

Duluth XC Ski Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday March 13, 2005
Dunn Bros London Road 6:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Eric Chandler, Sisto Santodonato, Greg Minerich, Eric Viken, Patti Harvieux, Paul Bartlam, Bryan French, Sandra Beck

Meeting convened 6:40 p.m.

Committee Reports:

1. Administration
 - a) Motion to approve Articles of Incorporation and amended bylaws approved.
 - b) P. Bartlam will take on Treasurer role until Chandler is able to resume duties.
 - c) All Board Members present agreed to remain in their positions for '05-'06...any member not present & not wishing to continue in role should notify B. French.
2. Communication
 - a) Newsletter: Editor has been unable to complete for various reasons. May need to seek replacement.
 - b) Website: Harvieux has new software called FrontPage. New webhost is Yahoo, which will allow 200 subdomains.
3. Finance
 - a) Budget summary: Currently approx \$1500 in Savings. Seasonal major expenditure is Liability Insurance (more than \$600).
 - b) Nonprofit/Tax Exempt 503C status: Articles of Incorporation of Club sent to State 2 weeks ago. The club will be "considered" a tax exempt 501C3 organization for initial 5 years, awaiting final determination letter in 2010.
 - c) Much discussion regarding two application issues:
 - a. Do we participate in legislative issues? Motion (Viken/French) to approve line item on application to this issue being "yes", but time dedicated to this must be <10% spent on legislative activities. Motion approved.
 - b. Is DXC controlled by any other organization or individual? Motion (Viken/French) that we are not controlled by any other organization. Motion approved.
4. Membership
 - a) Summary: 179 Members/87 Households
 - b) Renewal notices to be sent late September
 - c) Fall Kick-off in Mid-Oct.
 - d) Updated applications will be ready by next week.
 - e) Schwag: Group discussion...hats for next season, but T-shirts will continue to be used for new& renewed memberships through early fall.
 - f) Distribution of new member packets: Group discussion...club should not favor one business over another. Motion (French/Viken) to not align club with any commercial ski/outdoor equipment establishment, but rather to maintain neutrality. Motion approved.
 - a. Along these lines, club will seek permission from Scott @ Dunn Bros to allow members to pickup new member packets during monthly Sunday board meetings.

- b. Alternative distribution options: pick up packet at a club function
 - c. Members can pay extra for postage/ mailing costs.
 - d. Members can make alternative personal arrangements.
- 5. Outings
 - a) Low payback for time dedicated. Brainstorming on ways to improve turnout:
 - a. Simplify and make convenient to members by hosting at a consistent time & trail location so members whom likely frequent a trail will join in at specified time.
 - b. Can expand later as turnout/ friendships and connections are made.
 - c. Next year, coverage/support for events is needed.
- 6. Races
 - a) Twin Ports Championship/Salmela Cup
 - a. Request by David Johnson of Snowflake for DXC support for race
 - 1. Viken will clarify if Snowflake is interested in club accepting total responsibility for race versus limited volunteer support.
- 7. Skills Development – no report
- 8. Social Director – no report
 - a) P. Bartlam will ask D. Bartlam to contact Ann Fluekiger about chairing this committee.
- 9. Sponsorship – no report
- 10. Trails
 - a) This year has been a learning opportunity.
 - b) Full and complete discussion at next meeting.
 - c) Excellent city grooming deserves Thank You notes from Duluth XC Ski Club members.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

- 1. Tentative Date for Year-End Shindig: First Week in May. Committee should be formed.
- 2. Norway is sponsoring a Cross Country Ski Coach in Duluth January – February 2006. He recvs general stipended but needs host for living accommodations. This “internship” is part of his coaching certification process. Club should collaborate w/ him for coaching opportunities w/in community. Contact Dave Johnson.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.