



September 15, 2020
Black Mountain Lodge

ATTENDANCE: Roger Arsenault, John Bernard (via Zoom), Heather Gallant, Charlie Lever, Cindy Kelley, Dick Lovejoy, Norm Pelletier, Terry Richard, Dan Warner, and Karen Wilson, Quorum met.

MEETING OPENED: 6:00 PM by Chairman Dick Lovejoy.

Roger announced that we had applied for a Poland Springs grant for B-netting and we were awarded \$9,000 because netting is a safety factor. Rumford Selectmen will announce the grant award later this week

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Printed minutes were passed out and sent via email.
Motion: Charlie made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Cindy seconded the motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cindy with a printed account of balances/budget. Cindy noted that the hard drive in the club's computer has died. Estimates to fix it would be \$200-\$300.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to buy a new computer. Roger seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion approved to buy a new computer.

Motion: Charlie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Heather seconded the motion.

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

BUDGET PROCESS:

Cindy noted that the budget meeting is scheduled for November so the finance committee should meet prior to that meeting. Roger, Cindy, Heather, and Dick

are the members of the budget committee and plan to meet on Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 6:30pm at Muriel's Kitchen.

MOTION: Roger made a motion to develop a finance committee. Charlie seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: It was discussed to form a committee that would develop a race and project specific budgets and accept budget recommendations from specific project groups.

Example: Norm is part of the alpine timing building and could propose a specific budget to finish up that building

VOTE: Motion passed to create a finance committee that will develop a budget to present to the board

UPCOMING SEASON:

Danny noted the Sun Journal article about the upcoming school winter sports season sounded positive. John said the MPA will meet in October and decisions will be made at that time. National ski events for the 2020-2021 race season have been cancelled. Bowdoin is not skiing and Bates and other Maine colleges will not leave the state to compete. There may be a race series developed for Maine colleges to compete intrastate.

NENSA has been posting information on how to run races safely, including not using the mass start option. There will be a NENSA Zoom meeting on race protocols, such as issuing 1 bib to an athlete to use for the entire race season, all registration to be handled on line to minimize contact. Major concerns for our club include the ages of our volunteers, social distancing at the start line and finish line, lodge capacity, parking (more private vehicles and less buses), washing bibs weekly or issue 1 bib to the athlete for the entire season, or consider paper bibs. It was noted that the lodge now has a washer and dryer.

Roger noted the MARA meeting will be held October 5th and hopefully we will be able to host some alpine meets in January. The Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum is still planning on doing the Legends alpine race at Mt Abram March 11th and the Nordic race at Black Mountain on March 13th. The Maine Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame banquet has been canceled and they may hold 2 banquets next year with the 2020 banquet on Friday night and the 2021 banquet on Saturday night.

John noted the MPA has yet to finalize schedules and changes will be made according to events and COVID results. Sports are graded on level the of COVID danger: football is high risk, field hockey and soccer are medium risk, and golf and cross country running are considered low risk. Volleyball has been canceled

because it is an indoor sport. Where will cross country and alpine skiing fit in that grading system? Spectators?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Seth has resigned from the Board so we need to fill his vacancy and Paul Jones' vacancy. John recommended filling Seth's position at the next meeting because his term runs until 2022 and suggested we find someone with a strong alpine background. Cindy, Paul, Dick, Terry and Dan's terms expire in 2020 and nominations need to be made by the Nomination Committee. Nomination Committee members include: Dick Lovejoy, Paul Jones, Roger Arsenault and Norm Pelletier. It was recommended that Karen replace Paul on the Nomination Committee.

There was a question that if we do not have an annual meeting where members vote, how do we elect new board members? John suggested we go through the process and schedule a club meeting or Zoom meeting or vote on-line to elect board members, then at the next meeting, the board selects the officers. Karen will talk to Jeff Varnum to see if he is still interested and Dan will ask John Preble.

Motion: Charlie made a motion that we extend the terms of board directors whose terms have expired in 2020 until the official vote has been sent out. Roger seconded the motion.

Discussion: Heather asked how we will get the vote out. Terry noted she has member email addresses and can send out the info/vote via email.

Vote: Motion passed to keep expired term board members on the board until a vote is sent out.

WORK PROJECTS:

Roger noted v-boards need to be replaced. He had 2 v-board samples: larger v-board \$20/board for +100 and smaller v-board \$14-\$15/board. The finance committee will look at the budget to see what sizes and quantities to buy.

Work day projects include Alpine Timing Building wiring and window repairs, and Nordic Timing Building painting and replacing shingles. The Tool Shed has been cleaned out will get new roof boards and shingles. Black Mountain will paint Muriel's Kitchen when the maintenance garage gets painted

September 26th work day will be held weather permitting to finish the Tool Shed and to paint the Nordic Timing Building.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dan Warner and Erin Haynes will coach the Bill Koch league on Sundays with the help of a Bates College skier. We may have Muriel's Kitchen open for drinks and snacks for the kids. The Bill Koch Festival will be held in Waterville this year.

Motion: Roger made a motion that the club support the Bill Koch program. Norm seconded the motion.

Discussion: Dan said NENSA has info on the league.

Vote: Motion passed.

Karen noted we are still planning to do the after school program and hopefully they can take their skis home because not as many will be riding the bus.

Dan noted we need to clean the old wax building.

Dan said at the upcoming Legends race, Wendy from the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame would like to have ski companies and wax companies representatives come and provide fun stuff in the stadium prior to the race at 1:00pm.

It was noted we should pay NENSA/USSA/MARA dues and keep up the memberships for the club. We should also put an advertisement in the Snow Trail magazine for the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame issue.

Karen noted that it would be great to have some historical signage on the trail behind the high school and Scotty's Jump area. It could be a collaborative project Between the Historical Society, Chisholm Ski Club and the Town of Rumford.

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

Vote: Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Richard
CSC Secretary