

Nickel Plate Executive Minutes
Feb 19, 2007

Attending: Tom and Peggy Kampman, Keith Schultz, Ernie and Gloria Winstanley, Alan Hird, Irene Nerfa, Rita Arnicans, Steve Brown.

Minutes: Jan 8 minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence: Peggy read an email from Charlotte V. asking if the club could issue receipts for Jr. Ski League parents to take advantage of a Fitness Tax Credit for children involved in prescribed fitness activities. Irene will give Charlotte non-official receipt. Peggy added that receipts must include the child's birth date and full name.

Financial Report: Irene circulated financial report. Irene will ask that the bookkeeper post revenues using actual date taken in, rather than when deposited..

Reports

Trails: Keith reported that this position is in effect empty as Dick Riemer, is filling this position as well as his role as past president. He described the importance of regularly scheduled trail maintenance. A description of the trail maintenance position should request a time commitment of 10 – 12 hours per month to check trails every 2 weeks during the season, to remove sharp sticks and flag growth to be removed in the fall. This would enable us to start the ski season sooner as we would not have to wait for a deep snow cover.

Ernie suggested that it is difficult to get adequate work parties in the fall. Perhaps we should look at hiring a work crew.

Overall the trails are in good shape. Soft pole plant issue was resolved weeks ago. Mother Lode trail is the most popular trail this season.

Membership: No report.

Social Events: Gloria reported that “Welcome to Nickel Plate Day” held December 9th, was a huge success.

Christmas parties were held Dec 13 and Dec 16. Only 6 attended the Sat event.

Full Moon Ski pot lucks were held Fri. Jan 5 with 30 in attendance, Friday Feb 3 had a glorious full moon and mild temperature. A third full moon ski will be held Sat Mar 3.

Valentine lunch pot luck was held Wed Feb 14

Loppit lunch was prepared by Esther Minty.

St. Patrick's Day barbeque will be held Friday Mar 16.

Ski Development: Keith reported that Frank is very busy with lessons. He could use another certified instructor. .Jeff Watterman has helped out on occasion. It has been very good to have contact point in town at Peach City Runners.

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Volunteer Coordinator: Alan reported that he has been successful in finding volunteers for the Loppet and Bingo.

Promotions: Steve reported that he and a staff member are helping to update the Website. Days Inn have inquired about being a sponsor. Steve will follow up.

Facilities: Ernie reported that the washroom door closing problem has been corrected by moving the door closer slightly. This has saved the club the cost of a new door closer.

Special Events: Keith reported that 108 attended the Loppet this year, which was up slightly from last year. Jenus Interior Loppet Series was our sponsor this year, and it brought in 25 to 30 skiers, 4 from the U.S. There were skiers from Telemark, Sovereign and Larch Hills. Keith added that he was able to use the same volunteer base as previous years. Some shoulder business has resulted from the event.

New Business: Steve reported that he feels he will have to cancel the Ullers Winter Festival due to just 4 early bird registrants. . The executive agreed that a lot of work goes into planning and running the event and lack of early registration is enough to base a decision to cancel.

Ernie would like the club to consider installation of radiant heat flooring in the cabin and addition. He believes this would solve the problem of finding volunteers to chop wood and pile wood at the beginning of the season. It would also provide water for washing up. A kitchen could be built in the new wax room space and the water heater/exchanger would be located under the new kitchen. Non slip flooring would be used to prevent slip and falls that has become a concern with our present flooring. Ernie will research costs of the project and report at a later executive meeting..

Keith added that the club needs to decide whether to spend revenues on upgrading our snow cat or new flooring.

Tom added that he would not be able to vote that the club take on a large capital expenditure until he knows where the club is going. The questionnaire which is to be circulated with the next newsletter and the proposed SWOT analysis would give him a better idea of what the club as a whole would like. It also gives the membership an opportunity to have a say, adding that if they do not express what they want, they can't complain.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

