

Nordic United Annual Meeting. Primary purpose to elect new board.
Monday, 8 November 2010. 7 – 9 pm.
Jim Bridger room of Logan Library.

Attendees: Gary Thiede, Wally Macfarlane, Albert Wiebe, Bob Ward, Felice Moye, Lisa Ward, Marianne Christian, Jean Lown, Madeline Merck, Sean Keenan, Alex Anderson, Chris Monz, Jason Cale, Bambi Eichner, Gerald Smith, Chris Heck, Tracy Bowerman, Robert Al-Chokhachy, Bob Pack, Courtney Pace, Mark Fels, Jim Graham, Sara Goeking, Erik Syrstad, Barbara Bentz, Mimi Recker, Cameron Peterson, David Rosenberg, Paul Rogers.

29 attendees. Who is currently on NU Board? Erik Syrstad: president, Sara Goeking: past president, Mark Fels: treasurer, Gary Thiede: Membership, Alex Anderson: Grooming Coordinator.

Erik Syrstad recapped accomplishments from last year (2009-2010 season): groom, races, education, public lands. Call for previous board to help train the new board. New board should revisit bylaws, those bylaws were approved by state of Utah and must be followed. Education is a key component of the NU mission. Talked about having a paid NU director. Last year, NU hired Rebecca Scully. If we have paid director we need to be clear about objectives and communicate well. What are successes and failures with a paid director? A reminder, that we must keep minutes from meetings and post those minutes. Can we do it on the website. Albert Wiebe currently handling website <http://www.nordicunited.org/>. Talked about need to have a board member who is events coordinator. Wally Macfarlane (a past president) added some history. Sara Goeking and Mark Fels made some clarifications and points to past accomplishments.

Mark Fels gave a brief treasurer's report. Basically, \$3800 in bank. A \$5000 check is coming (grant reimbursement from last year), \$2000 obligated. Owe Nick Bouwes about \$700 (a past debt for hats purchase). A bill for snowcat repair \$1900. Net is \$4000 perhaps more available via RAPZ grant. What about fundraiser? NU usually brings in \$5000 - 7500 from fundraiser. When will we collect dues? Insurance costs is \$1100 per year. Should (must) have insurance to operate on Forest Service land.

Discussion: Equipment owned by NU is snowcat and roller. There are two snowmobiles, a roller, and a groomer owned by a consortium of folks: NU, Forest Service, ORC (Outdoor Recreation Center, now ORP on USU campus). This shared equipment must be used on public lands. Contact Alex Anderson or Mark Fels for information on equipment, costs, seasonal trail preparations, who fixes what.

Courtney Pace from CampSavr (formerly Trailhead) had to leave, but offers to support NU, will include member discount.

Opened the floor for board member nominations, discuss needed positions. Made nominations, motions made, seconded, approved unanimously.

President: Mimi Recker

Secretary and Membership coordinator: Gary Thiede
Treasurer: Albert Wiebe
Grooming Coordinator: Chris Monz
Grants: Jim Graham and Robert Al-Chokhachy (here until January 2011)

At Large board members:

Lisa Ward (PR)
Tracy Bowerman (grooming, Nordic events)
Barb Bentz (everything, public land issues)
David Rosenberg (as needed, NGO expertise)
Jason Cale (PR/events)
Jamie Strange (expressed interest to someone, follow up on getting him on board, GenXC)
Cameron Peterson (events, plan and run Crowbar Race only with help from Eric Syrstad)

Additional help:

Wally and Sammie MacFarlane (film festival/fundraiser)
Madeline Merck and Jean Lown (grooming)
Paul (get GenXC started going and teaching)
Robert (grooming pre-Jan)
Bob Ward (whatever)
Chris Heck (grooming)
Greg Podgorski (grooming)
Willie Kern (grooming)
Sean Keenan (pruning)

Discussion: Where are we going to groom this year? That is up to the board. Thoughts?

1. Green Canyon: working with North Logan City (Mimi Recker and ?). North Logan will provide \$700 and groom it two days a week. What about NU?
2. Sherwood Hills in Sardine Canyon: private land. Snocat and roller owned by NU could be used here. What about NU?
3. Beaver Bottoms, Sink Hollow, near Beaver Mountain Ski area: What about NU.

Discussions: SITLA permit cost is \$500. NU board needs to meet once or twice a month Erik Skabelund does posters. When should we have a fundraiser? Perhaps in January in conjunction with film festival. Wally Macfarlane will look into getting the films. Should we collect dues now? Send out a call for membership dues? We conducted a membership survey last year, we discussed some of those results. How to get Temple Fork and Wood Camp parking areas plowed? UDOT will not do it. Can we do it ourselves? RTP is due in May, plan on that.

Quick discussion by new board members. When to have next meeting? Next NU meeting will be at Tracy Bowerman's house in Logan on Monday, 15 November 2010. 7 pm. Members asked to send meeting agenda items to Mimi Recker. Gary Thiede will compile minutes of this meeting.

Adjourned meeting at 9 pm. Library is closing.