

Nordic United Board Meeting.

Monday, 29 November 2010. 7 pm. Tracy Bowerman's house.

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Attendees (13 folks): Sammie Macfarlane, Wallie Macfarlane, Tracy Bowerman, Albert Wiebe, Jamie Strange, Barb Bentz, Chris Monz, Lisa Ward, Gary Thiede, Mimi Recker, David Rosenberg, Erik Syrstad, Madeline Merck

OK'ed minutes from the last meeting. Minutes to be posted on the website soon.

Communications: Are emailings, Facebook, and website sufficient to get the NU word out?

We don't have super high expectations from this initial email drive to get folks to renew memberships. Lisa Ward will send a reminder to folks. Also, try to get folks aware of our new Facebook presence.

The insurance was paid. \$1000 will cover NU and activities.

When to have meetings? Next meeting on 6 December, then another on 20 December 2010.

Finance: Albert Wiebe reported. RAPZ check used. Paid all outstanding bills. Erik Syrstad was reimbursed. \$2000 for snowcat repair. Insurance paid. We have about \$1500 in the coffer.

Grant writers need direction? Sources of grant money were mentioned and include (1) RTP (work with Forest Service, due in May 2011), (2) USFS, Kids in the Woods, (3) REI, and (4) Forest Foundation.

Grooming: Chris Monz reported. Kelly Taylor, USFS will assist. USFS will take in two snowmobiles, take to North Star in Preston Idaho for work. Someone needs to meet Kelly at 8 am tomorrow, Tuesday, 30 November. Gary Thiede volunteered. There are two snowmobiles: (1) number "92" on hood. Extra cooling system on this sled. Works the best, just need minimal servicing, get a "basic service". (2) next sled has an "electrical problem". No tinkering has worked. Get an estimate on this sled.

What else it at USFS storage area? Fencing, signage, etc. from Beaver Bottoms. Other issues: USFS snowmobile training is slated for 14 December 2010. Must have safety training before using the snowmobiles for grooming. For now, we hope Chris Brotherson can start grooming (as soon as sleds are ready to roll). Right now, Chris B and Barbara Bentz are USFS certified to drive sleds. North Logan city folks will also have to be trained to drive sleds. Contact is Allen Luce at NL city. Allen supervises 2 employees there who will do the grooming.

Other sites to groom? Barb Bentz talked with Marge and Ted Seeholzer. Willing for us to pay them to groom, Beaver Bottoms? \$50 per hour was mentioned. That would be a good deal. Cost overall would depend on snow conditions: depth, etc. When could we have them groom. Where is target area for skate track? Small area, Beaver Bottoms. We could start after Christmas, 25 December. We need to talk more about this. At Beaver Mtn: Marge – Ted – Travis. For Beaver Bottoms we will need SITLA permit (Gary Bagley is contact at SITLA). Should we give him a "heads up" that we may want to proceed with permit acquisition? Thanks Barb. Going into Marge's office helped. Travis at Beaver Mtn would want us to set up course and poles, to prep the area prior to grooming.

Other sites? Tracy talked with Brian Shirley. Brian said we could use "ORP" equipment. Groom a track near HPER, on USU campus? Jamie talked with Brian also. ORP has groomer, no snowmobile. Also, what about the 2 ginsus, and 2 rollers? Talk with Ted? Talk with Loren Keller?

For Logan Golf Course, should talk to Randy.

What grooming equipment is around? In first MOU, there was 2 snowmobiles, 2 trailers, 2 ginsus. No one knows exactly ownership. Funds were contributed by NU. Must be used on USFS lands? NU owns one snowcat and one roller. What about the NU snowcat? (tabled). Snowcat is at Petersons.

Fundraiser for this season: Wally and Sammie asked for a startup approval of \$100. Motioned, approved by all. What will we have? Film Festival, Silent Auction. Have an intermission. Set up a "fundraiser committee" Get a list of possible helpers for committee. Ask for folks to donate items for auction. Put a blurb in the email reminder, mention fundraiser. How about having fundraiser on Thursday, 13 January 2011. Should we spend some money on advertising? This is what RAPZ funds are for. Let's spend \$500 on advertising. Motioned to spend, approved by all. Erik has information about money raised from past event. Lisa Ward will work on PR.

GenXC: Paul and Jamie. Get it rolling in late January 2011. How about starting on 22 January and running for 4 weeks? Let's shoot for that date and timeframe. Instructors are paid some money for this work. Registration helps the program break even.

Tracy Bowerman and Madeline Merck plan to hold a skate ski clinic at some point. More later.

Public land discussion: Can we plow parking areas?

Also, there is a Volunteer Day on Saturday, 18 December. We need volunteers to go and support this USFS effort. Kelly Taylor contact.

Get the word out on NU and our mission, what we do? Contact Herald Journal? Lance Frazer. Do a write up and see if HJ will run an article? Describe NU facts: Who, what, where, when.

Folks are wondering "why is grooming not happening?" Word on the street. We need to let folks know what we do and when we do it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm on Monday, 29 November.

A "groomers" meeting began immediately after the NU board meeting. Attendees included Chris Monz, Jamie Strange, Madeline Merck, Tracy Bowerman, Gary Thiede.

We need to get grooming gear in place. USFS will put gear in place behind gate at Green Canyon. Our goal is to have a 5-day grooming schedule at Green Canyon.

This year, let's focus on one place, see how it goes with the funds we have. Right now, there is grooming equipment at Sherwood hills (?).

Training date for USFS snowmobile training: 14 December, a Monday.

Meeting adjourned around 9 pm on Monday, 29 November.