

Duluth Cross Country Ski Club  
Board Meeting  
Sunday, December 11, 2005  
Eric Chandler's Home

Members present: Bryan French, Erik Viken, Eric Chandler, Ann Flueckiger, Doug Olsen, Paul Bartlam, Dee Bartlam, Sisto Santodonato. Thank you to the Chandler's for their hospitality!

1. November Minutes approved.
2. The IRS and DXC
  - a. Mark Knutson, best local non-profit attorney and DXC member has agreed to help with our non profit status. He has never built a cross country ski club non profit but will review our application materials and the IRS responses to date.
  - b. Eric and Bryan both feel optimistic about DXC getting 501c3 status based on internet searches and contacts they have made. With that in mind, we will remain "one club" rather than splitting into two at this time. End of filing status extension is in approximately two weeks. Bryan to touch base with IRS on 12/12.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Administration-Bryan: Sandy has stepped down as secretary. Michelle Riley has accepted this position.
  - b. Communication-Patti ill
  - c. Finances-Eric: DXC checkbook has \$8800. Outstanding expenses: Banff Film Festival, DECC, Nordic Spirit race, summer program. This leaves approximately \$2025 discretionary cash until next fall. This does not include \$1000 legacy gift offered by Scott Nelson, Dunn Brothers. **Dunn Brothers gift is earmarked pending city information from Sisto.** Insurance has been paid this year with no increase in rate with new increased memberships.
  - d. Outings-Paul: Wonders if we should change focus to "training" rather than social purpose. Suggests 3-5 outings: First skiable snow meet at Lester offer lessons for beginners, a Friday trip to the Birkie trails, perhaps inviting high school teams, an outing with the Brule Valley Ski Club, a Boulder Ski tour in the spring.
  - e. Races-Erik: Time Trials postponed until there is snow. Trail to be determined by best conditions available. Entry forms will be available on website. TT updates to come from an [info@duluthxc](mailto:info@duluthxc) address. Erik to notify non DXC members of upcoming TT's. Nordic Spirit Race volunteers: Dennis Frett has called and offered to help. Erik has full list of volunteers and will be calling them soon. Will also call Mike Weispfenning to firm up plans for race.

- f. Outreach-Anne: Has a list of volunteers that she will be sending an email for ideas. Paul and Anne to talk more as Outings and Outreach have common goals. Still determining what “outreach” will be.
  - g. Membership-from Brian, not present, we have 137 applications with 261 members!
  - h. Sponsorship-Dee: Plea for volunteers. Talked about having an “anything” category on registration form for volunteering. Will email a plea to Patti to include in next newsletter. Will need help with Nordic Spirit swag and food. Anne gave a contact for the Whole Foods Coop-thankyou Anne.
  - i. Skills Development-Doug: Will send out email offering skills development at, probably Lester. Thinking every other Monday or Tuesday evening.
  - j. Trails-Sisto: Unable to attend last trails meeting. Will contact Dean Grace for minutes on last meeting.
4. Old Business
- a. Distribution of Funds-much discussion ensued.
    - 1. Snowmaking-Dennis Suave had mentioned to Sandy that all that was needed is a \$1000 nozzle. Erik called him during meeting and it is still unclear if the club could help with this. **Board decided that until Spirit has a clearly defined proposal, DXC cannot help.**
    - 2. Youth programs (high school and other). Suggested by Eric that we could a) offer gift to each of 9 identified programs or b) identify those most deserving and help them this year.
    - 3. Board identified Kid Ski and Nordic Spirit Youth Ski Club as needy. Calls placed to Patti Harvieux and Glen Sorenson. Both agreed their programs could benefit from a DXC grant.
  - b. Motions proposed and passed.
    - 1. Motion to keep \$1000 in reserve for operating expenses by Dee Bartlam. Motioned seconded by Sisto Santodonato. Motion passed unanimously by board members present.
    - 2. Motion to distribute \$500 each to KidSki and Nordic Spirit Youth Ski Club by Dee Bartlam. Seconded by Eric Chandler. Motion passed unanimously by board members present.
    - 3. Both KidSki and NSYSC agreed to send letter to DXC describing their programs and how funds will be used.
    - 4. Motion to come up with a grant application for distribution of funds by Eric Chandler. Seconded by Anne Flueckiger. Motion passed unanimously by board members present. **Anne and Eric to create this process.**
    - 5. Motion to change name of Ski All The Trails in a Day to Tour du Luth by Doug Olsen. Seconded by Paul Bartlam. Motion passed. 3/11 tentative date for Tour *de luth* (sp??).
  - c. Youth Liaison position-tabled for now.
5. New Business
- a. Twin Ports Rendevous 1/28-Anne to do selective recruiting for coaches. Board agrees we should enlist the help of nonboard members.

- b. Anne and Dee would like to offer a novice clinic. Deferred until snow.
  - c. Press releases-Eric enthusiastically agrees to continue with press releases.  
Eric will submit a press release regarding DXC philanthropy to KidSki and NSYSC programs.
6. Board meeting adjourned at 911 pm.