

TEACUP BOARD ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 2009-6-6

The annual meeting was held at Richard Fay's home, West Linn.

Attending: John Betonte, Mike Bogar, Richard Fay, Dave Hawley, Jurgen Hess, Brian Howard, Rodney Lee, Robert Schlichting, Steve Schneider, Gary Szolnoki, Tom Webb and Johnyne Wascavage

Richard Fay presided, recommending that the annual business meeting be held in the spring, and the general membership meeting be held in the fall. The board agreed with the recommendation, and will address an amendment to the by-laws to implement the change.

1 – Approval of 23 March Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus.

2 – Tally and Report of Votes of Election of 2009-2010 Board Members

Brian Howard reported 22 total votes with no write-in candidates. The candidates nominated on the ballot were elected. Richard Fay recommended a change in the by-laws to have staggered board terms to assure that there is continuity on the board and to provide better institutional memory. Richard moved that the board propose a change to the by-laws to have rotating three-year terms for officers with one third of the board members elected each year. The board would establish a subcommittee to write the language. The committee would also propose language to review the timing of the annual meetings. The motion was adopted by consensus of the board and Richard Fay and Steve Schneider agreed to write the proposed by-law changes.

3 – Financial Report

Treasurer Dave Hawley discussed the budget report. Total income to date \$51,081.67 compared to the budgeted income of \$40,410. Total donations and memberships both were higher than the budget estimate.

Total expenses to date \$50,265.19 compared to budgeted expenses of \$63,627. The primary factor was reduced grooming cost because of cooperative weather.

Potential expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year are payments to Oregon Nordic Club for memberships for a few new Teacup members, and possible additional expenses that might result from the Hood River County's final inspection of the ramp constructed last year scheduled for September.

The total carry over is \$816.48. The General Fund is \$26,035 and the CD is \$26073.

4- Committee Reports

A – Day Lodge

1. The annual closing remains to be done. The day lodge needs to be cleaned and the shutters need to be installed. Richard Fay will schedule work party to put the shutters up.
2. The Board reviewed an e-mail from Jerry Bier regarding some maintenance items for Teacup.
 - a. The roofs over the toilets need to be rebuilt to cover both units. Tom Webb, Richard Fay and Jurgen Hess will consult with the Forest Service about making the change.
 - b. Move the flue and stove so the flue pipe exits near the ridge of the roof. The board decided that moving the stove and flue was a low priority, but agreed that there was a concern with the cricket (the metal structure between the roof and the chimney to shed snow). Mike Bogar will try to find someone to check the cricket to make sure it is still functioning correctly.
 - c. Recommendation for a concrete floor in the basement. The board agreed this was a lower priority. Dave Hawley will look into placing aggregate in the basement to create a better floor.
 - d. Recommendation to replace the cracked window in the front of the day lodge. The board tabled the issue until the window becomes unserviceable. Funds are available for replacement when necessary.
 - e. The paint on the floor needs to be redone. Dave Hawley will look into an epoxy surfacing. Brian Howard will look into rubber flooring material similar to floor tiles.
 - f. Permanent posts for trail signs. The board tabled this issue because of many questions about how such sign posts would work give the various snow levels that can occur. If a member wants to head up an investigation to determine a better approach to sign posts, the board would appreciate the input.
3. Cedar window trim material is too narrow and there is not enough wood if the boards were ripped to do the windows. Steve Schneider and Jurgen Hess will check on availability of materials. Dave Hawley will look into planing cedar deck boards that he has available.
4. A suggestion has been made to cut a delivery slot into the storage-shed door to receive donations. Brian Howard and Richard Fay will check it.
5. The trail map banner came through the season in good condition. The board decided that a cover was not needed to protect the banner from ski pole tips used as pointers by skiers describing their routes.

B – Trails

1. Tom Webb will be organizing fall trail maintenance. The trails are in good condition so minimal trail maintenance should be needed.
2. Mike Bogar agreed to print 200 trail maps next season.

