



**Bridger Bowl Association
Minutes Spring Meeting
May 22, 2013
7:00 P.M. Holiday Inn, Bozeman**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Julie Bennett, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Petitt, Steve Pohl, Kelly Wiseman, R.A. Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

The spring, 2013 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Andy Epple moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Dave Ballinger

Copies of the Income Budget Report were distributed. Dave Ballinger detailed income and expenses. This year was an improvement over last year's numbers. Skier visits for the year totaled 185,645 as compared to 148,077 last season. Net profit for the year was \$1,024,658 (as compared to a loss of \$44,859 last year).

The retail shop ran well below budgeted expense. This was partly due to the fact that Travis ran without an assistant when he took over.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Bob Petitt

The president announced retirees from the board. Pat Holland (absent) and R.A. Schmidt, both served 6 years, and Carol Gnauck (Recording Secretary) is retiring. Current board members were introduced.

Skier visits were much higher than last year, and quality of snow resulted in a large number of day tickets sold from early in the season. The old Alpine lift was sold to Mount Spokane. The lift has been taken down, and most of it has been removed. The new lifts are going in soon, they will try to fly in towers before fire season so that flying equipment/ pilots are available. A hut at the top of Alpine is also planned. It will provide bathrooms (especially for snow sports classes) and a small food service. It will be built next summer (2014).

The Story Mill property at the base of Bridger Canyon is being developed. Bridger has expressed interest in using parking facilities for the development for some type of park and ride service. Bradley Meadows is an approved lift in the master plan, but it is not happening any time soon. New lifts have been named: "Powder Park" (south) and "Alpine" (north). The quad (formerly "Powder Park") will be renamed to "Sunny Side".

MANAGER'S REPORT- Randy Elliot

Thanks- Randy recognized current and past employees.

New Lifts- The new lifts will be built and installed by a U.S. company, SkyTrac.

Open Forum- Randy opened the floor to questions.

Questions from the floor-

1. The new Alpine Lodge plan does not seem properly oriented to take advantage of the views.

Randy: This concern was brought up on the board, as well. The building committee will be looking at this. Views are mostly to the south as currently oriented, but the current orientation is not set in stone.

2. Is it possible to traverse to the Three Bears runs from the new lift?

Randy: Skiers can get to Baby Bear (which will be a groomed run). Won't be accessed as high as from old Alpine, unless you come from Bridger Lift.

3. What is happening with the proposed bike and riding trails?

Randy: A committee has been formed working with local interest groups, Bridger Bowl, and the Forest Service, to establish riding and biking trails. They want all groups to be heard. The first planned work is to modify the current trail that traverses Bridger and drops down near Deer Park Chalet; the goal is to bring it higher (across midway). This is probably all that will get accomplished this summer.

4. How much (summer trail) use has occurred in the past?

Randy: There is quite a bit—people up there almost every day. None of the loops have been completed yet, the committee is seeking input regarding where loops will be formed/connect.

FOUNDATION

Marshall Bennett reported that Bridger Bowl Foundation contributions in 2012 totaled \$10,188; contributions so far in 2013 total \$2,949. Currently, all assets total \$56,701. In the 2013 season, 227 participants were served through foundation funds. The foundation supported participants from Ski PE, Youth Dynamics, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, and Big Sky youth center. Expenses for last season totaled \$9,256. Administration expenses totaled \$430 for the year.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members- Steve Pohl presented the following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Martin Coleman, Stuart Dominick, Dawn Hamilton, Randy Johnson, Lindsay Korth, Sunny Mavor, Jim McLean, Keith Nathan, Markie Nathan, Chris Pannell, Paul San Julian, Dennis Steinhauer, Richard Winget, and Mark McPhie.

Bob Petitt called for ratification of the new members. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

R.A. Schmidt presented nominees to replace outgoing board members, R.A. Schmidt and Pat Holland. Steve Pohl was recommended to serve another 3-year term.

Diane Allen, Doug Mavor, and Steve Pohl were introduced and presented briefly about their qualifications to the association.

The board seeks to nominate Association Members with diversity in background, professional knowledge, and skill set. Call for nominations from the floor was made, and repeated twice. No nominations from the floor were made. Nominations were closed.

Voting ballots will be sent out in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Past Board Members present were recognized.

Ticket Rates- Season passes and day tickets are going up \$2 (over \$50 for first time). This will help offset expenses for new-lift structures and new beginner's area.

Alpine Cabin- Kristie McPhie announced that the building committee was seeking input / suggestions for the proposed warming hut. She brought schematics for members to peruse. Kristie also thanked the board for the naming of "Eagle Run" in honor of her father, Wally Eagle who passed away this year.


Donor- The Bridger Bowl Foundation has been approached by another charitable foundation with a significant contribution earmarked for Alpine Cabin construction.

Pass Holder Reduced Rates- Randy was complimented on negotiating half-price tickets at Alta and reduced pricing throughout the state for Bridger pass holders. Randy responded that the Montana Ski Area Association program has been in place for many years (half day price with a season pass). The deal at Alta was new last year, Randy hasn't been in contact, but assumes Alta will continue, and he is looking at other interested areas. (Alta's deal was half price tickets).

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. Marshall Bennett moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Stoltzfus seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.



BOB PETITT, PRESIDENT



STEVE POHL, SECRETARY