

Attendees: 1 - John Betonte; 2 - Richard Fay; 3 - Dave Hawley; 4 - Jurgen Hess; 5- Brian Howard; 6 - Steve Schneider; 7 - Johnyne Wascavage. Absent: 8 - Paul Blackburn - on sabbatical in South America.

1. Approved November 05, 2008 Minutes: Motion - Richard; 2nd - Steve; Approved.
2. Financial Report - Dave Hawley.
 - A. Total Bank Balance 01/06/09: \$41,103.14 (Gen Fund - \$15,193.16 + CD \$25,909.98.)
 - a. Major Sources: Donations \$3,903, (Members \$1,400; Bergie+Mazamas \$1260; Sponsors \$910 + \$400 Tea Party lessons + XCO Clinics \$625.)
 - b. Memberships \$13,610
 - c. 2 - Major Expenses YTD: ADA Ramp \$15,599 + Other Construction \$7,570.77 (sheds) + 1st Grooming bill \$3,520 + Annual Insurance \$1,84.44.
 - d. Excludes: \$2,820 (Memberships \$225 + Steve lessons \$136 + Trail donations \$2459).
 - B. 4 - XCO Dry Land Clinic: Instructors local, no need to donate back \$\$\$ as in past years. Motion, by Dave to give 3-Instructors "season pass": Steve 2nd; Approved. Dave to do.
 - C. Fed Tax ID #'s on Thank You notes for tax donations.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Day Lodge - Johnyne / Steve:
 - a. Floor: B. Weber prepared \$500 PGE grant form for cabin improvements, possibly the floor. All approved submitting. Richard signed. Johnyne to have Bob send in. Path Forward: await results; talk with Tom on West Yellowstone "concept" (Paul conv. with Tom)
 - b. Cedar trim \$140 - Steve purchased and has wood.
 - c. Wood "lift" - completed by Tom. Avoids lugging wood thru snow. Works well.
 - d. Donation box and signs: Box - CCSAA had no leads on box - Richard to pursue other options. Signs - Richard sent out colour options with wording. Path Forward: Board agreed to three new signs (sans XC skier) with wording adjusted to read "...\$7 donation per day". Brian to re-type verbiage and to work with best colour option for visibility. Will lump project in with banner to save \$. Sign size prox. 18" X 24". Cost prox \$100 - \$130. Urgent !
 - e. Trail Map 3' X 6' banner - Brian: Jurgen to get with Tom to update trail map. Jurgen to scan and send to Brian. Brian to send out revised "Banner" with new map and verbiage for Board approval. Urgent !
 - f. WSSB/OSSB/USFS XC Ski: Richard 16 Jan USFS mtg; Teacup 17 (PM)& 18 March.
 - g. Tea Party recap - Johnyne: 20 Instructors; 96 "students" of which 40 non-members; received 10 new memberships; perfect snow & weather; great grooming; a million cookies left over. Johnyne advised Michelle Miller cookies in plastic TP box. Can use for Teacup Classic and Youth Program. Interest in buying 2-3 "pump coffee urns" for "events". Johnyne to do ?
 - h. Fire Extinguishers: John concerned Fire Ext located next to wood storage and wood stove area, which is likely source of fire. If a fire, may be too hot to get too. Recommend put brackets on other side of cabin. Board agreed. John to get brackets to Richard.
 - i. Tom Webb input to Jergen: Need one roof over Loo's - get cost est. ADA Ramp working great!
 - j. Cabin Closing - Claudia McNellis handling: Johnyne advises schedule filling up. O.K. for now.
 - B. Trails - Richard:

