

Bridger Bowl Association Minutes Spring Meeting May 23, 2012 7:00 P.M. Holiday Inn, Bozeman

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Julie Bennett, Pat Holland, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Petitt, Steve Pohl, R.A. Schmidt, Rich Stoltzfus, Estela Villasenor Allen.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

The fall, 2011 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Mike Riley moved to approve the minutes. Terry Abelin seconded the motion. 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 was a tough year due to poor snow conditions. Skier visits for the year totaled 148,077 as compared to 210,966 last season. Net profit for the year was a loss of \$105,252.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Rich Stoltzfus

Thanks – Rich shared his thanks for the opportunity to serve on the board and give back to the Bridger community. He shared some history of his early days working on Bridger staff as a groomer, and insight on some tough seasons of the past.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Randy Elliot

Thanks – Randy recognized the board and staff, especially in light of the tough season. Employees stayed strong and positive despite losing hours and difficult conditions.

Dead & Dying Trees – Staff is aggressively addressing this issue in conjunction with the Forest Service. Logging efforts will also serve to improve glade skiing in Pierre's and Alpine terrain. Staff is also treating for bark beetle. New seedlings are continually being planted. Two hundred fir seedlings were planted last year and white bark pine this year. Bridger actively manages trees to keep forest looking as good and healthy as possible.

Summer Maintenance – Regular maintenance this year will include spraying weeds and slope work. Some summer roads will be modified or relocated to make it more friendly for summer recreation, and better for servicing of lifts.

Vehicle Maintenance Shop – The Bridger Board of Directors recently approved building an addition to the shop this summer. The addition will make it possible for expensive snow machines that currently sit outside to be housed inside. It will also increase efficiency for the crew.

Food Service – Reservations are up this year for weddings and meetings. Hope for the upcoming year to show better conditions than this year.

FOUNDATION

Marshall Bennett reported that the Foundation supports snow sports and educational activity at BB. Support is focused on 3 organizations: School programs (Ski P.E.), which helps students who can't afford rental/ or ticket costs. They also sponsor Youth Dynamics and Big Brothers & Sisters. 263 participants were assisted this year, at an expense of \$9,500. The Foundation ended the year with \$59,886 in assets; it is healthy and continues to grow each year. Contributions for this year totaled \$19,800. Lost and Found items that are left unclaimed is collected and sold at the Ski Swap, this year totaling \$800.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members – The following applications for membership were presented for ratification:

Mason Griffin, Shannon Griffin, Matt Stash, Bob Likewise, Dick Dowdell, Steve Shope and Emily Lind.

Sheila Harr moved to ratify membership of those presented. Marshall Bennett seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Estela Villasenor Allen reported on nominations. Rich and Estela's second terms are up, along with Doug Monger's first term. The nominating committee was charged with bringing forth two new nominees for recommendation, and recommended Doug for re-election. Rob Larson and Kelly Wiseman were selected as new nominees. 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. Mike Riley moved that nominations be closed. Teresa Larson seconded the motion. Nominations were closed.

Nominees introduced themselves to the association membership. Voting ballots will be sent out in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Late Season Slide – The debris will be cleaned up and removed; there was little damage other than downed trees.

Bike Trails – The existing roads will be improved and a few connections will be made allowing for loops to accommodate hiking/ biking or riding horses.

OLD BUSINESS

Recognition – The board presented plaques to Estela and Rich and recognized their contributions. Estela was thanked for initiating and promoting the park & ride bus system. Rich was recognized for the new land purchase in the base area, and granted one square foot of Bridger real estate in the middle of Bridger creek, to be accessed by parachute or raft.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. Terry Abelin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

