

**Palouse Divide Nordic Ski Club**  
**Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
Hyperspod, Moscow

**Attending:** Lisa Morris, Heather Pettit, Alice Schroeder, Paul Spencer, Jesse Spohnholz, Tim Steury, Kristen Stratton. Pete Minard and Teresa Baker attended by phone. The meeting started at 6:10pm.

**New board members:** President, Jesse Spohnholz, introduced Kristen Stratton, who has agreed to be treasurer to replace Paul Hendrix. Tom Mumford was unable to come but as agreed to be trail manager after Pete Minard steps down. Lisa Morris moved that both be elected as board members. Alice Schroeder seconded the motion and it was accepted by acclamation.

**Membership meeting:** Jesse suggested this be a social event with food and drink. After discussion it was decided that the Hunga Dunga tent with beer from them and either pizza or bring your own food was best, given the COVID situation and the weather by late November/early December. The patio space at PCEI would be another possibility if we can borrow heaters. A Sunday afternoon would be best since it will be outdoors. Heather Pettit will contact Hunga Dunga to set a date. If they cannot do it, she will contact PCEI.

**Trail Clearing Day/Moving the Warming Hut:** Jesse and Pete Minard would like to do both on **Saturday, November 6** unless the weather is too bad. Pete and one volunteer can move the hut to the Junction of Big Loop, Meadow Creek and the Divide Road, and the picnic shelter to Lane's Lookout while Tom Mumford and Jesse lead teams with volunteers to clear trails. Jesse will e-mail a request for volunteers.

**Farmers' Market Table:** Jesse and Alice have arranged to have the table Saturday, Oct. 23 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. It will be outside Hyperspod and has received approval from the market administration. Jesse has sent out a list of volunteers to be there, but help from others is appreciated. Heather will provide a table and chairs. Jesse has the banner, poster and membership materials. We can take checks or cash. Heather can take credit cards and will sell ski passes. Lisa Morris will find out how to enable us to use Venmo for credit cards.

**UI ski swap:** The UI ski swap is November 11, 6:00 to 8:00pm. Organizer, Sandra Townsend has asked us to do a table. Jesse and Lisa volunteered. We can take credit cards as there will be wifi.

**Grooming:** There will be a training day in late December with Jesse, Pete and Joe Boehne from the Forest Service. Those taking part in training will be asked to sign up for grooming on at least 3 days. If grooming is possible earlier in December, Jesse, Pete and Tom will handle it.

**Sunday Brunch:** If Lane and Shirley do Sunday Brunches, Jesse proposes selecting a few Sundays and setting a time for Skiers to get together and eat together. The Board approved.

**New Benches:** Tim Steury is planning to build at least one bench. Heather has some skis for it. If possible he will build one or two more, after the first. The club will pay for the lumber, which is about \$50/bench, for each additional bench. Several locations were discussed, including Hume Road at the top of the big hill on Big Loop, the intersection of the upper arm of Hume Road and the Divide Road, the meadow on the Meadow Creek loop and Loggers Saddle. Anyone willing to build or help build benches should contact Jesse and Tim.

**Free Ski Day:** The Idaho Parks and Rec. free ski day will probably be Saturday, January 8, 2022. The board proposes doing another family ski day with lessons, short guided tours and self-serve snacks, as last year. Heather promised to bring her rental skis and snowshoes for families to use. Jesse will bring a canopy. Another canopy will be needed. Jesse also proposed we offer a poker run for more advanced skiers on the same day. We need more volunteers, especially for parking.

**Outdoor Recreation Groups:**

Kristen Stratton recommended that we partner with “ICan,” an organization to support people with developmental disabilities for an event at the Palouse Divide. The board agreed. Kristen will discuss the matter with ICan to see what days will work for them. The board will work on arranging free parking passes for such an event, and would recruit volunteers to teach skiing and snowshoeing.

The UI and WSU Outdoor Rec. centers bring groups. We need to be in touch with them so we can ask Lane to plow special parking for them on those days.

**U of I Experimental Forest skiing.** Tim Steury has been in touch and taken a tour of their trails. They should be good skiing. They were worried we would feel they were competition but the club is very happy to have another ski area nearby and to help them.

**Signage:** Lisa, Jesse and John Yoder developed a Trail Etiquette sign and a Snowshoe trail sign. The board approved. John has offered to pay for one of each to go on the main Kiosk. The board preferred aluminum to plastic. The cost is about \$150/sign. We need another of each so there can be an etiquette sign at the warming hut and the snow shoe trail sign at the beginning of the trail in the parking lot and perhaps another at its other end at the warming hut.

We also need signs for parking. Jesse will ask Joe Boehne if there are any forest service requirements for signs indicating where and how to park. We can determine on Nov. 6, trail maintenance day, where the signs indicating slanted and parallel parking areas should go.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schroeder, Secretary