

TEACUP BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 2009-3-23

Meeting by conference call – at Richard Fay's house: 1 - John Betonte; 2 - Richard Fay; 3 - Dave Hawley; 4 – Brian Howard; 7 - Johnyne Wascavage.

Jurgen Hess at home.

Absent: Paul Blackburn - on sabbatical in South America, Steve Schneider

1. Approve January Minutes – Moved – Jurgen, second – Richard Fay, minutes approved.

2. Financial Report – Treasurer Dave Hawley

A. Budget Review – current to 23 March 2009,

1. Actual donation income from box - \$15,566.97
2. \$970 income from lessons – kudos to Steve Schneider for the hard work
3. Membership income \$18,679 with 301 members
4. Paid ONC \$1,500 dues, will have to increase this for additional members.
5. Grooming expense \$11,620 so far; grooming costs are on track with an expected \$4,000 additional expense until season close.
6. Certificate of Deposit \$25,995.34 and checking account \$28,816.16.

3. Committee Reports

A. Day Lodge – Johnyne and Steve

1. Need to plan for summer work party to paint floor.
2. The PGE grant has been withdrawn by PGE.
3. Washington and Oregon Schools for the Blind – a successful event for the students. Adequate volunteers. Richard Fay will be meeting with Forest Service on Wednesday for a post-event review. Some children has balance issues, and it would be helpful if there were advance information for the volunteers and staff.
4. Trail map is up and the consensus was that position and height were satisfactory.
5. Day Lodge closing has been working, but there is a need to set up a more effective system. This will be reviewed over the summer.
6. Fire extinguisher brackets are at John Betonte's. He will install them on his next trip to the day lodge. One will be placed on the office wall and one near the main door.
7. Lost and found items are growing. Richard to send an e-mail to the School for the Blind and then a general e-mail reminding skiers that

missing items may be picked up. Jurgen Hess will donate any unclaimed items to Celilo Reservation.

B. Trails – Richard Fay

1. Richard reported that trail sign consolidation onto a single post was successful.
2. Richard will plan to use the snowmobile to pull the signs after season close.
3. There have been a few injuries this season. Emergency phone numbers are posted at the day lodge. Previous discussions with the Mt. Hood Nordic Ski Patrol have not been successful. Richard Fay to discuss the issue with Diane Bambi of the Forest Service. There was discussion about training more people on using the snowmobile and having some first aid training for interested skiers. Question raised about Teacup buying a couple of Verizon cell phones. Richard Fay moved that Teacup do so, but it was decided to table the discussion. Richard will contact the Nordic Association to see what other similar ski areas are doing. No decisions were made and the discussion will be continued when there is full attendance.
4. A question was raised about adding three new connector trails. Richard will investigate.

C. Communications

1. The website map looks great. Suggestions were made to add “ski at your own risk” language and to add a solicitation for volunteers.

D. Membership

1. Current membership is about 301. Send ONC dues to Janet Tschanz, ONC Treasurer.

E. Races – Mike Bogar

No report.

4. New Business

- A. Lloyd DeKay and Julius Dalzell are revamping the ONC website with an objective of having all events for all member organizations listed there. The Board’s direction was to work with them to see how it goes. Participate in the work, but don’t change the Teacup website unless it is improved.
- B. ONC dues were paid for 250 memberships. Need to pay for 51 more.
- C. Steve Schneider has been elected President-elect for

ONC. He would serve a president in 2010-2011. The next ONC meeting will be held at Steve's on 12 Sept 2009.

- D. In the event that Teacup were to receive a grant, the grant should be paid to the Oregon ONC not directly to Teacup.
- E. Hood River Co. Planning has extended the ADA ramp permit to September 2009 to allow inspection after the snow is gone.
- F. Annual Meeting - Date needs to consider 60-day notice to allow change in Bylaws. Question: should Teacup add one or more Board members? Moved, Brian Howard, that the Board should be increased to up to nine Board members. Second, Richard Fay. Motion approved by consensus. Johnyne will retire from the board, but continue to assist with duties such as membership and cabin. There would be two board openings. Richard recommended that one should be from Portland and one from Hood River is possible. It would be well to have one board member work on volunteer recruiting. Brian will put a list of volunteer opportunities on the website.

Richard Fay will do a presentation for the meeting. Recommended to invite Gary Larson, Forest Supervisor and Diane Bambi.

- G. Tom Webb is required to have insurance to meet Forest Service requirements. Richard will call Steve Schneider to discuss.
- H. Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan – No additional information at this time.
- I. SMS/Twitter – Dave Hawley continues to work on this. So far, no one has signed up to participate. Dave is working on a volunteer hours and mileage log for the website.
- J. Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Betonte, Secretary