

Chugiak Eagle River Nordic Ski Club Board Meeting

April 10, 2022

5pm

In attendance:

Treasury Report

No MOA trail use fee

No Chalet rental fee

Insurance 1600

Paypal 330

JR brought in 8999.98

Paid 2000 to CHS and ERS ski volunteers

Rental brough in 3130

Waiting for Skis that we ordered 2856.33 – maybe this summer?

Stump grinder 2532.99

6534.76 ahead this year

Savings balance 33,520.82

Checking balance 34, 917.10

Ski pairs total 133

Pole total 134

Board Meeting Minutes Approved

Sports Connect - paid us 18 thousand, 1400 in fees

ERJN Report

Received all pairs back plus one from previous season

Didn't take a deposit to allow to keep skis after the end of the season – seems to have worked out

30% turned in on last night of ERJN, the rest came later

Thanks to ALL of the folks who helped – Barb and Bob especially!

30 coaches

230 kids

Under 10 per coach – 18 days per session with some cancellations due to extreme cold and no chalet (closed due to staffing) until the very end of the season.

Success.- coaching collab at the beginning of the season – Katie offered masters classes for our coaches – that was the right thing to do to help the coaches feel comfortable – move to do again next season

Gave out one family of scholarships! They could have both kids on the snow and to invest in used equipment that allowed parents to ski too

Took ERJN families out of the Ski the Beach pool and instead skied the race during ERJN sessions

Expense – green box – crash kit – NEED SLED!

Switch key lock to Combi lock on Connex so anyone can get in for emergencies

Introduced Coaches Course – want to use more next season

End of season certificate with skill measurements so families could see what skills their children have mastered and if they are ready to move onto the next group

Benefit of skills list is for new coaches to know what skills they need to teach

HS volunteers were amazing: 2-5 per session

Covid – over 70 children at one time or another, 24 families – MASSIVELY CONSUMING

2/3 of coaches had to step out at some time or another due to covid

Need to sort – Hats and Jackets, we're out of swag for coaches

Mike and Ted will bring some information to the next mtg

Give hats to new coaches and jacket to second season coaches?

Felt like we met the organic cap – thankful for early bird groups to lessen parking lot and trail usage

Turned 10-12 families away this season

50 fee structure, 40, 30, 30, 30, 30 per child – registration – comfortable to say that this is enough and possibly not charging enough? When something is cheap, people treat it like a cheap thing – Ted will bring proposal this summer

Sports Connect not serving our purposes – doesn't handle website and communication – transitioned to Team Snap (free model) – loved the health check

Ski the Beach

Virtual this year – a lot of participants (well over 100), AMH, Barneys, ERNC cabin prizes

JR Nordic involved with smaller race routes for younger groups. – needed more volunteers around the courses to keep skiers on the right course

Cookies for kids and donations over 1200 to Erin's Fund

IT would be nice to do a real race in person next year and maybe still a shorter race for JR Nordic skiers

Make it a race for memorial and not for Erin's fund maybe? Hybrid? Tour the week before the race?

Adventure Group

Ros – leads tours

Dec tour – ER or Homestead Trail

South fork to Eagle lake – fantastic

We have to be flexible – but we need experienced skiers who know touring

Maybe have some newbie tours?

Club insurance doesn't cover it – so we need to change the language so the club isn't liable

Masters – 5-7 participants

Trail Construction

Want to do work but trying to get through bureaucracy delay

To do – signs on main access points (ski only)

The Half Pipe – cut trees away and terrain mods

Jason presented the paperwork to Parks and Rec so we can move forward – Josh Durand (parks and rec) sent list with things we need to do to get the ball rolling

Use winter trail work will help pay for summer trail work – but we need parks and rec to say to NSAA what the equipment costs would be and then we can get started – NSAA has a contractors insurance

We only have insurance for trail maintenance not major construction

Proposal – dirt pile by north pasture – city put it there but it's supposed to be covered with vegetation – want to move the dirt to help fill in dips and drainage issues

Parks and Rec waived fees with the thought that we would reinvest \$\$ in the trails

Open Group Discussion

Evaluation cards were great! Well thought out and planned! New to program parents will help them register for the correct group. Thanks to coaches for filling them out.

If you raise fees the cards will justify the raise

Make spreadsheet or carbon copy of evaluation sheets to help beginning of season registration – since most families will lose the paper in between end of season and start of next season

Can use Team Snap to keep that information?

Can build surveys into communication platform – how did we do? Did you turn in your skis? Etc

Kids are losing their tassles/pompom (dot on top of hat)

Reach out to the military families – letter of support to JBER – trails aren't being used on base Biathlon trails here? If not then support/encourage the one in Mat-Su

Alaska Ski for Women – gone virtual and have had more participation than ever! People want to ski/participate in a semi/organized event but not necessarily race – work that model into Ski the Beach

Need to coach the parents better – special sessions, adventure tours, beginner session

Parks and Red – do they know that theres no major construction but just maintenance

Nordic Skier Articles every month to Barb

Board membership

Need new blood – worried about the future of this club, numbers dwindling

Room on board for active members

More enthusiasm in the fall – move general/open meeting then to get more board members

General Membership Meeting Adjourned 6:28pm

Board Decisions

Motion ERJN \$1000 of donations for Ted Stille

Seconded – unanimous Aye

Need to Vote on Addenda/Stipend for Junior Nordic Director – it's too much for a volunteer role
Aurora says that the NSAA pays 4000 for a basic coach – Ted to sit and talk about fee/pay structure for coaches/administrative

Motion contract for 1599 with Team Snap

Seconded – unanimous Aye

Declaration of who will be on the Team Snap team – Ted Stille, Mike Vogel, Aaron Foye

Contract will start as soon as we feel is appropriate – plus three months to get it up and running
Team Snap(Ted and Barb's choice) – No scale, same cost yearly

Parent interface and real time communication is big for us – integrated platform for families who have kids in multiple sports who also use Team Snap

Payments and Registration are made much easier

Company will give a product with 750 participants

Website – will be able to use the same URL – found someone to work the website

\$5000

Bob Stein - Pre approved expenditure for coaches jackets and hats 2000 - 4000

Make a proposal for Fee Schedule for Next Year

Aaron Foye to learn how to Treasurer from Bob Stein