

OREGON NORDIC CLUB BOARD MINUTES

February 17, 2004

In attendance: Lou Klump, Jennifer Railsback, Steve Levy, Robert Stingle, Sokom An, Roy Buntin, Kelly Bacon, Pam Rigor and guest Laura Dawson-Bodner

Board Members: Board and standing committee members in attendance introduced themselves to Laura Dawson-Bodner who may be interested in filling an opening. Lou then proceeded to review our current board members for 2004:
President or VP: Lou Klump. We need one person to take over half the job.
Secretary: Kelly Bacon
Treasurer: Keith Phillips may take the position. Still not firm.
Membership Coordinator: Kym Setzer
Trail Maintenance Recruiter: Darvel Lloyd
Overnight Tours Coordinator: Ted Scheinman (still tentative)
Novice Tours Coordinator: Gillian Hibbs
Program Coordinator: Steve Levy
State Reps: Sokom An and Jennifer Railsback
Dog Tours: Larry Miller
Bike Tours: Robert Stingle
Newsletter Coordinator/Ski Lessons: Pam Rigor
Web site Design: Andrew Black
Web site updating: Bill Newman
Open positions: Day Tours coordinator (2 people); Nordic Issues; Brochure Distribution/Promotion Coordinator

Laura Dawson-Bodner is attending our Board Meeting this evening to determine if there is an available position that she would be interested in filling.

(Addendum: Kym Setzer decided not to be a Board member after our board meeting was held so the Membership Coordinator Position is still open)

Membership: Our current membership for February, which includes 18 new members, is 243. Last year's total was 263.

Financial: \$22,823.83 Savings
\$3,843.00 Checking

Special thanks to Jennifer Railsback for picking up the mail downtown and forwarding to the appropriate individuals.

We discussed different ideas on ways to spend the surplus funds we have accumulating if so desired. Lou stressed careful consideration of maintaining an adequate working capital. Ideas for the surplus were blue aluminum diamonds, a shelter and conservation costs. Also proposed by Sokom was a one-time outdoor leadership scholarship to Mt. Hood Community College. He will have his wife, Beth check on the details of this possible idea.

Tere Enberg's request for a refund for Yellowstone trip is still being reviewed and a decision will be made at the next board meeting.

Promotion: Robert will check in to the possibility of leaving our brochures at the Bike Gallery stores to promotion spring/summer biking. Also, advertising in Oregon Cycle was suggested.

The Board passed a motion to have our new business cards be one-sided with black ink only. The cost is \$50.00 for 1,000 or \$90.00 for 2,000. These will be available to pass out to interested friends, when skiing, and in snowparks to other skiers who might be interested in joining ONC. Leaving our blue brochure (in plastic bags) on cars at snowparks is also another promotional measure to increase our membership.

State Reps: There are currently six people signed up for the John Craig Race, which will be held the first weekend in April.

Cooper Spur Ski & Snowshoe event will be held at the Mazama Lodge on March 19/20.

Terry Richard from the Oregonian did an article on the Cooper Spur Inn. Proposed expansion for downhill skiers would be increased from 50 acres to 1400 acres.

Programs: March: Steve Levy - Ansel Adams Wilderness
April: Dave Waag – Ski Mountaineering in Iceland
May: (summer oriented program desired)

Day Tours: No report.

Overnight Tours: We discussed contacting Mike Bogar to acquire more information on the tours he mentioned during his slideshow at the general meeting.

The Board stressed the importance of when overnight tour applications are received a check needs to be attached otherwise the trip is not guaranteed.

Five overnight tours have already been set for next ski season. Regarding refunds for overnight tours, which are officially cancelled due to extreme weather, if we are refunded funds from lodging locations we would be able to refund 100%. Otherwise, the refund would be for the ONC administrative portion.

Nordic Issues: Trail maintenance will consist of approximately nine trips starting in April in the Mt.Hood, Mt. St. Helens areas.

Lou gave a report on the exploratory tour of the Clackamas High County. The area is south of Estacada about 60 miles from Portland. The group used Road 58 and had great views although the length of the ski tour would be over 12 miles to reach these views. The 57/58 intersection would be a hard turnaround area for a parking location. We will delay formulating a plan for a snowpark in this area until a later date. We definitely do not want snowmobiles in the Trillum Basin or Cache Meadow. The next exploratory trip will be to Cache Meadow, also a long tour.

The board discussed whether or not we should try getting a warming shelter built in the Mt. Hood area. Lou advised Nathan Caldwell is available to assist us in locating possible funding sources.

Roy Buntin advised the public meeting for the final draft of the Timberline lift, including our alternate draft of the bypass Nordic Trail would be in late March or April.

Ski Lessons: Pam Rigor reported we had 17 students for our ski lesson program which was quite successful. Having a novice pre-meeting was suggested as an option in the future.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on March 16 and will be hosted by Jennifer Railsback.

For those interested in participating in a potluck prior to the Board Meeting, please plan to arrive by 6:30pm.

