

## **Minutes from September 30, 2018 BVSC Meeting**

**Those present:** Cordell Manz-President, Bob Cragin- Vice-President, Jon Jurek-Secretary, Al Klein-Treasurer, Greg St. Onge-Member at Large, Beth Manz and Dan Kephart-WDNR

**Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2018 BVSC Meeting:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Al provided a detailed treasurer's report, current BVSC funds are just over \$26,000 prior to an additional \$1500 being donated during the meeting toward the mountain bike / mixed-use trail fund. These additional donations have brought the mixed-use trail fund up to \$2995. To date the current donations have come from Greg St. Onge (\$500), Bob Cragin (\$500), Cordell and Beth Manz (\$500), Borg Isackson (\$495), Jon Jurek (\$500) and Ken and Meg Thoreson at Solon Mercantile (\$500). The BVSC also has several CDs which are currently earning a very small interest rate and it was decided to look for a higher percentage rate when they mature or possibly sooner since the withdrawal penalty is minor.

**Election of Officers:** All officers will remain in their current positions, Cordell Manz-President, Bob Cragin Vice-President, Jon Jurek-Secretary, Al Klein-Treasurer, Greg St. Onge-Member at Large. Beth Manz was nominated for a additional Member at Large but after a review of the BVSC by-laws the board must have an odd number of officers for voting purposes.

### **Business:**

**Ski Race Date:** January 5, 2019 has been selected as the date for the 2019 River View Loppett. Since the race is earlier than past years there will be no discount for early registration and past early-registrations have been minimal. It was decided the entry fee for Students will be \$20 for all events and the Adult fee will be \$40 for the 12K and \$50 for the 24K event. There was discussion around high school teams not being able to attend since their ski seasons and racing schedules may not allow them to do so. Greg will contact CAN Ski and Jon will contact Red Wing, MN to solicit participation and feedback.

**New Ski Trail Development:** Dan Kephart WDNR reported the \$18,500 he requested for an additional 3 mile skate ski trail to be developed toward the Nebagamon Creek is still in process but nothing has been approved yet. Dan added the fastest way to get projects of this nature moving along is for the BVSC to donate funds ASAP so the DNR can begin moving forward and when the DNR funds are approved they can be used to finish existing projects, lengthen a project or toward a new similar project. Dan said if the BVSC waits for "fund matching" with the DNR, projects will not be started until the monies have been approved. After discussion the BVSC wrote a \$6000 check to the WDNR for additional ski trail development, \$5000 was specified for the new Nebagamon Skate Ski loop for groundbreaking yet this fall and the remaining \$1000 was specified for the Sally's Classic Trail to remove the two straight sections (one east-west section and an adjacent north- south section). This \$1000 was donated by Mike Van Sicklen with the intention of it being used for this project.

**New Mountain Bike Trail Development:** Based upon what Dan Kephart WDNR stated about facilitating projects, it was decided to issue another check, from the funds donated specifically for Bike Trail Development, to the WDNR for \$3000. It was agreed that this money would be applied toward continued enhancement of the existing snowshoe trail for year-around mixed-use (snowshoe, winter fat bike, backwoods skiing, summer hiking and mountain biking) and future mixed use trail development is anticipated with any remaining funds along with volunteer help, donations, and DNR help.

**Fund Raising:** The BVSC would like to move forward with a recognition plaque for significant donors. The contribution limits discussed were \$300 for Bronze Level, \$500 for Silver Level, \$1000 for Gold Level.

**Moving the BVSC Donation Box:** Dan will have the donation box moved to a location near the existing Pay Box.

**Furniture:** Al will contact Lawrence at Tiger Manufacturing to have 2 more matching benches made for the changing rooms. Cord, Beth or Dan will contact Rich Moberg regarding the availability of a countertop similar to the one at the chalet entry with the intention of building a cabinet/counter for BVSC needs/refreshments. Regarding comfort furniture with back support, Dan suggested we present various options and consult the DNR for approval prior to any purchases. For simplicity Dan asked to avoid furniture with cloth or vinyl that would require cleaning.

**Informational Signs:** We revisited the request for informational signs for the pellet stove being thermostatically controlled, close the lid in the restrooms to reduce odor, no pets in the chalet.

**Electricity Expense:** WDNR will pay for all electricity moving forward. The BVSC will need to amend the donation form to reflect this change.

**Fuel for Grooming:** BVSC will continue to pay for fuel for grooming but it was noted a cap may have to be considered if this expenditure should significantly change or donations and/or fund raising continue to decline.

**BVSC Sign in the Chalet:** Al will check with Tiger Manufacturing regarding a sign that was part of last year's table and bench purchase. Another option was to check with Rich Moberg for material for an approximate 5 foot sign and have the DNR make the sign with their computer assisted equipment. Either sign would hopefully incorporate the BVSC logo into the design.

**Articles for Annual Newsletter:** Linda Hobbs has again graciously volunteered to edit this year's BVSC News Letter. Linda would like all articles submitted to her by October 20. Linda also needs pictures so please forward any relevant pictures to her as well. As agreed upon, the news letter updates include, Cord-President's update, Greg-2019 Riverview Loppett update, Jon-Mountain bike/mixed-use trail update, Dan-WDNR update.

**2019 Event Dates:**

January 5 River View Loppett

January 13 Learn to Ski Day

February 2 Learn to Ski Day

TBD- Candlelight Ski (Kevin Fiend DNR will need to decide)