

Board Meeting Summary

**7:00 pm, October 8, 2019 LCNSC Board Meeting
Lewis and Clark County Library small meeting room**

Attendees: Stan, Larry, Robert, Cliff. (DeeAnn Cooney provided proxy to Stan)

April 15 Board Meeting Draft Summary – approval –tabled to next meeting....

Financial Report - Cliff

- Year-end budget update- Cliff provided hard-copy Budget – handout. (9/30/2019)
- Net increase in savings of \$3340 for the fiscal year just ended. Total income for the year was about as expected. Wages and transportation expenses were significantly less than expected. Also repairs & maintenance were less than expected.
- We did provide Emmett, and other volunteers with “thank you” \$ gifts which was in an amount above the budget.
- Total bank balance of October 3rd was \$28,293. In “good fiscal health”.
- Cliff will submit a plan for next fiscal year at November board meeting.
- Grant Updates: Our 2018 RTP grant has an outstanding balance of \$544. We received a new 2019 RTP grant for grooming of \$13,000 for golf course and Mac pass which is estimated to cover grooming costs for 2 years. Grant provides specifically \$20 per hour for grooming reimbursement (based on snow machine running hours).
- The USFS expects that they will have a new RAC grant “call” this November. Maybe 2-3 months to apply. We will need to develop any rationale for a potential application. Any projects contemplated at MacPass might be eligible.
- Fall fundraiser update—date, time, and place: Blackfoot Brewery – Monday, November 18: 4 – 8 PM (set up at 3:30). Robert will work to publicize send out flyer and check-in with IR.

Bookkeeper – Jerry is reliable and inexpensive; things are working well with him.

Trail Maintenance, Grooming.

- Trail maintenance update - Peter Brumm unable to attend
- Re-route of Meadow Loop – will not likely happen this year (weather, volunteers...). FS OK with re-route. Need to assess reroute this year. Meadow Loop discussion. Trail maintenance will focus on standard trails. Porcupine done, Big Pine. May not be able to get to Meadow this year with current conditions. Would like to install a Wax/Temperature gage at Kiosk? Board agrees good acquisition.
- Grooming issues—update on groomer preparation, Snowmobile club discussions, etc. Larry: 10 potential volunteer groomers for this year. Paid groomer: Bryce?

- Larry sent e-mail. Bryce responded may not be able to commit for this season. Options: to contact: Amy Fruend (Montana Conservation Corps Staff may know seasonal staff who are interested in grooming); Snowmobile club may know someone who may be interested in grooming? Peter Van Horn hauled Polaris Ranger and Bear Cats to Don Harris's for repair and service (GardenWerks provided equipment, trailer, etc. (may want to provide reimbursement to GardenWerks); Malcolm Gilbert was mentioned as a potential groomer by Stan): Need detail-oriented groomer, preferably who knows how to operate a snowmobile. First choice: Bryce. (historically \$13/ hour). Discussion to bump to up to \$15/hr. Grooming coordinator has opportunity to offer up to \$15 starting pay. Motion Robert/ Larry second. Motion passed un-opposed.
- Volunteer groomers: should we be covering for workers compensation? Stan will follow-up on getting them coverage.
 - Equipment maintenance update: Larry: Don Harris – fixed Polaris – “Stater” for running electrical system and recharging battery. Also worked on Bearcats, Scandics. Lots of time volunteered by Don. Thanks to go out to Don.
 - Snowmobile club: Luke Osborne and Larry met with Anna, and others. It is a large storage building owned by club, but ground owned by FS. Mike and Dick (paid by club) drive the Pisten Bully. Plow and towed groomer. They groom 200 miles of trail. Could groom at night – 12’ width but they are not allowed to tow the equipment on the highway at night. Too wide to groom with skiers on trail. Frequency a question. Cost: groomers, mileage. More to come: will continue discussion in November.

Other business

- Stan: Discussion of Board candidates, next steps in selection:
- 4 candidates; 4 open positions for filling all 9 Board members. Minimum of 6 by bylaws. Stan: will potentially serve another 2-year term. Terms ends this year. Can we vote on potential Board members this evening? Board members serve 2-year terms.
- Stan will invite potential board members to individual meetings with current board members as available before November meeting. Board members to attend as available.
- Peter Van Horn: Willing to be Equipment Field Maintenance Coordinator? Larry will contact and confirm with Peter
- Website issues and status
- Potential “communication coordinators”
- Brenda Elias; Fredrich Drees; Barb Wagner; Francis ? Bruce/Greg will deal with. GREAT!
- Board Member Manual: Not enough time to discuss before Library closes. Board to review and provide comment to Stan.
- Youth ski program – ski rentals need to go to ski club family members. Cliff will convey this to Pete, youth ski coordinator.

- Next meeting date: Tuesday November 19