

Teacup Board Meeting  
9 February 2010

Meeting held by Skype. Attending in Lake Oswego: John Betonte, Richard Fay, Dave Hawley, Brian Howard, Sue Seyl, Gary Szolnoki. Attending in Hood River: Paul Blackburn, Steve Schneider.

Paul Blackburn, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: Gary Szolnoki moved approval of November minutes. Dave Hawley second; motion approved. Dave Hawley moved approval of January minutes. Gary Szolnoki second; motion approved.
2. Welcome Sue Seyl to the board.
3. Financial Report - Treasurer Dave Hawley: \$62,581 bank balance plus \$860 received today. Teacup has received about \$15,013 from the donation boxes and \$1,947 in donations from members. Income and expenses are on budget. There are 800 plus members; Dave Hawley will try to sort out a good approximation of total members. The Teacup Classic still has some expenses that have not been submitted.  
Gary Szolnoki commented that the only negative comment he has been hearing from members is their difficulty finding parking. Richard Fay noted that the Teacup snow park will be expanded in about two years to add about 75 spaces that will be lost when the Clark Creek snow park is closed.
4. New Race Fencing – Dave Hawley moved to authorize Rodney Lee to purchase new poles and fencing for races. Sue Seyl seconded; the motion passed.
5. Day Lodge Rental - Paul Blackburn presented rules for cabin rental. Richard Fay suggested that a liability release signed by the renter should be added. Sue Seyl asked about allowing alcohol. Brian Howard asked if the hours of use should be limited. Paul will revise the rules and submit them for the March meeting. The Day Lodge Rental discussion was tabled until the March meeting.  
The Board agreed to allow the rental for wedding currently proposed using the draft rules; Steve Schneider will coordinate.
6. Day Lodge Lighting - Dave Hawley reported on the progress of research to install solar power for lighting in the day lodge. A solar power system is feasible and he and John Betonte are working on sizing the system and finding appropriate equipment. He suggested that it would be well to purchase several types of lights to try out. The Board agreed to authorize \$300 to purchase lights.
7. Donation Box and Signs - The new signs are installed. The donation box has been installed thanks to Paul and Tom Webb. Sue Seyl noted that some of the trail signs are not readable. Richard Fay said he would fix them. Steve Schneider noted at signs would be

useful at Mountain View and Huckleberry to avoid skier confusion. Richard said he had contacts to get the signs.

It was also noted that people are bringing dogs on the trails. Richard Fay said he thought there were "No Dogs" signs in the day lodge; Steve Schneider will look for the signs and install them.

8. iPad - The concept of putting an iPad in the cabin for emergency communication was discussed. The concept did not seem practical because of potential theft. Dave Hawley mentioned that Verizon has a WiFi hot spot unit that could be installed if the Board goes ahead with adding solar power to the day lodge.
9. U.S. Cellular Tower - The board has been notified by the Forest Service of a proposal by U.S. Cellular to install a cell phone tower near Mt. Hood Meadows. Richard Fay sent a comment that the tower would provide an improved level of service for safety and emergency response with minimal impact.
10. Washington State School for the Blind - The WSSB event has more than 25 people needed to assist students. The event is on track.
11. School Event - Sue Seyl is in contact with the teacher heading the event. Steve Schneider will handle the fence installation required to separate areas.
12. Teacup Classic - Sue Seyl had considerable positive feedback about the Teacup Classic. She asked if Teacup had looked into using the ankle chip system for timing. She will follow up.
13. Jackets - Sue Seyl asked if the Board had considered another jacket sale. Richard Fay has the contacts from the previous sale and he will look into cost. Richard suggests doing pre-orders only, otherwise it takes too long to sell all the jackets and recoup the investment. Paul Blackburn commented that Tom Webb was looking into ordering and selling Teacup caps. This would be his venture.
14. Website - Brian Howard will post state race information on the website to complement the information already on the calendar.
15. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be Tuesday, 9 March.

Respectfully submitted,

John Betonte, Secretary

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