**PXCSF 2024 Fall Meeting, Old Town Embroidery Co., 10/29/24**

**Attendees:**

Valerie Gill, President

Laura Wolter- Vice President

Brent Wolter-Treasurer

Karen Blanchard, Secretary

Dave Roy, Potato Cup

Mike Krumberger, Grooming Coordinator

Troy Neu, Fall Trail Races Coordinator

Randy Anderson-Wednesday night Fun Races

Todd Nunan-Youth development coach

Cary Rhodes, Director, Outdoor Recreation

Joe Barker

Bill Woodhouse

James and Maddie Williams

Emily

Bob Marcinko and Pat Harris

Nadia & Ronan Wolter

PXCSF filled vacant positions:

Vice president: Laura Wolter

Treasurer: Brent Wolter

Brent Wolter, Treasurer

There have been decreased trail race registrations and decreased club memberships compared to previous years.

Connections savings accounts need to be closed. The Club is using ICCU for banking now.

The Sherpa was purchased in 2013. The Club needs to appropriate funds for a new Sherpa and heated garage to store the Sherpa and Ginsu.

Mike Krumberger, Grooming Coordinator

The Sherpa will be readied for the season after visiting Hub’s Performance, Preston, ID.

Club grooming will be Sunday, Monday Tuesday, Wednesday. There will be a grooming day refresher in December. Mike will contact the groomers with that date.

Depending on conditions, sometimes the upper trails can’t be groomed. If a groomer gets stuck be sure to stay safe and stay warm since there isn’t usually anyone else out there to help. The groomer may need to walk out and leave the Sherpa for the next day. The City can use the Pisten Bully to pull the Sherpa out. The groomer will let the recreation staff know and the City might be able to groom early in the morning. Communication between the City and the Club should be better this year.

If there is 4” or more of new snow, then the course needs to be rolled. Be sure to keep the roller free of ice and snow. If there is a big snow, then use the Sherpa to pack the snow (if the ground is frozen), then roll it. Also let the City know if the groomer can’t groom that night/early morning.

Randy Anderson, Wed. Night Races Coordinator

Consider switching the name to something like “Community Ski and Pot Luck” to encourage more participants.

Elvis has left the Yurt would like to come and play a few of the nights.

Please send dinner themes/ideas to Randy. Ex. Ethnic, Scottish, Texas…

Races against the high schoolers was fun and a big hit.

Randy will send out a Wed. night schedule in December

The A frame will be open for ½ price rentals and free skiing.

Dave Roy, Potato Cup Coordinator

January 25, 2025 is the Potato Cup (last Saturday in January).

The City should post/promote the event on the City’s website.

TUNA calls to confirm the Potato Cup date and doesn’t schedule a conflicting TUNA event. TRC (Teton Ridge Classic) asked when the 2025 Potato Cup race is scheduled as they were trying to get a later date but they declined to conflict with our race.

More locals attended the race last year with less racers from UT.

Teri Neu will supply food

6 volunteers or so are needed on race day.

The kids’ races will start earlier than the adults so that parents can ski with their kids.

Troy Neu, Fall Fun Runs Coordinator

Insurance for the two Fall races was cost prohibitive. Many thanks to Cary and the City to allow the club to use the City’s insurance for the two races.

The two races had poor turnout with a net of $250 (after paying for a new hand timer).

The City could promote the Fall races by putting ¼ sheet flyers in the City Fun Run Series race bags.

Todd Nunan might put on an additional summer race so that the high schoolers could participate. The kids have school races in the fall and can’t participate at the Nordic Center.

Cary Rhodes, Director, Outdoor Recreation

Revenue for the 2023/2024 season was $7,400. 408 season passes were sold (higher than 2023). There were 3,391 season passholder ski days and 1623 same day ski days. About 50 season passes were earned through the workdays and about 20 season passes given to PXCSF groomers.

It is important that all skiers scan/sign in their day use. That information is important in obtaining grants/funding. There are parking stickers and self-pay envelop stubs to be displayed on car dashes.

Most Wed nights the yurt will be reserved for the Club Fun races.

The 20’ diameter yurt is almost finished. The outer canvas wall is being shortened to keep it off the ground. Tony Chesrow is insulating under the deck. The vinyl flooring will be installed once the canvas wall is on the yurt. There won’t be any electrical connections or lights installed. The City has propane lanterns for lighting and might have a third generator that will be located on the south side of the yurt wood shed. The generator will be used with an extension cord to power crock pots etc. There will be new furniture inside and outside the yurt. A new, more efficient wood stove is in place.

Upcoming projects (some dependent on USFS approval):

Add a cement pad to the garage exit

Make a groomer turn around on Upper Canyon trail

Relocate Intersection of Daley’s and Jack Rabbit

2026 parking lot expansion

Recycled asphalt applied with proper water diversion to the existing dirt road

A third snowshoe trail planned for Deer Creek to Lost Groomer (West of Lost Groomer is a nice bowl destination).

A second yurt exclusively for rentals.

Would snow bikes and dogs be allowed on the upper trails?

The Nordic center maps are already printed with the same dog friendly trails as previous years. No dog licenses or fees are planned for 2024/2025 season.

There were several dog bite incidents both to staff and skiers/snowshoers.

Dogs are to be leashed in populated/developed areas.

The City grooms for weekend use, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Joe Barker is groomer emeritus. The City is hiring two additional groomers, one position is open. Matt will groom 2-3 days a week. On large snowfall amounts, the city will help with club grooming. The gator is getting repaired. The Ginsu is fixed.

The mole/vole hills will need to be knocked down with a drag, manual raking or manual hoeing (when the dirt is frozen).

City planned events:

Dec 14- Ski with Santa (Joe Barker)

Wed Night Fun Races- A-frame open with ½ price ski rentals, free skiing. Change name of Wed. Night Fun Races to something less intimidating and include “Pot Luck” in the name.

Jan. 18-Ski free day

Feb 8- Candlelight ski

Other Business:

Consider grants/funding/IF Nordic ski grants for a small heated Sherpa garage on the old A frame footprint near the existing garage. It would have a propane heater with forced air on a timer to melt the snow and dry the condensation. The Sherpa garage would be owned by the foundation and big enough for the Sherpa and attached Ginsu. It needs to be size appropriate to be sure the snow can melt off the Sherpa without refreezing after the heater is finished.

Spring 2025, Bill Woodhouse will submit the proposed Sherpa garage (USFS guidelines from Cary Rhodes) to the USFS. Bill Woodhouse woodwill@isu.edu

An 18’ x 24’ Montana Pole Barn kit is $15,800 plus concrete pad, insulation & heater.

Promotional thoughts for increasing membership:

City can hand out ¼ sheet flyer in the City’s Fun Run swag bags.

Hand out membership flyers at the Fall Nordic Center races.

Memberships can be made with personal check, cash or Venmo.

Mid November: Randy will be holding a ski wax clinic including a demo of the wax grinder at Barrie’s Ski and Sports.