

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020 5:00 PM

The Lounge at Crazy Woman - Buffalo Wyoming

Attending: Aaron Kessler, Mary Fowlkes, Dusty Smith, Lorajane Kessler, Dalreen Kessler, Charlotte Darling, Mitch Black, Mae Smith, Cedar Smith, Ben Adams, Diane Adams

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome- still snowing at pole creek, and skiable
- 2.

b. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance- see treasurer report
2. Awaiting JCTA reimbursement and run sign up reimbursement; Have received several donations online, in person, and via mail. May top \$5,000 in checking account.

c. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Johnson County Rec District Grant application- need to look up due dates and start planning
2. Johnson County Tourism Grant application- CD submitted on February 13, presentations will be in March. Consider additional online/regional advertising next year, emailing posters to Red Lodge, etc., folks.
3. Sent receipts and thank you notes to PCC sponsoring businesses. Received donations from 7-8 of 20 requests. Continue this in the future.

d. USFS report - Silas

1. West Muddy trail packing (Device)- Ed von Holst and USFS dragged/smoothed the West Muddy trail in late February, seemed to work okay. Mitch skied it and it was not ideal for skiing (icy/contours), but could be with more snow.
2. Requests (Restrictions) for trail signage at ski areas- TNT west side group was wondering where we got the metal signs for ski areas- ABC Signs in Sheridan. AK interested in having 2 proposed "rules" for ski areas: Use trails for designed purpose (i.e. don't walk on ski tracks), be responsible for dogs (i.e. pick up the poop). Better photo/image sign of dog poop scooping rather than a wordy sign. *Move/Add a sign board at the trail fork/toilet area rather than just near the parking area? Not in a very readable spot (wind, awkward angle, snow drifting, etc.)* Mitch will chat with District Ranger regarding additional signage or ideas based on her time skiing in Jackson, etc.
3. Silas planning to pack/groom Willow Park this week.
4. Question for USFS: putting up a traffic counter at Pole Creek?

e. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. Hours and miles- January 43 hours and 160 miles for USFS. January & February non-USFS: 94 hours, lots of miles
- 2.

3. Ski areas

a. Pole Creek - Aaron

1. Identify locations for summer attention as continuing to ski over the next few weeks and make a note/report to Aaron. Still have JRCD \$ from last year to rent chippers, etc., for Pole Creek. Option to rent from Brian Boden possibly?
2. Holding snow quite well, has been continuing to snow. Spring soccer coaching starts in 2 weeks, which will cut in to evening and weekend grooming time.

3. High School took 100 sophomores to Pole Creek to ski, etc., today. Next Wednesday 100 6th graders will have sled races at PC.

b. Willow Park – Mary/Mitch

1. Latest trail and snow report- MEF was there on Sunday, snow is deep on picnic tables, Silas is planning to groom/pack this week.

2. Mitch- concern to him and others that WP needs to stay as it is. Both PC and WP are fabulous in their own ways, MB talked with district ranger about current status/type of skiing and possible changes. Maintaining variety of ski options (full skate groomed, rustic classic packed, primitive 449 area). MB plans to attend TNT meeting to learn more about their plans, etc.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Report- going pretty well this year, packed several times. Cart paths are being plowed across ski trails, AK will try to chat with him for clarification. Restaurant staff has noticed increased usage and skiers as customers. Will continue packing as snow continues.

2. Aaron would like to purchase green fuel cans for use at golf course to avoid spilling on self and snowmobile. MEF motions to approve purchase, DA seconds, motion carried unanimously.

d. Forest Service Road 449

1. Latest trail and snow report- Diane says there is a snowshoed loop all the way around, including 127 trail. 447 had been snowmachine packed, then skied. Still lots of snow (30+ inches powder with snowshoes). Parking spot at Sheep Mtn has been kept plowed open.

4. Old Business

a. Pole Creek Challenge – Debrief, Excellent event, record turnout (61 racers—29 Buffalo, 32 from outside Johnson County)

1. Registration/Bibs/Timing/Give a ways (Charlotte): increased onsite registration made it a little hectic. Timing software price increased- will need to allow for this in JRCD race expenses request. Giveaways (buffs) were popular. Printer was too cold to work, but went okay. Door prize random number generator for next year- cold fingers drawing using paper slips. Keep snacks and prizes at finish line.

2. Toilet/Permit/Insurance (Lorajane): Toilet, permit, and insurance went well. 5 year race permit is approved.

3. Race Course/Ambulance (Aaron): Ambulance did not charge for standby as far as we know. No one got lost on trail, photos of racers, good snow conditions.

4. Extra: Dusty: possibility of adding a 20-25K distance to PCC- would likely need aid station which would require increased cost. May attract more skiers from farther away interested in longer distances. Consider sending question out via email and Facebook to get feedback- if there was a higher fee and aid stations, is there interest in this distance? Facebook or Survey Monkey Poll.

5. Next year- planning to pack a larger area at finish line to avoid wind, etc. Potential/cost for adding a fat bike race? Or combining with TNT to have a race weekend? I.e. PCC Saturday, Bike Race Sunday?

b. Skate Ski Clinic Debrief- Mae wonders about moving skate ski clinic later in year to be able to do it at golf course with better snow. AK suggests having one pre-race to give people a chance to learn before the race, and an additional clinic later on when snow is better.

5. New Business

- a. Grant requests- JCRD will have less money- race expenses, other items we may need? Start looking harder on craigslist and upcycle for enclosed trailers for storage?
- b. PPNC mission statement review- Mitch-
- c. Snowmachine possible sell – TNT (Tensleep Nowood Trailblazers) group is working to organize and fundraise for a west side group (next meeting March 8 at Tensleep Brewery). PCC has a currently unused snowmobile (blue book \$4000) wired for grooming, etc., should we advertise/offer selling it to TNT? Cody at power sports also had someone who may be interested. AK motions to sell the extra snowmobile, with funds to be returned to club funds, MB seconds, motion carried unanimously.
- d. Future idea for event- ski waxing fun night/social for education—possibly combine with the physical therapy/Sports Lure event.