

PXCSF Fall Meeting 11/28/2012

*notes in red are in addition to the notes handed out at the meeting

PXCSF Mission Statement

The Pocatello Cross Country Ski Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to promoting and improving Nordic skiing for all levels of experience in Pocatello. We believe that a quality ski experience for novice and expert skiers depends on well maintained trails with excellent grooming. PXCSF assists the City of Pocatello operate Mink Creek Nordic Area with volunteer labor and equipment for trail maintenance and grooming. PXCSF also promotes local skiing through events such as the Potato Cup race, Fun Race Series and fall Trail Runs with volunteer work days. We also support both masters and junior ski programs based on interest.

Pebble Creek Mountain Run update: Steve Preston

14 online registrations and 13 day of registrations totaling 27 participants!

PCMR Race netted \$759.11

Costs = \$48.00 (Most expenses were covered by donations and/or sponsors which was very nice.)

Pebble Creek Mountain Run final total = \$711.11

Next year's Pebble Creek Mountain Run will be on June 29th 2013 and there will be a planning meeting in conjunction with the spring PXCSF meeting (late April or early May).

Thanks to Scott's, Idaho Orthopaedic and Old Town Embroidery for sponsoring!

We desperately need a few more volunteers for both organizing and race-day jobs; please contact Steve Preston for more information.

Trail Run Update: Roger Schmidt

We had 24 participants for the Zombie Chase and 20 participants for the Fall Classic.

Minus \$44 (cost of bananas, cookies and Gatorade for both races)

10 online registrations for both races at \$270.00/7 online registrations for one race (either) \$119.00

Totaling \$389.00 + Roger's 17 day of registrations entries (\$348.00) = \$737.00 (net) minus costs (\$44.00) = \$693.00 for Trail Run Series

We have a list of suggested improvements for next year's series. Contact Roger if you have any.

Next year: get this event on the regional running brochure. Old Town Embroidery is interested in donating T-shirts. Planning will also take place at the spring PXCSF meeting. We also could use some more help with organizing, promoting and setting up the race course. Please contact Roger Schmidt for more information.

Grooming Coordinator: Lance Roberts has volunteered to be the grooming coordinator. He will be gone for the second half of December and half of February so if someone else is interested he's just fine with that too. Grooming 3 nights each week is a large part of PXCSF contribution to the City of Pocatello and the area skiers. So far Lance Roberts, Steve Preston, Tim Downey and Randy Anderson have volunteered to groom this winter. We could use a few more. If you are interested please contact Lance Roberts. ldroberts_99@yahoo.com.

Fun Race Series

Schedule still being determined but the first race will be a 5K classic on Wednesday December 19th weather permitting. The entire schedule will be out in 2 weeks. Several of us have been hill bounding at Bartz Field this fall. There maybe a couple Fun Races over the holidays- stay tuned. Eric Nelson has volunteered to help out with all three running races.

The POKYXC website

WWW.POKYXC.ORG website update courtesy of Jansen Gunderson. Jansen just moved to Driggs from Pocatello but has donated his time to update our website. We hope to have it up and running shortly. Thanks Jansen! www.inlightmedia.com



Potato Cup Update January 26th, 2013

See separate attachment.

Financial Update: Heidi Preston

As of Statement Period 10/1/2012 - 10/31/2012

Regular Draft = \$15,374.58 (Should be +\$16K after Fall Trail Runs)

(savings did not show up on this report, but as of the statement before that - 9/2012 - savings was \$108.05)

2013 PXCSF Goals:

- March of 2013 will be the final year of our 3 years lease-to-sale snowmobile to the city. At the end of this winter we will be without a snowmobile. We need to continue pursuing the grant request aggressively or consider other alternatives to purchase a different machine.
- Snowmobile Grant Update: We were declined our matching grant this year but I would like to try again. I attended a grant workshop and they stated that we need to better clarify both technical detail and justify the expense for the Alpina Sherpa. They also encouraged us to send the proposal in before it's due for feedback prior to the final draft. I have a few grant committee members' contact information and they are very interested in coming to meet with us. I have also made contact with Mammoth Nordic to talk some more about their Alpina Sherpa to gather supporting reasons for purchasing a similar machine (they will be calling me this Friday). The grant committee requested more technical information on why we need such an expensive machine so this should help in that regard. If anyone has interest in lending a hand with the grant proposal let me know.
- We talked about after attaining a new snowmobile maybe we should look at a solar lighting system of part of the ski trails (future plans.)

City Update: Lance Clark

- Grading: The equipment is done for the season. They got trails rough graded and did some touch up work before the weather turned. The grading turned out to be far more extensive than anyone expected. As a consequence we had to pause while some further permit and engineering work was done. We will finish the fine grading in the spring. Right now we are placing erosion control measures on the disturbed areas. There is nearly a half mile of silt fence, 50 cubic yards of wood chips, \$7000 worth of native grass seed and \$2000 in coconut mat going down this week and next week. If you can help rake, pound or do any type of basic labor help is appreciated.
- Graded trails include chickadee, cottontail, roughed grouse, deer trail, ermine, red fox, fox tail, meadows, sage loop, lower canyon, mule deer, creekside and creekside connector.

- On creekside connector a new culver crosses the drainage the trail used to descend and a new switchback allows skiers to connect creekside to the base area via intermediate terrain instead of a double black death trap.
- The street department also graded the access road, upgraded the gates, put in new standpipes on the culverts and backsloped the road. They hauled in material to improve drainage on the main parking lot and expanded parking at the upper creekside gate significantly.
- I haven't added the volunteer hours but 30 people earned passes and several went well over their hours. I am confident we made it to 400.
- These grading projects represent the biggest upgrade in Nordic center history. They should make skiing possible on just a few inches of snow, and make all of the trails wider, more level and silky smooth. They make our underlying trail system competitive with any in the area, and far better than most.
- Prices will remain stable in 2012/2013.
- The equipment all got a pre-season tune up and the snowmobile and pisten bully fired up just fine. We will continue to work on erosion control but are prepared to groom as soon as there is a solid snow event.
- Andrea and I are working on further grants for the 2013 or 2014 seasons that may include a new building...exciting stuff.

Andy Hall and Kregg Aytes have moved on. Lisa Safford has also stepped down due to time constraints. Thanks to all for helping out!

We will hold spring elections to fill at least 2 of these seats.

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