for the club. Craig addressed this in the cover letter he sent with the signed contract. An important component of the contract is for the club to prepare for the Forest Service at the end of the season. The report is due April 30, 2010.

### 5. TRAIL CLEAN -UP

Generally the cleanup will start at 9:00am and expected to last a couple of hours. Members are not expected to attend all cleanup days but are encouraged to participate in at least one and bring landscaping tools.

Rattlesnake-10/10/09-Charlie and Steve G. will oversee and write a description of the cleanup plans for the Forest Service to review prior to the cleanup date.

Pattee Canyon-10/17/09 trail clean-up

10/18/09 mowing

Craig will oversee. Steve G. will check with Donna Gaukler at the Parks Dept. to see if they would consider mowing the trail as they had in the past. As backup, in case Parks and Rec. will not mow, Craig will check into rental prices for mowers or equivalent.

Lubrecht-10/24/09 Dennis will oversee. Dennis estimates needing 4 people for a couple of hours.

## 6. ANNUAL MEETING

Everyone agreed to the meeting date of Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. It will be a potluck with the club providing beverages. The location is yet to be determined. We discussed Momentum, Higgins Alley, Union Club, and Orchard Homes community center. Craig will follow up on cost, size, and availability of these venues and any others that may come to mind.

## 7. BYLAWS

Craig will work on and have the necessary information organized by the annual meeting. Steve German provided some information at the last meeting and has additional boxes of the club history if needed.

## 8. LIABILITY INSURANCE

Craig needed additional club information, annual revenue and membership, to finalize the liability insurance application. Michelle will provide the additional information via email. Discussion continued on whether the insurance is needed or not. Could groomers sign a W-9, identify themselves as contractors, and get an Independent Contractor Exemption Certificate through the state of Montana? Two concerns arose from the discussion: groomers would still not be covered by workers comp though the club would not be liable and secondly certification would require verification of independent work and proof that the groomer is part of an independent established trade. Craig and Michelle will work together to finalize the approach to wages, liability, and workers comp.

## 9. GRANT

Michelle informed the group that one grant expires Oct. 15, 2009 and the other grant expires Oct. 15, 2010. We have \$4,000 remaining in the first grant (due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009) designated for equipment purchases and grooming. We have items to purchase, trailer and new 4 stroke snowmobile; however we will not be able to purchase by the due date. Michelle said we could apply for an extension and we agreed the club should do that. Michelle will send the extension request to the appropriate folks.

## 10. WEB PAGE

Alden discussed some options for the web page the club needed to decide on. Should we keep the old Grooming Page or use the new web page software for the Grooming Page. Keeping the old page has the benefit of familiarity and the format does not generate "threads". The down side is a member would need a UN (username) and PW(password) for the web page and another for the Grooming Page. Alden was in favor of keeping the Grooming Page under the old software. The club deferred to his preference.

## 11. RACES

The group discussed Lubrecht and the possibilities of the site. Everyone agreed the venue is a great location for events with the trails, cabins, and fire ring. Dennis is interested in developing more impromptu races and trainings and will focus on Lubrecht as the location for those events.

Dennis also discussed talking with Andrea at the Lochsa Lodge about a possible race there. She was very interested and would be willing to deal with the paperwork. She also thought a shuttle could be a possibility. Dennis will continue working out details to bring to the next meeting.

## 12. MAILING

Michelle will prepare an email and postcard to go out to members. It will have the trail clean up dates, times, and needs. It will also include the annual meeting date, and the Ozone Race date (Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010) as well as a reminder of the new web page and the ability to pay membership dues online.

### 13.NEXT MEETING

Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6:00pm. The Youth Homes meeting room will not be available in October. Alden offered a meeting room at his Dept. on the UM campus.