C – Communications

1. The new website is great! Thank you Brian and Dave.
2. The ONC Columbia Gorge prototype website has been tabled by ONC.
3. U.S. Forest Service coordinators are Richard Fay, Tom Webb and Jurgen Hess. Jurgen will set up a meeting during the summer with Diane Bambi.
4. Richard Fay reported that the Highway 35 Task Force status remains the same (see 5-F).
5. Richard Fay will continue to represent Teacup at CCSAA. He needs to renew by the end of June for Teacup to be listed in their literature. The board agreed to pay the membership fee of \$350.
6. Steve Schneider is president-elect of the ONC state board; he will continue on the Teacup board.
7. The Teacup SMS system is functioning and information is on the website. Thanks to Dave Hawley, Brian Howard and Steve Schneider.
8. Dave Hawley reported that he has set up a volunteer hours recording system on the Teacup website. The system is now working and anyone can record time spent on Teacup work. The volunteer hours will be reported to the Forest Service to demonstrate the high level of volunteer service contributed to Teacup.

D – Membership

1. The latest count: 98 individual, 176 family, 25 student and 2 life memberships.
2. Steve Schneider, Dave Hawley and Brian Howard have been working on the process for handling dues, checks, forms and updates to the membership list. Tom Webb wondered if Teacup could partner with another organization to arrange for electronic payments. This is a work in progress, and the board tabled the issue for future discussion.

E – Races 2009- 2010

1. Teacup Classic will be held 31 January 2010, the last Sunday in January.
2. The CISRA High School Race will be held 19 and 20 February 2010, with about 140 racers. Mike Bogar noted that a couple of other High School races will be held. Mike will inform the board about changes in schools and schedules.
3. Robert Schlichting reported that the youth program would be similar to past

years. He will be working with the eight to 10 year olds. For the program to accept more children additional coaches would be needed. Currently he charges a \$50 fee and the children join Teacup. Mike Bogar commented that the program is sustainable and is very high quality. Jurgen Hess recommended adding youth program information to the Teacup website.

4. The board gave special thank you to Mike Bogar, Robert Schlichting and Rodney Lee for their work on races and the youth program.

5 – Other Business

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A - Steve Schneider has the key to Hood River post office box. No storage unit will be rented this year.

B - Lost and found items will be donated to Celilo.

C - The annual membership meeting will be scheduled in the fall. Several ideas were put forward to increase membership interest in the meeting, such as having a ski swap or a speaker. The meeting could be held in conjunction with another organization such as the Mazamas. Richard Fay and Dave Hawley will contact the Mazamas to see if they are interested. Mike Bogar will contact the Cascade Ski Club.

D – Teaparty 2010 will be schedule the 1st Sunday in January, 2 January 2010. Johnyne Wascavage will be leading.

E – Richard Fay will be leading the activities for the School for the Blind for Teacup and working with the U.S. Forest Service. The event will be scheduled over two days. A special thank you to Richard Fay and Jurgen Hess for their work on the event this year and for their continuing participation.

F – The proposed Highway 35 project will not have a negative impact on Teacup. The Environmental Impact Statement meetings will be scheduled. The proposal is to close the Clark Creek Snopark and enlarge the Teacup Snopark. The project is proposed to go to bid October 2009 with construction in the summers of 2010 and 2011. Several issues remain to be addressed, including road lane status and berm impacts during construction, access to skiing at Pocket Creek, and access to all snoparks during construction, except Pocket Creek and White River which will be relocated.

G – The ski orienteering event will return in 2010.

H – Tom Webb requested that Robert Schilchting provide him with a school schedule so he can anticipate additional grooming for school holidays.

I – Mike Bogar noted that there is a \$100 key deposit for St. Barnabas, and asked if anyone knew where the key is.

J – Mike Bogar is no longer on the state snopark committee.

K – Richard Fay is seeking input for the annual report.

6 – Next Meeting

A- The next meeting will be scheduled for Hood River. Paul Blackburn will set the date in July.

Respectfully submitted,

John Betonte
Secretary