



May 22, 2019  
Muriel's Kitchen

ATTENDANCE: Herb Adams, Roger Arsenault, John Bernard, Heather Gallant, Charlie Lever, Paul Jones, Cindy Kelley, Dick Lovejoy, Mary Martin, Norm Pelletier, Terry Richard, Dan Warner, Karen Wilson. Quorum met.

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM by Chairman Dick Lovejoy,

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Printed minutes passed out and sent via email.

Motion: Paul made a motion to accept the Annual Meeting minutes and the March 2019 minutes. Heather seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed to accept the Secretary's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy reported total up-to-date expenses and income.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Paul seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

#### Annual Banquet:

Roger noted the end of the season banquet was a huge success. Danny suggested free food next year for all those who ski that day as a way to get more people interested in joining the Club.

#### Election of Officers:

"Nominations of officers shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and this normally occurs at the first Board meeting after the Annual Meeting Board election."

Motion: Charlie made a motion to re-elect current officers. Danny seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed.

Snow machine Grant:

Roger noted that the Club was awarded a grant for the purchase of the snow machine and to thank Paige Carter for her assistance in the application process. Roger will meet with the USDA to accept the grant then the Club will purchase the machine and get reimbursed from the USDA. Danny asked that the funds the Club had appropriated for the snow machine purchase be used to purchase the track setter best fitted for the new snow machine. Roger suggested we consider getting a 2-track setter and will get estimates on one that is 84 inches wide instead of 60 inch wide.

New Snow Fencing:

The Club and Black Mountain received a generous donation of \$1,800 worth of snow fencing from John Preble. Terry will send John a thank you.

2019-2020 Race schedule:

It was noted we will be hosting the Bates Carnival (Thursday, Friday, Saturday February 7-9, 2020) and the Eastern Cup Race (Saturday and Sunday February 8-9, 2020).

Paul noted we had originally scheduled the Marathon for the weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> but because of the conflict with the Eastern Cup, suggested moving it to February 1<sup>st</sup>. That is the weekend of Craftsbury Master Championship and Marathon so NENSA suggested we host the Roderick Marathon on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Danny suggested we incorporate a Legends race with the Marathon and possibly change it to 25K and not 50K to increase participation.

Black Mtn. Report:

The Town vote is June 11<sup>th</sup> so we need to get the word out for Rumford residents to vote. Paige Carter is working on grants for Black Mtn, and the Club for more (trail work, culverts, mulch) Projects this summer include low cost painting, landscaping, T-bar renovation, and snow guns. The Music Festival was too late in getting bands signed up so will not be held this summer. The annual golf tournament will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rotary Club Sponsorship:

Paul noted that River Valley Rotary Club has given \$1,000/year for the last 3 years for the After-School-Ski Program and asked if we want to submit a

request for another 3 years. Karen said the program is scheduled again for the upcoming ski season so we should submit a request for available funds.

### Summer Projects:

Danny noted there is a spot out on the course with a safety issue of an 8-10 foot drop-off the side of the trail so the trail will need to be widened at that point. The other side of the trail is granite ledge so we would need to either blast the ledge or build a wooden bridge. Norm said he might be able to find some used bridge mats.

Summer projects include: fencing/v-board repair and painting, and replace the fence from lodge to timing building (50 new posts).

Paul noted that most of the trees that were planted last fall survived and just a few need to be replaced. He also mentioned we will need a small excavator to dig holes for a row of trees down from Hovel intersection down towards Carey's. We should put trees in just above intersection 20 and also the new Chummy Trail has spots that need trees. 10B culvert is bare and needs soil over it. The ditch on lower Quirion Loop needs to be fixed, brush on the trails needs to be trimmed, and there are various rocks/humps on the trail that need to be taken care of. We need to side the back of the Nordic timing building and finish siding the Alpine timing building. It was also noted the checker buildings need to be cleaned out and leveled.

Charlie asked if the excavator work has been budgeted and recommends the club prioritize work on how much money we have. Safety first. Cindy will check the budget. Charlie said we need to set a list of safety issues such as culvert/bridge, snowmaking pond fencing, etc.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to approve 2 items up to the amount we have in the budget. Cindy seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed. Cindy will send out the amount available in the budget for trail-safety work.

Danny noted we need K-markers, new signage, and color-coding for the trails. Roger recommended we mark the Sassi course and develop a map labeled in red and mark other courses in different colors. The Bates course could be marked with the Bates logo. Danny noted we need to mark a 3K loop and a 5 K loop and a line down the stadium for marking/defining distances. John asked to create a sub-committee for signs.

Motion: John made a motion that we create a subcommittee to look into signage for our different courses. Danny, John, Paul, and Roger will be on the committee. Roger seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion approved to form a sign subcommittee.

Parking:

Roger noted that at the last Black Mountain Board meeting they discussed that parking at scheduled events has become a problem. The access road ends up with parking on both sides of the road and is limited to 1 lane traffic, which is a safety issue. Black Mountain is looking at the availability of land behind the garage or using the old mass start area (which would include changing part of the cross country trail) as options for increasing parking.

Future Race Bids:

Dan noted of the possibilities of the Junior Olympics (ages 14-21) championships coming back to the east in 2022 or 2023 and Bill Koch Festival coming to Maine in 2021 (ages 14 and under) The Bill Koch festival was in Vermont this year with 556 kids participating and will be held in NH in 2020. It is usually held the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March and NENSA runs these 2 so they will take bids in April and award decisions in May.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm by Chairman Dick Lovejoy.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to adjourn. John seconded the motion.

Vote: Vote passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Richard  
CSC Secretary