

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday December 19, 2018 6:00 PM
Mishap Brewery - Buffalo Wyoming

Attending: Lorajane Kessler, Aaron Kessler, Silas Davidson, Mitch Black, Pam Snyder, Dalreen Kessler, CJ Grimes, Charlotte Darling

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

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1. Welcome

2. Season kick-off analysis-

~15 attendees, sold 1 hat, \$24 donations, 4 PCC registrations, raffle prizes.

b. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance: \$4,522,

incl. JRCD grant (\$1500)

2. ATV repairs and

maintenance on next statement, ~\$500. PCC Event insurance paid (\$309).

3. Donations received via

Paypal- 11/26- \$50, 12/3- \$75 (need to deposit in account), \$35 check received.

c. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Thanks for snow reports, have been updating website, Facebook, and email list. CJ says weather links are working!

2. Posters and postcards distributed? Mitch put up on west side. Need 3-4 more. Charlotte can print if needed.

3. Pole Creek Challenge- working on logo, planning to stick with last year's chapstick for giveaways (39 left, almost exactly our usual registration)

4. Resubmitted notarized letter to SAM.

d. USFS report - Silas

1. If federal gov't shuts down, USFS could not assist with gas, etc., volunteers technically not covered by USFS insurance during that time.

2. GIS—Pole Creek map and trails accurate? Any new routes or paths? Some slight reroutes due to swamp, snow catching.

3. Willow Park signs? Donation and etiquette signs not up yet, fat bikes have discovered the area. Pole Creek area- grooming Caribou Mesa road for fat bikes, encourage their use on that side.

4. Dog poop- Forest order banning dogs from Pole Creek (this is what is in place at Sibley), Poop fairy sign is "too forceful".

5. Snowmachine at Willow Park broke down

e. Trails coordinator – Mary (ABSENT)

1. Hours and miles-

2.

3. Ski areas

a. Pole creek - Aaron



1. Trail Grooming, Signs, Branch removal- snow is holding, xmas vacation will continue grooming, putting up signs, trimming branches. Packed and rolled/groomed twice.

2. ATV 2x up at Pole Creek- packed and rolled twice

3. Take the second Ginzu up to PC until golf course is ready- planning to take to Pole Creek for time being, until it snows down here to speed things up.

b. Willow park – Mary/Mitch

1. Willow Park signs – need to go up

2. Mitch: big tree down found last week, on trail that wasn't found in the fall (Family Loop), Mitch, CJ, and Silas will try to work on it.

3. Chili Fest- Mitch sent email requesting stirring, help, etc., for chili fest to folks on west side. YMCA is engaged and planning to attend, ~10 kids + families? Silas can help move some snow and tables. YMCA kids could possibly help? Looks like we will have a big turnout. Boys and Girls Club volunteer activity? Chili order is done, Mitch has some raffle prizes. Craig C. said he'd bring firewood. Main tasks needing help are stirring chili and moving snow. Offering time slots/shifts for chili stirring to allow times for helpers to ski and help.

4. Parking lot in good condition and getting plowed well, berm is plowed out.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Golf Course signs – need to go up. No snow. When we have it, will put signs up on either gate.

2. Skate ski clinic- Sports Lure still renting some skate equipment.

4. Old Business

a. NONE

5. New Business

a. Purchase "arrow" stickers for trail maps- Red Arrow stickers for "You Are Here" since red dots are confusing on some of the signs. ABC Signs? Approved by board.

b. Additional signage for Dog owners and Bike riders (pole creek)- Casper mtn sign regarding fatbikes and snow hardness (fat tire does not equal snow bike, etiquette for bikes, etc.). Fat bikers opened discussion online and in person at ski season kickoff. Need to work on education plan.

c. Aaron: Fundraiser for summer equipment rental (skid steer, stump grinder, limb chipper). Equipment made maintenance very smooth last summer and greatly improved trails. Specific fundraiser for trail maintenance next summer, as stump grinding and wood chipping has really made grooming smoother (\$682 + 381 for rentals in 2018). CJ says Tensleep guy has chipper and charged by the hour to mulch wood scraps, reasonably priced. Come up with budget and reach out to email list or specific folks to ask if they would like to donate, offer some type of incentive.

d. CJ – Worland/Tensleep: Nov. 2018 Elevation magazine, Tensleep was #2 Adventure town behind Moab. WY Recreational Collaborative task force project started by Matt Mead, Bighorn Basin is pilot location. CJ (conservation and Nordic), Brewery, and Climbing are reps from Tensleep. Trying to represent PPNC, discussing winter trail sports in plans/projects.

Worland Golf Course: trail groomers in Worland starting to appear, grooming at golf course in Worland. Towing roller behind side by side for bikes, skis, snowshoes, separate bike and ski trails. Groomers doing it as volunteer work, donating fuel and equipment. Offered to groom in Tensleep as well.

Brewery in Tensleep interested in a little race/track at their place. PPNC could potentially help promote any events, maps, activities, etc. that are happening on the west side. Larsen's Bikes getting more involved and invested in skiing and rentals, using a smaller start up ski gear company. (stuff's happening!)

Winter Sports Expo- PPNC received FB message regarding participating in possible winter sports expo, location, date, etc. TBD. CJ willing to be representative at that event if it occurs.

Meadowlark ski area Nordic trail grooming? Former Tensleep golf course?

AK and CD: PPNC could put link, map, etc. on website and Facebook page for west side off-forest grooming as received.

MB: If enough interest, etc., potentially east and west side chapters, future separate organizations?

CJ: At this point, foster and encourage growth and interest in west side off forest activities. Multisport interests. State rec task force not funded, but some shovel ready projects developing. Unclear how things will actually happen on the ground with grant funding, etc.

Relevant Apps? Trails, snow reports, etc. to get PPNC listed. CJ will check on these.