

September 18, 2012

Muriel's Kitchen

ATTENDANCE: David Arsenault, Herb Adams, Roger Arsenault, Cindy Kelley, Charlie Lever, Paul Jones, Dick Lovejoy, Bob Arsenault, Mark Thibodeau, Ray Broomhall, Chummy Broomhall, John Bernard, Terry Richard. Quorum met.

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM by David Arsenault CSC President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Charlie to accept the minutes. Seconded by Paul. Vote passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David presented a new financial report/accounting system for the club. It will include itemized pages for income, expenses, income breakdown and budget pages for individual items. It was suggested that we add a column for paid skiers and total skiers to show comp skiers. Roger suggested that we use a column called comp skiers the way NENSA and USSA do. David explained that we could add columns as needed.

David explained to the club that there was a miscalculation when the budget was proposed last spring and there is a \$13,250 discrepancy.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to freeze spending until the budget issue is corrected. Roger seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was noted that we should freeze spending except for utilities, insurances, daily expenses, etc.

Vote: Motion passed.

Paul asked if there was a time commitment on buying the snowmachine in regards to the budget freeze. Ray said there was no time commitment and he presented the club with information on the snowmachine. It is a Yamaha 2013, 2-speed, long track. It is the same machine that we had borrowed from Bethel last year for the US Nationals. Ray has been pricing machines and is currently working with Ken's of Norway for the best price. Charlie asked if we might get a better price by dealing directly with the manufacturer.

Motion: Charlie made the motion that we bypass the dealer and go directly to Yamaha. Cindy seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roger asked that out of courtesy to Ken's, we talk with him and let him know where we want to go with this. Ray will talk with Ken and Terry will write a letter to Yamaha.

Vote: Motion passed to write or call Yamaha in order to negotiate a better price on the machine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Radios

David reported that Tony Koris received the radios from Al Gerace and he added 5 more channels to our radios. We now have 10 updated radios and 2 walkie-talkie radios. Hand-timers are currently being worked on. The cost to the club for updating the radios was \$225.68. It was questioned whether to pay this bill because of the spending freeze but it was decided that the work was already completed and should be paid.

Work List

Paul reported that he has made a list of work that needs to be completed this fall. It includes trail work, safety issues around the new wax building, and building a shed for the new snowmachine. Roger suggested not constructing any new buildings because of cost (budget freeze) and also the added insurance on new structures. Roger added that BMOM has room in the garage for the new snowmachine.

Paul will send a work list to Terry and we will have volunteer workdays in October and November to clean out brush, trim roots and rocks in the newly excavated areas and cut overhanging limbs. Terry reported that Sawyer Smith and the Dirigo Nordic Ski Team would be organizing a workday for the local ski teams to get together to work on the trails and other projects.

Trail Grant

Earlier this year, Paul had submitted a grant application to the state of Maine for a \$42,000 multi-use trail grant. This would allow for work on our trails to meet FIS requirements, and fix trails for multi-use such as running, walking, Nordic walking, mountain biking, sled dog use, etc. The grant was submitted through BMOM. We received approval that the money can be used on projects starting August 28, 2012 and through December 2013. A lot of work has already been done this summer but there is more work to be done cutting trails wider, chipping debris, planting grass and replacing culverts.

NEW BUSINESS:

BMOM

Roger reported that BMOM received a \$195,000 grant from the Libra Foundation for new snow making lines and a new transformer. With the new equipment, snowmaking will be able to run more guns at once and start making snow earlier.

Roger also reported that there is a new advertising effort to market all MWSC ski areas. Season passes are on sale for \$150, good for all 5 MWSC areas. There will also be new daily lift ticket prices, a new website, logos, signage and radio ads.

The Healthy Hometown Program has been meeting throughout the summer to develop a Nordic skiing program for ages 6-10. The program will last 6 weeks and include Sunday afternoon lessons at BMOM with weekly visits to the local elementary schools by Fred Bailey. There may be some need-to-ski scholarships available through the club and the community.

Fred Bailey ran the Nordic conditioning program at BMOM for 8 weeks this summer. There were 9 local ski team members who participated and Fred is hoping to continue the program next summer.

Races

Roger reported that we do not have any NENSA races at BMOM this year. Roger proposed we host a technical sprint race during Christmas vacation. The Billy Chenard race will be held at Sugarloaf December 15th.

Preliminary race calendars were handed out by Bob. He noted that the high school and middle school ski coaches meeting will be held in October so there will be some changes made to the calendar. Stay tuned for updated versions of the race calendar. There is talk of combining Kvac and MVC championships again this year.

Bob proposed a race for December 8th. If we have enough snow, it will be a ski race and if we do not have enough snow, it will be a foot race. Proposal is to charge \$2/high school racer and more for adult/public racers.

Bob also noted that Middle School coaches have asked for a combined meet on the same day. It was done in the past and is proposed to do a GS alpine race

and a classical Nordic race on the same day (January 12, 2013 - Jr Sassi Race Day).

Bob thanked everyone for volunteering for the Steve Day Race. It was a great show of community support for Steve by the number of participants and volunteers involved in the race.

Paul said he has been working with the local snowmobile club to map out a 12K course in order for the club to host a 25K or 50 K marathon race. The club needs to host the race at least one year before the race can be placed on the NENSA race schedule. Chummy suggested using a 6 k loop because of logistics and also to allow the fans to see the competitors during the race.

Motion: Dick made the motion to have Paul work on a date for the race.

Roger seconded the motion.

Discussion: No more discussion.

Vote: Motion passed.

Website:

John reported that he is working on a new website design for the club.

Budget Meeting:

It was decided that we need a special meeting to discuss the budget and club finances. The Budget Meeting will be October 9th at 7:00 pm at Muriel's Kitchen.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 16th at 7:00pm at Muriel's Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Richard
CSC Secretary