

TEACUP BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 7 July 2009

Meeting was held at Paul Blackburn's home in Hood River.

Attending: John Betonte (recording), Paul Blackburn, Richard Fay (presiding), Dave Hawley, Jurgen Hess, Brian Howard, Robert Schlichting, Steve Schneider and Tom Webb.

Absent: Gary Szolnoki

Initial discussion: Tom Webb reviewed the use during the past season of the new grooming equipment. The combination of the Isuzu and the Ginzu groomer worked well on ice, saved fuel and drives faster than the large groomer. The Ginzu has worked as advertised. The new combination is not very effective in deep snow – the Isuzu is too light to handle the steep sections when the snow is deep; however, Tom has been able to cover the course. There has been no noticeable wear on the Ginzu blades.

The remainder of the meeting was a review of the June annual meeting minutes.

1. Financial Report – Treasurer Dave Hawley reported no changes in the financial report since the June meeting. There will be an up coming expenditure of \$300 for the post office box in Hood River.

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Status of bank accounts:
3 month CD - \$36,261
9 month no risk CD - \$15,000
General Fund Checking - \$500
Savings CD has been closed

Yet to do – Treasurer to propose a 2009-2010 budget for Board review and approval.

2. Day Lodge –
 - A. Closing - Richard Fay and Dave Hawley put up the shutters except for the north windows.
 - B. Fire Extinguishers - One fire extinguisher had low pressure and needs to be refilled or a new one purchased.
 - C. Roofs over the loos – Dave Hawley took measurements. The possible designs need some thinking. One proposal was to make a larger roof to cover both loos with a ridge parallel to the existing roof. Any change will require Forest Service approval. Dave Hawley will do some drawings.
 - D. Cricket – Dave Hawley took several pictures of the cricket showing the

damage. He will e-mail the pictures to Mike Bogar who is handling the issue.

- E. Basement Floor – Steve Schneider and Dave Hawley will follow up on cost and scheduling placing aggregate for a basement floor.
 - F. Day Lodge Floor – Brian Howard presented several options for flooring materials. Brian will continue investigating cost, thickness and possible contractors for installing the recycled rubber floor.
 - G. Cracked Window – decision of June meeting to wait until replacement is needed before taking action was confirmed.
 - H. Trail Signs – Richard Fay and Dave Hawley picked up the remaining sign posts.
 - I. Cedar Window Trim – Discussion tabled to a future meeting
 - J. Mail Slot – All agreed this was a good idea. Tom Webb to follow up.
 - K. Banner – The banner was moved with the building it was on to the garage area. It is in the shade. The banner will remain on the building and will be moved back to Teacup with the building in the fall.
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- 3. Meeting with Forest Service – A meeting has been scheduled for 18 August with Forest Service staff. Richard Fay, Jurgen Hess and Tom Webb will attend. The following items will be added to the meeting agenda: how Forest Service ditch maintenance will be done, dumping of ditch spoils on the trail and pumping the toilets.
 - 4. Highway 35 Changes – Clark Creek snow park will close and the equivalent number of spaces are to be added to the Teacup snow park.
 - 5. Membership – membership has been verified at 300 members.
 - 6. Website – The board requested that a list of board members be added to the website. There was discussion about putting pictures of the board members as well, but the idea was tabled.
 - 7. New Business
 - A. Roller Skiing Camp – Mike Bogar send information about a roller skiing camp to be held at Trout Lake requesting the information be sent to Teacup members and advertised on the website. The board supports this, and requested that Mike write it up. Steve Schneider agreed to assist.
 - B. Ramp – Tom Webb will contact Hood River County about getting a final inspection.
 - C. Skier Visits – Total skier visits to Teacup were estimated to be 14,015 for

the past season.

- D. Post Office Box – Steve Schneider handed the key to Paul Blackburn.
- E. School Vacation Schedule – Robert Schlichting provided a school vacation schedule to Tom Webb and other interested board members.
- F. Insurance – Dave Hawley said that the current insurance coverage is \$111,000 for the day lodge, \$30,900 for the garage and \$7000 each for the portable buildings. The board agreed with these amounts.
- G. Future Meetings – There was discussion of using Skype for future meeting - one meeting location in Hood River and one in the Portland area. Dave Hawley agreed to look into purchasing equipment.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 26 August.