

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday December 16, 2020 6:00 PM
Google Meet — Buffalo Wyoming

Attending: Aaron Kessler, Lorajane Kessler, Charlotte Darling, Mae Smith, Dusty Smith, Diane Adams, Ben Adams, CJ Grimes, Dalreen Kessler, Pam Snyder, Josie Schmitt, Mary Fowlkes, Silas Davidson

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

b. Vice President report – Mae

1. Sheridan Middle School ski meet January 16, Antelope Butte was planned, or could we offer Pole Creek as backup. 1-3K race, 200-300 middle schoolers. Permit/cost needs? Suggest ski coach coordinate with Silas/USFS

2. Pole Creek trail work, cleared trails and they looked good

c. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance- see report, ATV repair and donations added to account

d. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Latest reporting- nothing new. Will get website and Facebook updated with event info

2. Schedule official dates for events and publish

e. USFS report - Silas

1. Latest update- put up no motorized vehicles signs today and opened cow camp gate.

2. Fuel for Pole Creek- drop off at USFS for filling

3. Pole/bar gate near Cow Camp needs unlocked – swung open. Silas unlocked and opened it today.

4. Power line company – tree removal (next time)- masticator making a mess and leaving a lot of debris under lines. Did clean up last weekend with Mae. Silas says contractor unlikely to change practices much, main focus is to get some fuels work done.

5. Pile burn at Pole Creek entrance- pile is ready for burning when snow allows.

6. Going to Willow Park with CJ tomorrow to coordinate on grooming this year.

f. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. 10 work hours (PC) 120 miles (PC) plus 2 hours for Mae & Rachel

3. Ski areas

a. Pole Creek - Aaron

1. Sunday 12/13 – all trails checked, downed trees removed. Cleaned up some of the Power Line company mess along trails. Snow 8” in spots, 2” in spots.

2. Summer trail work is going to help greatly with grooming, looked really good in old tight spots

3. Older ATV, the one that had shifting issues, back to shop to look at the 4WD on Dec 21.

4. New trail maps (3 or 4 need replaced), new blue diamonds need tacked up along trails.

5. Back gate at WYDOT will be closed through season, but we have key to get through.

6. Hoping to start grooming over holiday break if possible.

b. Willow Park – CJ (cj@tntrailbreakers.org)

1. 4 – 5 inches of new from Weekend storm (SNOTEL and webcams confirm), hopefully packable for a base. Meeting Silas there on Friday to go over things and check it out.

2. Willow Park Chili – **Friday 1/29 (full moon)** afternoon/evening followed by Vertical Challenge Event at Meadowlark on **Saturday 1/30** (most laps: human powered and lift assist)—met on Sunday and confirmed plans to do this. **Chili Friday evening 3-7pm**, then Saturday Vertical Challenge Event with more effort and advertising/grants. “Sweet 16 Snow Fest”- smartphone app tracking laps up and down, entry fee. Have some sponsors and outside agency support. Glad to have any help and interest, etc.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Plan to move the snowmobile to the golf course area for staging over the next couple of weeks.

Roller/packer is at Pole Creek currently.

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d. Forest Service Road 449 – Ben and Diane

1. Latest report- snowshoed 127 last week, most of the way, to Sheep Mtn Rd. Was pretty thin. Skied up Munkres Pass Rd today and it was pretty good. Sheep Mountain Rd icy and very slick under snow.

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4. Old Business

a. Pole Creek Challenge Ski Race Feb 13– have the race or do a virtual race (do-it-yourself).

Mae: Junior High and HS seasons are happening, interval starts (no mass starts), limiting spectators, social distancing as able, wear mask if too close. Do not have to wear masks while racing. Last Jr High and HS races are Feb. 13.

Lorajane: Feels we should go virtual- not as regimented as school system for limiting spectators, enforcing rules, etc. Without that structure, regulating/navigating the rules for participants and spectators would be difficult. Participation levels? Virtual option doesn't seem like we would lose anything and worth a try.

Majority in favor of virtual event.

Send email to Silas saying that we are planning to cancel due to COVID- he will look into whether insurance/permit still needed for virtual event this week. If less than 75 ppl, no money made, don't need a permit.

Virtual event logistics: Technology/app to track- CJ/Aaron/Mae will look into options. Permit and Insurance Need s. Time Frame- Mae suggests Feb. 1-Feb. 28? Look at snow forecast. Advertising? Giveaways. Prizes. Give people snow condition updates.

b. Events for 2021:

Classic Ski Clinic Jan. 30, 10 AM at Pole Creek: meet at main Pole Creek parking area at 10 AM. Clinic is Free. Bring your own Classic Skiing Gear (rentals available from Sports Lure, but make sure you get the right type). Camp 307 has a small van and would bring ~8 kids max. Mae considering bringing SMS kids (20-25). Josie could help depending on how many kids she has to wrangle. CJ: okay to add this event into their advertising since it's more Nordic and TNT's is alpine.

Skate Ski Clinic Feb. 20, 10 AM at Buffalo Golf Course (snow pending): meet at Buffalo Golf Course parking lot (or Pole Creek if needed). Sports Lure may not have much availability for rentals because middle school kids will be taking up quite a few if they get them in. Josie not sure if Camp 307 will participate due to lack of availability of equipment.

5. New Business

a. Equipment / Facility needs- ATV down again, but keep in mind potential future purchase needs

b. Mitch returned blue diamonds, etc., asked if PPNC interested in selling homelite donated chainsaw to him. From Mary's perspective, club owns saw and can dispose of as needed. LJK motions to sell chainsaw for donation, CD seconds, motion carried unanimously.

6. Tensleep Nowood Trailbreakers

a. Emailed Silas, waiting for reply to meet up- meeting this Friday at Willow Park.

b. Had to cancel the Brewery take-over due to COVID restrictions. Had planned Ski Rodeo to complement bike rodeo, but didn't have equipment along with COVID restrictions. Wax on Wheels in Sheridan mobile waxing bus. Focusing on Sweet 16 Snowfest for this year.