

Powder Pass Nordic Club  
Wednesday February 17, 2021 6:00 PM  
Google Meet — Buffalo Wyoming

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

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

2.

b. Vice President report – Mae

1. Sheridan Middle School kids planning to ski at Pole Creek on Friday morning.

2.

c. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance- see report. Trailer registration, ATV repair, some donations, gasoline.

2. Showing up next month: JCTA grant expenses (reimbursable), donations, PCC registration fees

d. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Latest report- submitted JCTA voucher and 2021 grant application (\$1000). Ads with various newspapers, both print and online

2. Maintaining PCC stuff, website/facebook/emails.

e. USFS report - Silas

1. Latest update- No updates at this time. PCC posters look good. Got another 6 inches of snow today at Hunter Work Center, so snow should be good.

2. Middle School Box Sled challenge tomorrow (2/18), so toilet may see some use.

f. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. 28 hours, 200 miles for Pole Creek

3. Ski areas

a. Pole Creek - Aaron

1. Older ATV is back in the shop with starting issues. Skidoo and newer ATV are being used to groom the area. Possible issues over long term of using electrical functions without engine running (Stator). Labor and parts ~\$450 for repair. Not working until fixed. Consider determining a cycle for upgrades/selling equipment before it loses all value.

2. January 30 Classic clinic – pretty successful I think. 14 participants. Buffalo, Sheridan, Gillette, Tensleep attendance. Complete beginners never on skis to those learning technique tricks. Well-received.

3. Saturday February 20 Skate Clinic at the Golf Course at 10 AM. If a reminder can be sent out reminding folks of the time and location. Also, proper gear (skis/boot/pole) are not mandatory, but will have a large influence on the experience. Aaron will be instructor. Sports Lure may have a couple of skate sets available for rental. Have been very supportive of the Jr High ski team- seasonlong rentals to student athletes at much better rate than others.

4. Planning to groom Pole Creek Friday night.

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

1. Silas: got Willow Park packed last week—36" of snow made for lots of getting stuck- hoping to clean it up this Friday. Still getting snow so hopefully will have a good base.

2. Good snow and skiing based on reports from CJ and others.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Roller has been brought down from Pole Creek and will be used at the area as long as the snow holds. Aaron mapped out 5K route and got approval for packing.
2. If anyone has time during the day to ziptie ski club signs up at the entrance gates that would be helpful. Mary is available to do so. Lorajane will bring signs in to Mary at work/home.
3. Planning to pack after school tomorrow (2/18)

d. Forest Service Road 449 – Ben and Diane

1. Latest report- Good snow and snowmobile track all the way to Sheep Mtn lookout. Planning to break trail on 449/127 trails tomorrow. Finally good snow up there.

4. Old Business

- a. Pole Creek Challenge Ski Race Feb 13– Virtual Race Details- prizes/giveaways working with Rocking K, about 15 registrants so far, expecting 25-30 max. Going okay, not many questions, etc.
- b. TNT vertical challenge (Friday chili fest / Saturday Meadowlark event)- Ben and Diane went, helped with set up and had chili, good attendance. Vertical challenge also had decent attendance.
- c. Buffalo Skijoring event – Fair grounds (Feb 27) Club is lending the box groomer to help level the surface between competitors.

5. New Business

- a. Multiple different days up in the mountains during the summer for trail maintenance. Tree removal, stump removal, tree chip, rock removal. Renting different equipment on different days to improve efficiency/spread out the work to fit availability. Silas: want to limit trips in to the area, middle of the week is better; not create too many tracks for others to follow. Encourage workers to walk in, etc. Should be able to make something work. Water mitigation in swampy areas- discuss with Silas.
- b. Identify rental expenses for JCRD grant work. Machine maintenance, equipment rental, race necessities, club improvements. Trouble spots easy to find with low snow conditions this year.

6. Tensleep Nowood Trailbreakers

- a. Not present