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- a. Mt. View Trail changed. Jurgen to get with Tom to update trail map, then get new map to Brian for banner. Need to keep in mind for any update in brochures.
 - b. Richard to check on adding a new trail sign @ "exit". However, as I recall it is a one way trail due to downhill's/uphills with converging blind downhill's at one spot if two-way trail. May be a safety issue, so may not want a trail sign at the exit other than a "Do Not Enter". Need to ski course with Steve to review.
 - c. New Grooming equipment: Per Jurgen conv with Tom, not used yet. Perhaps w/e of 10-11 Jan.
- C. Communications:
- a. New Web site! - Thank You Brian and Dave.
 - I. Need to update Trail Map page. Tom recommends map be located on front page. Path Forward: Jurgen to get with Tom to update map. Brian/Dave to remove "Teacup Forum" icon on front page. Replace with "Trail Map". New map to be in colour and horizontal.
 - b. Newspaper notices: Johnyne provided info to Oregonian 3 weeks before Tea Party. Not published!
 - c. Newsletter to website ?: Discussed value. Low interest level. However, high interest level in "testimonials" on website. Path Forward: Forward "testimonials" to Brian. Will advise best place to do.
 - d. Liaison with USFS: Paul was to set up with Diana Bambe for Jurgen and Steve to be local contacts. Paul did advise Diana that Richard is interim club president. Path Forward: Richard to advise Diana on Steve & Jurgen and get an update on the Winters Partners Meetings.
 - e. Annual Mtg; notice to change in By-Laws for Board count from 8 to 9. Path Forward: Steve to do.
 - f. Paul's Teacup mail: Paul's house sitter to e-mail Richard.
 - g. Groomer Twitter: basically a micro-blog text messaging. Concept is for groomer or Teacupper on site to give "live" trail condition updates from cell phone. Path Forward: Dave to check on viability & cost.
- D. Membership total per mike Babbitt 06 Jan - 250:
- a. Process to handle dues cheques, forms, updates, feedback - Steve recapped concept.
 - b. Path Forward: Dave has a prototype for on-line membership processing. Will advise. Richard may have info from CCSAA contact on processing payments will try to locate and forward. Concept would be similar to Pay Pal which charges a 3% fee.
- E. Races - Mike Bogar:
- a. Teacup Classic - Michelle Miller in charge (Robert Schlicting's wife). Path Forward: Richard to follow-up with Mike Bogar to insure all race schedules on-track and covered. Richard advised long ago he would not be available due to prior comittment.
 - b. Youth Program racers paying for own Teacup Race outfits. Robert Schlicting handling.
 - c. Meadows race @ Teacup ? Path Forward: Richard follow-up with Mike Bogar.

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4. New Business:

- A. ONC State Board Mtg January 10-11, 2009: Johnyne to attend. Steve too?
- B. P.O. Box Hood River: Richard - Steve has key.
- C. Ski lessons: Steve doing private lessons with all proceeds going to Teacup. Donation from students is \$25 1st student + \$15 each additional student. Generated prox. \$135 so far.
- D. Annual Meeting: late spring / early summer.
- E. ONC Open House - Johnyne attended for 3rd year. Worth while to do again.
- F. Hwy # 35 - Richard - no impact on Teacup:
 - a. Next Task Force mtg Wed Jan 21 @ FHA - Richard to attend. Will send out notice/info.
 - b. EIS deliverable's - due late Jan. '09.
 - c. EIS public meetings - Spring '09.
 - d. Project Out-To-Bid Oct '09: FHWA will award and administer the contract.
 - e. Construction summers 2010 - 2011.
 - f. Issues to be addressed:
 - I. Road lanes status and "berm" impacts on traffic summer and winter.
 - II. Access to skiing @ Pocket Creek during construction period.
 - III. Address access to all existing snoparks during construction....except Pocket Creek and White River East, both of which will be relocated.
 - g. Several requests for Teacup jackets. Path Forward: Richard to get costs, the send out query.

5. Meeting adjourned 2040 hours.

6. Next Monthly meetings:

- A. 03 February: Portland area @ Richard's house for phone conference.
- B. 10 March

Richard Fay (filling in for John Betonte , Secretary, who is off to Peru !)

Board Member (acting president & secretary)