

Grand Nordic Pre-Season Meeting  
Monday, September 27, 2021  
(Via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Lynn Rau at 7:35 p.m.

Attendees: Lisa Bornfriend, Diana Lynn Rau Christine Lee, Stephen Lee, Kathy Jamison, Dan Jamison, Sue French Smith, Charlie Rau, Daniela Gosselova, Al Rothenbach, Terri Rylander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Al R. (seconded by Terri R.) to approve the minutes of April 22, 2021. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Daniela gave the treasurer's report.

Checking as of 9/27/2021 : \$17,160.18

GN Campaign 2021 funds: \$9,391.12 (Citywide checking)

Petty Cash: \$100.00

PayPal: small amount

Winter Park Trading Co: \$700 credit

Receivables (billed GN Campaign) \$1750

Long term liability: Granby Ranch \$3019 (escrow)

Upcoming expenses: Liability insurance – est. \$650

Scholarships est. \$2000-3000

Checking minus GN Campaign = approx. \$7750 minus \$3000 (escrow)

Total : \$4750

A discussion followed on the Granby Ranch liability (\$3000). Agreed to keep this amount in reserve for a few years.

Daniela reported that 2/3 of the membership fees are spent on our free lesson program. Motion made by Christine L. and seconded by Terri R. to accept the Treasurer's Report. All voted aye.

Diana said that we have gotten many donations of money and ski equipment from people.

\*\*Daniela tendered her resignation which was accepted. (Christine L. made the motion, seconded by Terri R.)

Daniela suggested that if we were to get a bookkeeper that person should be a paid professional but that the office of Treasurer should be a volunteer position. This was the same suggestion that Diana R. gave. Diana will check on companies who have worked with non-profits – two mentioned were Day & Associates and Bottomline. Christine L. said she would check with the Town of HSS for suggestions for other companies. Hopefully the cost would not be too high. We have quite a bit of grant money but this money can only be used for marketing, not for bookkeeping. Diana also said that she could use some help with filing but only needed someone who is a good organizer.

OLD BUSINESS: SMR October 2 workday – There are over 25 people signed up. Starts at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Waterfall Parking Lot. Lunch will be provided.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: There was a request from two middle school students for scholarships (summer training program for the Competition Center). \$300 each.

For this year's program we have a cut-off date. Dan J. questioned : What about kids that can't get ski equipment by the cut off date because there is no equipment available? If all the money has been used they won't get a chance to get any ski equipment if they have to wait till later. After some discussion the decision was: Diana and Dan J. would figure out a mutually agreed upon cut-off date (probably mid - January).

**MEMBERSHIP:** Al R. said that there was no reason to raise our rates this year and everyone agreed. Diana reported that member discounts increased this year.

**SKI GRAND NORDIC:** Sue French Smith reported that Ski Grand Nordic received a grant this year for \$8774. Matching sponsors : \$2475. Some sponsors were Devil's Thumb, Ice Box, Never Summer, SMR and others. This grant focuses on advertising events out of county and bringing in people from out of county to these events. The ads that are on-line work for county and out-of-county. A question was asked whether or not this grant covers the website. Who pays for these costs? Lisa B. said that the cost is covered by the grant.

**KIDS PROGRAM:** Had a great response for the kids program in Jan & Feb at SMR. There was a waiting list and lots of parent volunteers. There was also a kids after school program in Fraser with Odd and Sally as well as a Granby program.

**FACEBOOK:** Terri said that the Facebook page has been slow in the summer but she expects that it will pick up during the ski season.

**NEW BUSINESS:** With Covid still prevalent in the county we should still follow county regulations of masking and social distancing.

**SWAP:** Date is Friday, October 22, 2021. Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Gear drop-off. 6:00 – 8:30 Swap. No dessert potluck. Just drinks. Diana will check with prospective dealers. There will be ads in Sky-Hi, Facebook and Flyers. She will let us know when the flyers are ready and volunteers are needed to distribute them around the county.

**FREE LESSONS:** We will plan on free lessons and see about the Covid precautions at the time. Diana will check with the three cross-country centers (DT, SMR and Grand Lake) to see if they will host these lessons

the available dates. We will probably have smaller classes and keep a longer time separation between classic and skate lessons.

A discussion followed on whether or not Grand Nordic will give members free rentals and/or trail fees. A consensus was reached to have Diana negotiate with the centers for a \$10 adult trail fee and a \$10 adult rental fee for those taking the free lessons. This would be for members only and only if needed since many participants may already have passes to the ski centers and/or their own equipment.

RANCH TO RANCH: Will probably be a two-day event like last year. The manager has brought up the idea of wanting to have a free Nordic kids program for school kids, with free equipment and maybe instruction. Thus far it's only an idea.

There being no further business to discuss there was a motion to adjourn by Christine L. (seconded by Lisa B). All said aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Christine Lee, Secretary