



SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Club Members,

We had a good meeting in October with over 70 people there and the Hut reservation process went on til after 9:00 p.m. The following Monday was really busy at the Wisdom Ranger Station and it didn't take long to fill all the nights.

We have great news regarding the purchase of our new snowmobile for grooming. We received a \$3,000 grant from the Rapp Family Foundation working with our partners, Bitter Root RC&D. Gordon was able to sell our 1994 Alpine to the Butte Ski Club for \$2,000 so when you add the grant from REI, we have done quite well this year in our efforts to purchase a new grooming machine. The new machine is in Hamilton and we will take possession in the next month.

The Hut is in excellent shape and ready for the winter ski season, thanks to many volunteers.

I think we have a candidate for President!! We will announce the name at our November 9th meeting and I think you will be pleased—I know I am. I think he is a charter member as well as a respected member of the Club and the community.

One of our long-term and active leaders of the Club has been ill for about two years and recently has had surgery. He is home in Corvallis but requires lots of care. I am referring to Ed Curran. His wife, Ann, has suggested that Ed's friends in the Club come by to visit him and spend some quality time. You can reach Ann at 961-5446 to schedule a time. If the calls become too numerous, we will ask for a volunteer coordinator to help Ann with scheduling. Ed has dedicated

many hours, both summer and winter, to our Club and it's time to give some consideration back to him!

My last note has to do with a task that some people evidently feel is unpleasant, and that is cleaning the toilets at Chief Joe. We have discussed this at a couple of meetings with little success. We need a cadre of people, at least ten, who can volunteer to clean the toilets each Friday. It sounds much worse than it actually is and I know that first hand, as Judy and I have done it a few times. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete and the supplies are either at the Hut or brought up by the groomers. Gordon has been doing this for many years and it's time to let him focus on the grooming. This is an opportunity for some of you who are not active in other volunteer activities, to be involved in Club business. Contact Kay Fulton, Club Secretary, for more details and to volunteer.

The November meeting has historically been a membership drive with donated raffle items. This year we are trying something new with a silent auction of items or services donated by Club members. We will collect the donations the night of the meeting and bidding will occur during the meeting. Please come a little early with your donations. Call Kay Fulton for more information. **REMEMBER**, the 05-06 memberships expire November 1st and this will be your last newsletter if you haven't renewed by then.

Pray for snow!!

/s/ Sonny

EDITOR'S NOTES: A silent auction will be held at our next meeting, which will be Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 1220 West Main Street in Hamilton. Read the description in the October meeting highlights and in Sonny's message.....Please remember, those of you with information for the bulletin, the deadline is always the last day of the month for inclusion. The process of getting it to press is just too involved to wait any longer, and my nerves will weather the storm if you comply..... Haven House again sends appreciation for those of us who have contributed non-perishable food items.

The Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, 9 November at 7:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 1220 West Main Street in Hamilton. The program will feature Dick Ellis presenting Great Photographers of the Modern Southwest—**Dorothea Lange, Eliot Porter and Ansel Adams**. Those attending are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to Haven House.

/s/ Bob Schumaker

NOTE OF INTEREST: Ed Curran, whom most of us revere as long-time Club member, former hiking partner and coordinator and former Vice President of the Club is having serious health issues and is resting at home. Cards and good wishes are welcome. Get well, Ed. We're all with you!

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OUR BY-LAWS

Article II — Purpose

The Bitterroot Cross-Country Ski Club is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest corporation whose purpose is to benefit the public by promoting Nordic (cross-country) skiing and other associated and comparable outdoor recreational activities by educating the public as to the health and recreational benefits of such activities and by assisting appropriate public authorities in the management and operation of the Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Area.

Section 5.3 — Addition to the list of Activity Coordinators

Membership Coordinator

Webmaster

Section 6.4 — Duties of the Treasurer

Delete: Maintain a complete roll of the membership and sign membership cards.

Section 7.9 (New) — The Membership Coordinator shall:

- (a) Maintain a data base of active Club members.
- (b) Maintain a mailing list of active Club members and sponsors.
- (c) Develop procedures to attract new Club members.
- (d) Inform Club members of membership renewal deadlines and their current status.

Section 7.10 (New) — The Webmaster shall:

Create and publish a web site for the Club.

Article VIII — Conflict of Interest

Section 8.1 — Definitions

(a) Conflict of Interest. A person acting in behalf of the Club in negotiating, approving or administering any transaction or arrangement to which the Club is a party has a conflict of interest if there exists with respect to such person facts or circumstances that would or might cause a reasonable person in similar circumstances to favor the interest of some other party to the transaction over the interest of the Club. A conflict of interest may be rooted in any adverse financial interest or business, financial, social, political or religious affiliations.

(b) Interested Person. A person who has, or may possibly be determined to have, a conflict of interest is an Interested Person.

Section 8.2 — Duty to Disclose; Violations

(a) An interested person must disclose to the Board of Directors all facts and circumstances relevant to any existing or potential conflict of interest.

(b) If the Board of Directors determines that an interested person failed to disclose an actual or potential

conflict of interest, it shall take such action as it may think appropriate to protect the interest of the Club, including without limitation, termination of the Interested Person's authority to act on behalf of the Club and dismissal from employment.

