

Oregon Nordic Club Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2003

In Attendance: Lou Klump, Steve Levy, Robert Stingle, Roy Buntin, Jennifer Railsback, Penney Peloquin, Kelly Bacon

Membership: Membership is currently at 171. Larry Miller was not present at our Board Meeting as he was attending the REI Tualatin Store Winter Sports program to motivate attendees to join ONC.

Robert advised the A&E has cut back their free outdoor public announcements to list the top 10 outdoor trips. Hopefully, our trips will be on their list. The Board agreed we needed to further develop our reputation, coordinate brochure handouts and advertise more to increase our membership. Roy Buntin announced that The Columbian had dropped their whole outdoor advertising section. A call will be made to further determine the status of this possible listing.

Financial Report: Checking/Savings: Treasurer not present at meeting. Lou acquired budgetary items/figures from each board member which will be forwarded to our Treasurer for the final budget. The final budget will be approved at the December board meeting.

The merits of upgrading software for the website was discussed. The cost is \$79.00 and the Board felt it was a worthwhile expense. Gas mileage reimbursement for board members who attend meetings (i.e. Forest Service meetings) was set at 12 cents per mile.

Lou stated he felt that money earned from the Ski Swap (\$325.00) should be focused toward trail maintenance. Budgeting these funds for trail maintenance would enhance our image and credibility for next year's swap.

State Reps: Jennifer requested volunteers to help the Coalition with a fundraiser each Saturday until Christmas at REI stores. A Hood River Valley farmer has donated wreaths and pear gift boxes to help save Cooper Spur.

There will be public meetings regarding Mt. Hood Meadows Master plan for Cooper Spur estimated to be submitted in

2005. High public response is necessary to apply pressure to the Forest Service to stop or modify plan.

Programs:

December: Avalanche Training
January: Mike Bogar "Out Your Front Door Skiing"
The Board discussed the advisability of advertising the avalanche-training program with a poster.

Jennifer Railsback spent a great deal of time tallying up ski swap sales from the November program and the Board thanked her for all her time and effort.

Day Tours:

The December general program will stress the importance of ONC's day tour program by soliciting leaders. Day tour packets will be distributed in addition to rewards (shirts/hats). The Board also felt it was important to line up past day tour leaders to present speeches and we debated ideas on how to create excitement to get people to sign up to lead tours. It would be advantageous to have at least a minimum of two tours per weekend; one easy and one intermediate.

Larry Miller resigned in writing as bike coordinator so that he can put more effort into skijoring events and other dog activities. He suggested Robert Stingle would make a good replacement and Robert accepted taking on this responsibility.

Overnight Tours:

The Rossland overnight trip has been cancelled. An additional trip to the Ochoco's will be lead by Deborah Syna and we are still trying to schedule something for MLK weekend. There may be some possibility of having a tour in the Mt. Rainier area.

Ski Lessons:

Pam Rigor will be holding a meeting with instructors at the Lucky Labrador to hammer out the final details for the ski lessons.

Publicity/Brochures:

Pam has done a wonderful job with the brochures and they are now ready for distribution. We discussed the need to do so as soon as possible – Lou currently needs someone to pass out brochures at the local shops for the winter season.

Nordic Issues:

It was agreed that one other person would accompany Roy Buntin when he attends the Winter Recreation Meeting with the Forest Service.

Two issues were discussed:

- 1) Current status of the bypass trail/west leg road cutoff.
- 2) Snow machines in the Trillium Basin

Putting a five-mile an hour speed limit on Sherer Burn Road for snowmobiles was brought up. We would need to get Government Camp (Dave Butt) and Linda Castor from the Mazamas involved.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on December 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.

Submitted by Kelly Bacon, Secretary