

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday January 20, 2021 6:00 PM
Google Meet — Buffalo Wyoming

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

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

2. East side snow is thin this year. Rolled and packed Pole Creek a couple times. Skiable despite rocks

b. Vice President report – Mae

1. 25 junior high kids on Sheridan team.

2. Interested in hosting high school/middle school race at Pole Creek next year. Practicing at Sibley, story park, red grade. Races on weekends.

c. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance

2. Received a couple of donations recently, treasurer report in email.

d. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Latest report- a few emails coming in, mailing list responses, etc.

2.

e. USFS report - Silas

1. Latest update- Race updates on insurance, etc. , virtual needs.

2. Willow Park grooming- haven't been up lately. Users have been saying conditions are okay

f. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. Mary will email hours and miles.

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3. Ski areas

a. Pole Creek – Aaron

1. Snow is 6 inches in trees, 2 where packed- can go around whole area and avoid most rocks. Still rock ski territory. But getting quite a bit of use.

2. Two large seeps are overrunning and building ice over the trails, inches at a time. (A1 / Muddy Creek East, Muddy Creek East / Carr's Cut-off) Rerouting is being attempted to avoid these areas. In flatter areas, not on a sharp corner, etc. **Looking in to some signs to post.

3. Revisit Ski club liability regarding skiers' accidents on thin and icy ski trails- signage needed if icy? Or is inherent risk assumed when putting skis on. Silas: from liability standpoint, PPNC should be fine. Legally, Wyoming recreation act protects. Ethically, rerouting/signing or making a better way to ski makes sense. Silas: could be an option in the summer to do some mitigation/planning for these spots.

4. Saturday 30, 10:00 Classic Ski Clinic. Instructors (game plan for delivery), Sheridan Junior High ski team practice (numbers), YMCA Camp 307 (numbers), Others (maybe ask for an email or Facebook reply to get idea for numbers). SJHS will be on site for practice, but mainly skate skiing- Mae will be coaching with 25 kids, might be available for a few minutes. Dusty possibly available to be there. Charlotte will send out an announcement on email and FB requesting RSVPs to get an idea on numbers.

5. Pole Creek area parking lot was full last Saturday (sledders but also many skiers)

6. Have only used roller at Pole Creek and all equipment is still up there.

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

1. Some folks there recently have skied and said snow was decent, still some rocks. Not worth packing again unless get 3-4 inches or so of snow.

2. Silas: no dates on snowmachine that is broken down. TNT is still working on fundraising for a machine.

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. All grooming devices are at Pole Creek

2. Maybe we'll have some snow sometime in a few weeks?

d. Forest Service Road 449 – Ben and Diane

1. Latest report- there is snow. Bring your rock skis. Places where you want to take off skis and walk. 449 towards crazy woman/127 good. But a lot of thin spots, and on long hill above bridge. Sheep Mtn Rd packed from snowmobiles, but decent skiing. Munkres Pass trail with little used old logging road trail.

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4. Old Business

a. Pole Creek Challenge Ski Race Feb 13– Virtual Race Details (Registration Fee, Sign-up prize, Where and how to submit ski times for 5 km and 10 km)- 5K, 10K, skate/classic; adding monthlong distance challenge

b. Lorajane: looked into insurance for monthlong virtual race. Had some promising leads, but rider depended on club liability insurance. Discussions led to deciding to go with virtual race anywhere. Silas- we just need to write them an email requesting a fee waiver from the USFS.

c. Charlotte will work on setting up website, paper registration, advertising, and posters. Please send ideas for giveaways and door prizes!

5. New Business

a. TNT Vertical Challenge: use of the PPNC bibs- Do not need PPNC bibs as initially thought. Friday night Jan. 29 chili fest and fire, anyone who wants to pitch in, let CJ know. Giveaway of XC ski package from Sports Lure \$10 raffle tickets. Saturday event at Meadowlark Vertical Challenge- reselling lift tickets as fundraiser. Using EventBrite. Silas: will stay in touch to try to pack Willow Park ahead of the event. At Willow Park, can't require donation. Raffle is okay this year, but need to discuss more/revisit next year.

b. February 27 Buffalo Skijoring event. (Prosinski Park). Possible use of the club's box drag- Downtown Buffalo event planned, asked to borrow grooming equipment to smooth snow between contestants. Box drag seemed like best equipment for them to use. Ben, Aaron, Mae, Charlotte agree it would be good to help them out as a community event.

c. Equipment / Facility needs

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6. Tensleep Nowood Trailbreakers

a. Hats and t-shirts are in, let CJ know if you want one

b.