

Duluth XC Ski Club Minutes
Sunday, August 14, 2005
6:30 pm
Dunn Brothers, London Road

Meeting began at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bryan French, Brian Bich, Sisto Santodontato, Sandra Beck, Paul Bartlam
Board Members Absent:

1. July (B. French/P. Bartlam) to approve DXC July 2005 minutes: approved
2. Committee Reports
 - A. Administration – No Report
 - B. Communication
 - i. Patti needs support; volunteers/committee may be needed to support Newsletter. In mean time, please explore any subject below...consider drafting short article.
 - a. Season Kickoff Event: Oct. 22nd Tentative Date for Fall Kickoff
 - b. Trail Report (...for fall hiking, MTB, hill bounding, or skiing); could be a Mystery Trail, local or regional trail highlight, possibly Keene's Creek
 - c. Pre-Season Activities: such as Wed Trail Run – Hill Bounding, Lester Pole Hikes, Superior Trail Hiking Trips (reminder to check Message Board)
 - d. Preview into winter club activities (to encourage renewal)...On-snow Expo, Ski Swap, Wed Time Trials, Nordic Spirit, Tour of Duluth
 - e. Five Year Plan: (may want to include request for volunteers)
 - f. Professional Russian Coach Biography & Goals
 - g. High School Coach Bio, Season "Hopefuls"
 - h. Pre-Season Training Article (S. Beck will check into this)
 - ii. Webmaster Went West
 - C. Finance – No change from last month.
 - D. Membership
 - i. Advertising suggestions (for general club & special events): Ripsaw (monthly), Reader (weekly), Ski Shops, Trailheads (posted on trail maps), Health Clubs (Center for Personal Fitness, YMCA, 24-Hour Fitness), Spirit Mt., Snowflake, UMD Outdoor Center, Scholastica, UWS., Company Newsletters (if your employer has one, please check out advertising); B. Bich to create Poster w/Two Pockets w/app. form
 - ii. Approximately 5 renewals so far
 - iii. Membership Form was reviewed & approved (B. Bich / P. Bartlam). Discussed the back of Membership Card not including data of specific deals (too many sponsors!)...two columns?
 - iv. Hat sample there to admire: 50 Jytte and 75 Hidden Bay ordered. If Hidden Bay hats are provided to Nordic Spirit racers, more can be ordered w/out repaying a set-up fee.
 - E. Outings
 - i. Kickoff date: 10-22-05 (Explore Chester Bowl vs. Spirit Mt)
 - ii. Ski Swap: No Date Set, may tag on to Spirit Mt.'s On-Snow Expo/Demo
 - a. The On-Snow Expo/Demo at Spirit Mountain is Dec. 10th. DXC is invited to participate.
 - F. Races – No report
 - i. Asked question about format; will wait until Viken's return.
 - G. Skills Development – No Report
 - H. Social – No Report
 - i. Bich to contact Anne Flueckiger about serving as Social Director
 - G. Trails
 - i. There have been no recent City Rec. Trail Meetings (per Sisto);
 - ii. Hermantown Trail Expansion was cancelled due to lack of funds for transport & feeding of volunteers @ approx. \$2000; COGGS will assist w/Hermantown Keen Creek Trail Clearing mid-late Sept.
 - iii. Snowmaking may be limited by electrical circuitry (440/660)
 - a. Bich to call Mike Johnson re: history of snowmaking effort at Spirit Mt.
 - b. French to discuss Snowplowing onto trail w/Director
 - H. SPONSORSHIP
 - i. Sponsor Packet /Agreement not completely updated. P. Bartlam will discuss checklist w/ D. Bartlam to assist in clarifying benefits/expectations of sponsorship

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.