



## Spokane Nordic Ski Association Board Meeting February 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Kate Burns, Mike Powers, Andy Anderson, Elizabeth Schoedel, Petru Groza, Dave Yadon, Lisa Sunderman

Members Absent: Jay Wisor

Guest Attendees: George Momany, Kurt Gauss

Director of Engagement present: Brad Thiessen

Kate Burns, board President, called the meeting to order.

### **Review of January meeting minutes**

Reminder discussion to get your photograph taken to post on the Board Members page of the web site.

Petru made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as written. Andy seconded the motion. January meeting minutes approved as written.

### **Grooming**

George Momany handed out a Grooming Committee report (see attachment). Other points not in the written report began with the history of the Committee including grooming agenda items. A grooming and trails committee was formed when George Momany left the

board as a sub-group of Spokane Nordic. Intent was to be at the 50,000 foot level but has been pulled in for detail. Intended to be an operational group, not separate from Spokane Nordic. George knows the equipment, had background with being on the WRAC, and had relationships with the Inland Empire Paper Forester Paul Buckland and State Parks staff.

Currently all trail maintenance equipment is stored in Bob Hyslop's garage. Spokane Nordic owns the Yellowstone groomer, the roller, and the snowmobile groomer.

In order to accommodate the original track setter, trails will need brush cutting, grading and at least one big rock needs to be blasted on Quartz. IEP will remove professionally any trees to be removed and volunteers would need to cut into firewood to reclaim paper trail and possibly the wall. A fundraiser is possible to contribute money to a specific cause and the summer trail maintenance is a fundraiser worth doing. Another option is that if we cannot widen the trails, we could trade the 350 for a more powerful smaller groomer. It's probably worth about \$250,000. The smaller groomer has a hard time penetrating the ice in a thaw-freeze cycle. The new groomer has a steering module slide off breaking the tiller. The 180 was a backup doing fairly well until the track with prior sun damage broke.

### **Grooming Committee on Skijoring**

George Momany reported on Skijoring. Back in 2010 we had an original proposal originally investigated by Mark Bitz. After some instances of non-socialized dog events, original ideas of a season ticket indicating education and orientation. Summary of Grooming Committee votes indicate no consensus on Diana Roberts' request for expansion. There are several questions from snowshoers and fat bikers who ask if dogs can go, then what is the reason to not allow them. The overall opinion is to not expand this year with everything going on and not risk expanding trails or hours and then having to pull back on the options.

**Action Items:** Kate will follow-up with Diana R. to communicate the Grooming Committee's recommendations, will bring Diana, Kate, and the Grooming Committee's consensus, the board will vote, then the vote will be presented to Diana Dupuois as a proposal from a united Spokane Nordic.

### **Adaptive**

Peter reported on adaptive events coming up.

**Action Item:** Peter will send the schedule to Brad.

### **Nordic Kids**

Andy reported on Nordic Kids. The morning coordinator has not volunteered again to coordinate for next season. Surviving and figuring out this year is the goal. Sign-up, define the useful data such as the class they were in last year. A simple training program and curriculum would also be good. The Olympics in a couple of weeks has sign-up in progress.

**Action Item:** Kate will send a message to the race team to volunteer.

### **Winterfest Report**

Brad gave a report on Winterfest and the overall skier survey (see attached).

**Action item:** Each board member to send questions to Brad. The survey will include a statement about what we will do with the survey.

**Treasury Report**

Lisa S. presented and reviewed in detail SNSA's balance sheet as of February 8, 2018 and a profit and loss statement for each income/expense category. Bank account balance as of 2/8/18 is \$48,959.11. See attachments.

Due to the length of the grooming presentation, new business that was scheduled on the agenda was postponed for discussion until the March board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting notes taken by Lisa Sunderman