

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday January 15, 2020 6:00 PM
The Lounge at Crazy Woman - Buffalo Wyoming

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

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

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b. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance- See treasurer report

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c. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Sponsorship letters (\$) - Received donations from DJ's, Vision Center of Johnson County, State Farm, Busy Bee, and Lolly's Sugar Shack. Charlotte ordered Thank You notes to send to donors.

2. Charlotte ordered Pole Creek Challenge posters from Clear Creek Printers, put reg. forms at YMCA

d. USFS report - Silas

1. Bill for race permit. USFS is redoing some of the brochures at their front desk, will revise and have us review before printing.

2. Special Olympics packing January 24th. Silas can borrow roller to pack for the event.

3. Mary and Pam said Willow Park has been really great and smoothly groomed- thanks Silas!

4. Signs and TP needs at Pole Creek parking lot. Silas will take care of them.

e. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. Hours and miles- 28 hours, 160 miles for December. November- 14 hours, 40 miles.

2. Mary- WP on Sunday, ran into skiers from Sheridan who had donated, also from Casper. Getting wide ranging use. Not windy on New Year's Day with Volksmarch event at Willow Park.

3. Ski areas

a. Pole Creek - Aaron

1. Arrows and maps at all critical junctions (?) - some are missing again, AK will try to fix next time he's up.

2. Big wind recently blew the snow around, packing helped maintain snow where needed. Groomed with Mitch on Saturday, saw dogs and people who voice appreciation for grooming.

3. Pam- possibility of grooming more to gate parking lot to help make snow less icy. Investigate moving the entrance for skiing to North end of parking lot for less wind, easier access.

4. Towards inside of trail, Aaron tried to put a classic track towards the middle to provide a snowshoe/bike lane, skate lane, and classic lane. Need awareness for people to use it properly. AK talked to Ed Von Holst today and said it wasn't packed hard/wide enough on edges to bike successfully, but good idea and worked in some spots. Mae said places need to be limbed up in some places to accommodate bikes and snowshoes (branches at face height—invite bikers to assist with clean up in summer workdays?)

b. Willow Park – Mary/Mitch

1. Latest trail and snow report- snow and skiing were great last weekend. Silas groomed last Friday, received good feedback on email and Facebook, and from Mary- good job Silas! Has been excellent.

2. Chili Fest 1/18/20: Details- CJ will bring snowblower tomorrow to clear out fire pit and cooking area. Mitch and CJ bringing firewood. Chili is ordered from Senior Center, stove, propane, utensils, etc. Mitch will take care of. Lorajane will get bowls, supplies, etc. West Side folks are bringing brownies. Door Prizes: put number on bottom of random bowls, and they win- water bottles for prizes. Aaron will bring hot and cold water jugs, V8,

donation jar, etc. Helpers: Lorajane, Aaron, Mitch, CJ, West Siders? Some basic lessons will be taught on the hour (11, 12, and 1).

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Contacted grounds keeper and got permission to maintain trails if adequate snow falls
2. Still not enough snow. A few folks were out last weekend, but not enough to groom.
3. Skate Ski Clinic- Not enough snow. Mae and Dusty wondered if flat spot near WYDOT parking lot would work for the clinic. Aaron thinks that would work—have people park at Pole Creek proper and then shuttle folks to the gate area. Unsure if Sports Lure still has rental gear. Aaron could bring waxing bench to event to fix rental gear. Change of venue to Pole Creek—same time, same date.—Charlotte will send an email with change of location.

d. Forest Service Road 449

1. Latest trail and snow report- Adamses skied Sheep Mountain Rd today, snowmobiles had packed. 447 was not packed. Mary saw a car at 449 on Sunday. 127 trail did not appear to have any traffic, so likely not packed. About 27 inches of powder.

2. Maps: can use USFS road maps linked in ArcGIS, only part not included is track along north track of Crazy Woman. Charlotte will try to re-map it using these layers.

3. Summer time needs? Maintained by OHVs in summer.

4. Old Business

a. Forest Service 5-year race permit. Silas brought bill, LJK will pay online.

b. Fat bike- fat bike lane attempted at Pole Creek. May need more signage/info to communicate this info.

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5. New Business

a. Pole Creek Challenge – details (workers, reservations, promotion, prizes): Saturday, Feb. 8. Mitch, Mae, LJK, AK, CD will all be there for sure. Aaron and Dusty will groom night before. Toilet and ambulance are reserved. AK will chat with Sports Lure about prizes. Door prizes and donations received from local businesses. Ben Adams and Bob(?) Can be on trail with snowmachines. Lorajane, Diane, and Charlotte available for running timing tablets. Wednesday Feb. 5th pre-race meeting at Kesslers, 7pm. Snacks, Prizes will be needed. Charlotte working with Keith Hahn for medals, and ordered giveaway buffs. Post-race awards location: Lounge at Crazy Woman? Saturday cribbage tourney, might not work? Look into Carousel Center—bartender? Charlotte will check with them on pricing, availability, etc. Parking lot attendant and bib retrieval. We will have the enclosed trailer, but not the tracked UTV.

b. Next meeting will be the pre-race meeting at Kesslers on Wednesday

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