

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES--PALOUSE DIVIDE NORDIC SKI CLUB
THE MOSCOW CO-OP
FEB. 24, 2016, 12:05PM-1:10PM**

Attending: Board Members: Teresa Baker, Paul Hendrix, Alice Schroeder, Bill Thompson,
Guests: Paul Spencer, Tim Steury

The meeting was called to order by president Bill Thompson at 12:05pm.

Club meetings and officers: There was a discussion of the need for a general meeting and officer election. To keep our Idaho non-profit status we need to hold a general membership meeting each year. Bill would like to step down as president since he is now usually gone in December and January. At this time the President does the following: Connects with the Forest Service, Idaho Parks and Recreation, Idaho Dept. of Lands and the Palouse Divide Lodge owners, Lane and Shirley Hathaway; Is the official who signs contracts for the club; Calls meetings; Helps co-ordinate events such as work days, family ski days, etc.; Maintains the e-mail list and posts snow reports from the Lodge and from the groomers. Bill reported that according to Idaho State Law, volunteer officers and members of non-profit volunteer clubs are not liable for problems resulting from their efforts as long as they do not receive compensation. It is possible that the club could be sued for its funds.

Finances: Paul Hendrix reported on the club funds. We have a general checking account at Umpqua Bank.. As of Feb. 19, 2016 there is \$536 in this account. Outstanding expenses are paying for the Porta Potty, approximately \$200, and parking lot plowing, approximately \$350. Idaho Parks and Recreation should be reimbursing us for about \$1,000 from the Park and Ski Permit moneys to cover these and other expenses. When John Crock left us \$10,000 from his estate for a warming hut, a second account was set up for these funds. As of Feb. 1, there was \$4,385.81 in this account.

The need to save for new equipment was discussed. Park and Ski money can no longer be used for equipment. The equipment is owned by the Forest Service, which releases the club from some liability issues. Pete is thinking of stepping down from grooming in a couple of years. At that time we may reduce grooming, especially on the West Side. This would save on equipment wear and tear and on volunteer time.

It would be good to get more people to pay club membership dues. Teresa pointed out that we need a sign at the parking area about what we do and both membership forms and preaddressed envelopes. Preaddressed envelopes are needed in the Hut as well. Because of collection costs and vandalism issues, the forest service does not want to put a secure collection post at the Divide. Bill will ask if Hyper Spud would be willing to be the recipient of the envelopes as they now take in-person payments. This would avoid changing the address as officers change or paying for a PO box. Alice and Teresa did advertising for the Loppett this spring and will work on getting some more advertising for the club out in the fall.

Warming Hut: Bill is planning to move the warming hut to the Lodge when the road dries. He is also planning a hut enhancement day in August. Suggested enhancements are: A large

window on the south side so that there is some solar warming, a drying rack above the stove and linoleum on the floor, as the current floor is not very water repellent. Paul Spencer offered to make a rack out of some materials he has available. We need to think about how to provide dry fire starter so papers on the cork board are not used to start fires.

Web Site: Due to miscommunication with Go Daddy, our web site was removed this fall. Paul Spencer agreed to get it working again. Paul explained that he was able to find an archive from Dec. 2014 and fix it so it can be put on the internet again. We could put it on either Hyper Spud's or Paul's son's, Tim, server for free. However, we could have large delays in restarting it if something went wrong. He suggested that he would upgrade the site on Go Daddy where he currently oversees the Climate Change Action site. This would give space for several independent web sites. The shared cost would be less for both groups than a simple site on the server for each and Paul would be aware of and able to work with Go Daddy to fix problems. The Board approved going with this option. The cost should be around \$60 per year. An invoice will be sent to treasurer, Paul Hendrix, when the site goes live. The site needs a link to Hyper Spud. Paul Spencer will work with them on this. It also needs a downloadable trail map and membership forms. Bill has pdf's of these and will send them. We also need a link to the web site from the facebook page. Alice will maintain the site and Bill will be backup. Paul Spencer will show both of them how to do this and provide them with the necessary programs. Paul will continue to help with problems.

Other:

A general meeting will be held in late October or November with elections. There should be more interest in skiing than now. Board members will be looking for others who are willing to serve, especially President. Paul Spencer and Tim Steury agreed to join the board.

Tim Stuary agreed to continue to help with grooming, though he may not be able to give as much time as Pete. Bill will also continue to work on grooming when he is in town.

Bill will contact Adam McClory, at the forest service about tree removal and signs. Tree removal on upper Big Loop and Little Loop last summer worked well to provide a better ski base. However, the lower part of Big Loop and the part of Meadow Loop leading from Little Loop badly need tree removal. Our contract with the Forest Service specifies that they will provide signs. Large, attention getting, signs are needed where Big Loop joins Hume Road and where the further end of Little Loop joins ?? road to prevent skiers new to the area from missing these junctions. At every junction signs are needed that point to the parking area.

Bill will send everyone on the e-mail list an end of the season report.

Respectfully submitted.

Alice Schroeder, secretary.