

Teacup Board Meeting
21 April 2010

Meeting held by Skype. Attending in Lake Oswego: John Betonte, Dave Hawley, Brian Howard, Sue Seyl, Robert Schlichting. Attending in Hood River: Paul Blackburn, Steve Schneider, Tom Webb.

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

1. Financial: Treasurer Dave Hawley reviewed the bank balances, expenditures and income. The Capital Fund has been put into a 3 month CD. Expenses are current, except for Steve Schneider's travel expenses to the CCSAA conference, and grooming expense has been paid for the season. Income exceeded expectations because of increased memberships, about \$10,000 over budget estimate. Financial report approved by consensus.
2. March Minutes: The March minutes were approved by consensus.
3. Day Lodge Rental: The rules for members renting the day lodge were discussed. Dave Hawley moved approval; John Betonte, second. The motion passed.
4. CCSAA Meeting: Steve Schneider and Tom Webb attended the conference. 17 owner/operators of cross country ski facilities attended. Steve Schneider reported he heard many ideas that could improve Teacup's operations:
 - Engage members by having social and fund raising events.
 - Do a survey to see if Teacup is serving members' needs.
 - Provide more lessons.Board discussion centered on doing a survey and providing lessons. Tom Webb suggested an on-the-snow survey conducted several times a year. This was tabled since the season has ended and it will be considered for next season. Brian Howard agreed to work on internet survey questions. The idea of providing lessons was left to interested board members forming a subcommittee to investigate the idea.
5. Grooming: Tom Webb offered to host a membership meeting at his house to brain-storm grooming. The meeting was set for noon on May 22.
6. Cross-publicity: The board agreed to send out an e-mail to make members aware of other sports activities in which they might want to participate. Steve Schneider suggested in-line skating. The Portland Kayak and Canoe Club and the Portland Boat Club have asked to be included.

7. Jackets: Sue Seyl showed a Sport Hill jacket. The jacket is quite loose fitting, and many board members preferred a more tailored jacket. Dave Hawley suggested contacting ski shops to see if they would make the arrangements for jackets and handle sales.
8. Election: The board terms are up in June and President Paul Blackburn polled the board members to see who is willing to continue. It was determined that there would be two openings, all other board members were willing to run for election.
9. Cabin Closing: Steve Schneider and John Betonte agreed to shutter the cabin.
10. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 22 at Tom Webb's home.

Respectfully submitted,

John Betonte, Secretary

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