Section 8.3 — Determination as to Conflict of Interest

(a) The Board of Directors may, after such investigation and consideration as it thinks appropriate, determine that no conflict of interest exists in a particular circumstance by a majority of the disinterested Directors.

(b) Notwithstanding the failure or inability of the Board to make a determination that a conflict of interest does not exist, or if the Board determines that a conflict of interest does exist, the Board may nevertheless determine that it is in the interest of the Club to:

(1) approve and /or ratify the actions already taken on behalf of the Club by the Interested Person, or

(2) approve and/or ratify the continued designation or appointment of the Interested Person as an authorized agent of the Club, to act on behalf of the Club in connection with the transaction or arrangement in question, and in doing so, impose such restrictions on the Interested Person's exercise of discretion and authority as the Board may think appropriate, provided in either case that such Board action is approved by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested Directors.

Section 8.4 — Records of Proceedings. The Minutes of the Board of Directors shall contain all information relevant to any determination made by the Board under Section 8.3, together with the names of persons who were present for discussions and votes, and a record of votes taken.

Section 9.1 — Addition of the month of August: General meetings shall be held each month on a date approved by the Club, except for the months of June, July and August, when there will not be any scheduled meetings.

OCTOBER 12, 2006, MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Kay Fulton

President Sonny LaSalle, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. There were 77 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report by Ed Hastings: Report is for May 11 through Oct. 12: Income, \$842 • Expenses, \$754 • Net Income, \$111.31 • Checking and Savings combined, \$5,957.

New Business: Sonny announced he just received word the Club has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from RAPP and that no administrative fees will be taken out. This, along with the \$3,720 from REI will go toward the new Skandig snow machine. We still need \$1,400. Gordon will try to sell one of the Alpines. He thanked everyone who helped him get the applications written. Gordon emphasized that it was Sonny who wrote the grants and thanked him. The new machine is in Bozeman at this time and should be in Hamilton soon.

Jane Shigley reported on this coming year's Special Olympics which will be January 30 and 31 at Lost Trail and March 4, 5, and 6 in Whitefish. She asked for people to volunteer for a variety of activities including coaching, teaching, providing rides, just skiing with the athletes (they take teams up to the ski areas weekly and need more help). There will be an organizational meeting October 22nd at 2 p.m. at 316 N 3rd in Hamilton.

Extravaganza: Sonny announced we need some other volunteers to work with Linda Stout who agreed to chair this activity. It will be March 3, 2007. Please contact Linda.

Silent Auction next meeting, November 9. Kay announced that instead of the annual raffle at the November Membership meeting, we will try a Silent Auction. Please bring something you would like to donate to this activity and a suggested beginning price. A list was passed around and several exciting items have already been listed. Look for the announcement in this newsletter.

Old Business: Cabin Cancellation System: Earl Phillips will continue to coordinate this service. If you want to be on his e-mail list, you must e-mail him (even if you were on it last year). People should call or e-mail him if they have to cancel and he will let those on the list know. His e-mail is philips@montana.com

Vice President Mel Mooers reported on his progress with the Tax Exempt status for the Club. He reviewed the changes to our current Incorporation Papers which were published in the October Newsletter. After some clarification and discussion, a move was made and seconded to accept the changes. The motion was passed. Next Mel explained the revised "Purpose of the Club" and said that this would be publicized in the next newsletter and then voted on in November. Also, he is waiting for a new "Conflict of Interest" statement to be reviewed by the lawyer and it, too, will be publicized for us to review and then vote on. All of these items are required before the application can be forwarded. Another item that has come to the fore is that there are two other positions that should be added to the Board — Membership Chair and Web Master. We will also vote on adding these two under our by-laws. Sonny thanked Mel for all of his hard work. He noted that having 501c3 status will make it possible to apply for grants and not have to go through RC&D as well as not having to fill out tax forms annually. **Thanks, Mel!**

Trails Report: Sonny talked about ALL of Gordon's work at the ski area to get it ready for this coming ski season —skidding in trees, splitting logs, stacking wood, putting up signs, etc., etc. and thanked him. Also he thanked all the other people who have helped get the cabin and other things ready, including Pat and Ed Hastings who spent a few days working on the cabin this summer. Ed reported that the cabin would probably need another coat of sealer by next summer. Earl and Joe just re-did the floor. That is a very intensive process. Michelle Thompson has orchestrated getting our new ski area maps by contacting businesses and coordinating with the layout and printing people. Everything is ready now, just need **SNOW!**

Sign Up for hosting the cabin. Patty Johnston and Walt Harper came from the Wisdom District so the members could sign up for hosting. The general public will be able to start signing up on Monday, October 16. Patty introduced Walt who is the new receptionist and will be handling the calls. She also thanked everyone for all their work at the ski area. The rest of the evening was spent signing up.

Membership Renewals / Dues

Annual Memberships EXPIRE November 1!

Renew your membership now!

INDIVIDUAL \$15 • FAMILY \$25

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL \$30

SUPPORTING FAMILY \$40

LIFE MEMBER - \$500

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Nov. 1, 2006 - Oct. 31, 2007

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