

Powder Pass Nordic Club
Wednesday September 19, 2018 6:00 PM
Occidental Hotel - Buffalo Wyoming

Attending: Charlotte Darling, Lorajane Kessler, Aaron Kessler, Mary Fowlkes, Dalreen Kessler, Mitch Black, Pam Snyder, Silas Davidson

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Aaron

2. Reports

a. President's report – Aaron

1. Welcome

2. JCRD Grant-- Club received \$1,500 of \$14,985 request. Covers equipment maintenance and race expenses request, plus \$195 (rotopax fuel containers and mounting brackets). Pole Creek Workday used funds from previous year's grant.

b. Treasurer's report – Lorajane

1. Current balance- \$2,995.64; Not including most recent donations over summer

2. updated bank documents and info- LJK and CD are signatories on account.

3. LJK is looking into taking out a Safe Deposit Box for storage of important club documents and records

c. Secretary's report – Charlotte

1. Summer happenings- not much, need to send out website and facebook updates

2. IRS report submitted after end of club fiscal year.

d. USFS report - Silas

1. USFS rebuilt bridge at Willow Park this summer, will soon be building ramps to bridge deck

2. Ongoing issue of snowmobiles at Pole Creek, still brainstorming ideas to correct this.

3. Option of 5-year Pole Creek Challenge permit- USFS would complete NEPA, but club would not have to reapply each year. Club would have to pay fee each year, even if race did not occur for some reason, and would need to have insurance each year, if this became a problem, permit could be converted back to annual permit. Board currently undecided on how to proceed, and decided to table until next meeting. This may introduce idea of getting a different type of insurance??

e. Trails coordinator – Mary

1. Hours and miles: July: 115 hours, 160 miles (Pole Creek workday); Aug-Sept: 66 hours, 416 miles (Willow Park workday)

2. Gathering administrative hours for year end report to USFS.

3. Ski areas

a. Pole creek - Aaron

1. Pole Creek summer work- July 13-14. Cleared stumps and trees on A1, stump grinder and chipper were great. Chipper in particular saved lots of time and back work, definitely worth renting for future work days.

2. Additional work day(s)

b. Willow park – Mary/Mitch

1. willow park summer work- MB put together an impromptu workday with Willow Park frequent users- 4 folks from west side, 4 from east side, they walked the trail clearing brush and replacing blue diamonds. Covered about 2/3 of the trails, only a few spots appeared to need additional tree cutting maintenance. Very successful day!

2. Drag – bring back to town- Where is it?

c. Buffalo Golf Course – Aaron

1. Unsure if Clubhouse will be open year round, AK is talking to them about possibility of staying open on weekends at least for skiers, possibly college and NFL games??

2. Funds for gas: use general funds to cover, rather than maintaining separate accounts. Safe possibilities to make \$ donations easier at golf course entrance?

4. Old Business

a. Incorporation of the club for liability purposes- as reported last spring, legal advice suggests waiting until reapplying for IRS 501c3 status. Otherwise club is protected under Wyoming law as if it were incorporated.

5. New Business

a. Events for the upcoming season- Will set dates at October Meeting for ski season kickoff, chili fests, skate ski clinic, Pole Creek Challenge

b. LJK requested approval to purchase a small scanner for receipts and record backup- scan documents and save on flash drive in safety deposit box. LJK motion, PS second, carried.

c. Move meetings to Library or other location to avoid taking up customer space at the Occidental?

d. Long term ideas/club goals: Pole Creek bridges over swamps and Muddy Creek West trail; Yurts/Warming hut- these would potentially be capital campaign type projects.