

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday January 16, 2019 6:00 PM
Mishap Brewery - Buffalo Wyoming

Attending: Lorajane Kessler, Aaron Kessler, CJ Grimes, Pam Snyder, Dalreen Kessler, Mary Fowlkes, Charlotte Darling

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

b. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance

2. Mary purchased red arrows from ABC signs, LJK will reimburse Mary/check with ABC billing

c. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. PCC Ads- placed in Worland, Buffalo, Sheridan, Black Hills Pioneer, Gillette

2. PCC posters and forms at YMCA, awards

3. Take posters and announce dates to area Chambers/Papers, etc. to get on calendars, WPR, email blasts, Wyoming tourism site? Get links on Buffalo and Worland Chambers of Commerce?

4. Various emails/messages regarding Willow Park, have been forwarding to MB, AK, and CJG.

d. USFS report – Silas (NOT PRESENT- Gov't Shutdown)

1. Gas cans not being filled; PCC permit pending....

2. Does anyone have a phone number?

3. Mary- Thad from USFS (range con) doing a program with Rod Litzel about Invasive Species on trails this spring—Mary will send dates and location when she hears.

e. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. Hours and miles – Nov. and Dec. total: 71.5 hours, 614 miles

2.

3. Ski areas

a. Pole creek - Aaron

1. Trail Grooming

2. CJ- grooming today was pretty good, large group in boots, some bike tracks, but not bad. Good for skate skiing.

3. Groups have been walking/postholing through the snow on the trails. Lots of ATV/Snowmobile traffic on trails. Someone drove in for firewood off highway gate, dropped a tree right next to trail, drove UTV in, appeared to be going to come back. Need to put sign/lock on gate. Also, snowmobile drove right up trail Bull Moose and turned around at gate.

b. Willow park – Mary/Mitch

1. Trails- Sarah B. at Willow Park yesterday, some postholing, Powder River Loop all snowshoes, no more smooth snow there or I25. CJ put tracks on the Gates and Dugway. Snow forecasted for Friday and Saturday.

2. Individual with 4 stroke snowmobile, certified/search and rescue could potentially pack/roll after new snow, since USFS isn't working. Big postholes/snowshoe tracks have roughened trails in many areas.

3. Willow Park Chili Fest logistics- LJK will get crackers, toppings, V8, etc., and go through bins to see what's needed (bowls, spoons, cocoa, etc.); AK will bring hot and cold water; Dalreen and Pam will help unload, etc., for first portion/set up 11-12, then ski. CJ worked on benches and shoveling out seating area, will bring snowblower on Saturday. Kesslers will be there at 10:30. Nathan and Aaron can help with ski lessons. Mitch thinks we may have a bigger than usual turnout. Parking monitor? Plowed well, but may need orderly instructions. Prize

Drawings: Tensleep brewing certificates, Larsen's bicycles certificate, Sports Lure, Mishap certificates? PCC entry, hat, bottle? Mitch has donation bucket, cards, business cards, etc.

4. Willow Park trails- leave as is? In rough shape, but more skiers may help smooth out.
5. WP skiing has been fantastic with little to no packing or grooming and not much snow.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. No trail maintenance so far this season
2. Golf Course signs – need to go up when needed.
3. Skate Clinic.... Likely not going to happen at the Golf Course.

4. Old Business

a. Purchase "arrow" stickers for trail maps – anybody free to go find these and make the purchase? Mary took care of it.

b. Fund raiser for summer equipment rental (skidsteer, stump grinder, limb chipper, fuel). –AJK: send message requesting donations? LJK- we have donations, make request from JCRD for \$ in 2019 instead? Request specific donations from businesses and give them good PR? \$1300- formally request discount from Rocky Mtn Equipment?

c. Worland winter expo – PPNC participation. February 7, ~4pm. Charlotte and CJ planning to attend for PPNC, will take biz cards, posters, info, etc. Water bottles, stickers, etc. in exchange for donations. LJK will send box with CJ after the race.

5. New Business

a. January 26 Buffalo Golf Course Skate Ski Clinic – cancel/postpone. Not enough snow at Golf Course. Even with more snow, likely not enough to groom. Move to Pole Creek? Not great beginner areas near entrance, may not be ideal. Best option is to postpone...**Reschedule for Feb. 16, if Golf Course okay**; if needed will move to Pole Creek. Char will send emails and FB announcements.

b. Occidental Hotel inquiry of PPNC (Mitch)- Jennifer Johnson from Occidental stopped at meeting- Jackie discussed cross advertising- Occ has guests who come to XC ski and ask about conditions/trails. They are interested in adding our info/links to the Occidental site, and wonder if we would be able to add info for them on our page. Give them some business cards and save the dates? Mary will drop off biz cards and posters tomorrow (2 of each). Email Save the Date and PCC poster to Occ. Ox invites us back for our board meetings- in library, tea room, sitting room, etc.

CD: If we do this, add a helpful links page to website—accommodations/dining, rental equipment (Occ, Sports Lure, Larsen's Bicycles, Mishap, Tensleep Brewing?)—look at Museum's website and copy info/nonprofit stuff.

c. Pole Creek Challenge Logistics (Permit/Insurance, Workers- trails, timers, trailer, computers, ambulance, on-trail assistants), Post race – Brewery, Prizes, awards, give-a-ways)—need grip tape/carpet for trailer door entrance. Feb. 2. Have event insurance, no permit yet due to gov't shutdown.... Pre-race planning on Weds., Jan. 30 at Kesslers, 6PM. Bob and Kristy can do timing, AK will do trails, CD will download Webscorer and set up Kindle and iPad, ask Bob B. to be on trail turn point. AK will call ambulance. LJK will ask Michelle about using the brewery. AK will request prizes from Sports Lure. LJK will get port-a-potty reserved. Registration: CD, Kristy K., Ben & Diane Adams?

d. Pam- Blacktooth to Luminous skijoring event in Sheridan- winter festival similar to Riverton/Lander.

