

## **BRIDGER BOWL ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes Fall Meeting**

**November 20, 2007**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Present: Randy Elliott (General Manager), Chris Bulger, Ray Center, Jim Drummond, Pat Holland, Kent Kasting, Teresa Larson, R.A. Schmidt, Rich Stolfus, Estela Villasenor.

### **MINUTES**

The spring, 2007 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved as circulated.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copies of the statements of financial position and activities were distributed to association members. Dave Ballinger detailed the income and expense items presented. Skier visits were down due to poor snow conditions. They totaled 135,555 last year vs. 183,000 the previous year.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Teresa Larson reviewed highlights of operation over the past year:

- The internal audit for the year focused on ticket sales. The audit was clean, and no significant concerns were found.
- Season Pass sales are strong this year. Last year's sales were the lowest since 1991.
- Slushman's Lift- Construction has begun. Plans call for the lift to be open next year. Gate placement is being looked at now; management is consulting staff and frequent users for input.
- Committee work- The Transportation Committee has worked to secure new, free bus service for this year. This year's service is being funded entirely by Bridger, it is hoped that partnerships to help with cost will be in place by next year.
- The Long Range Planning Committee focused on shorter-term goals this year.
- The Board and management continue to look into options for improving employee health benefits. Specifically, they are hoping to provide benefits for seasonal employees.

- The Bridger Bowl Foundation is looking at options for recognizing donors.
- Bridger Canyon Partners proposed new development continues to be a big issue for the Board. Currently, Bridger Canyon Partners and Bridger Canyon Property Owners Association are in discussion. BCP hopes to have a plan before the county by January. Many issues have yet to be resolved, including exact location of development. The Board is particularly concerned with water usage and how it may affect Bridger.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Randy reported on mountain operations. Bridger received 12" of new snow last night for a total of about 2' base now at the top of Alpine. It has been too cold for snowmaking until the last few nights. Projected opening is December 8, although the mountain will open earlier if snow conditions permit.

Jill Holder was recognized for her many years of service as Ski Program Director for Eagle Mount. She has been in the position since 2001, and is leaving this year. Bridget Tanner was introduced as the new Director.

Department managers were introduced and recognized (in order of tenure at Bridger):

- John VanHouten (29 years!)- Snow Maintenance
- Bob Allen- Facilities and Risk Manager
- Fay Johnson- Ski Patrol Director
- Dave Ballinger- Accounting and Administration
- Mark Cowett- Rental and Retail Shop
- Bonnie Hickey- Snow Sports/ Ski School Director
- Doug Wales- Marketing
- Don Doering- Vehicle Shop
- Dan Boehmer- Lift Operations
- Paul Bockus- Food Services
- Jeff Abelin- Ticket Office/ Computer Services
- Robin Barker and Joe O'Brien- Lift Mechanics

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bridger Bowl Foundation-** Chris Bulger updated the membership on current assets, the foundation had total assets of just over \$25,000 at the spring meeting. Currently, assets total \$17,000. The Foundation was able to provide support to over 200 school children this year. Contributions continue to be received and appreciated.

**Transportation Committee-** Estela introduced herself as the new chair, and reported on progress this year. Expanded bus service will be introduced this year, with all services provided free to riders. The youth bus will continue, in addition to an employee bus and weekend and holiday service for skiers. The schedule is posted on the website. The committee hopes to expand partnerships and rider numbers for next year.

**Long Range Planning-** Kent Kasting reported that the committee is looking at expanding current planning to include a Long Range Objectives plan which focuses on two areas:

- 1) Specific Projects
- 2) General Policy Objectives

The committee is considering "what if" scenarios and brainstorming project ideas to guide the development of this plan. Member input was welcomed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Accessibility- Bob** Kolesar spoke on behalf of his wife, Ellen regarding a compliment in the Local's Guide. He asked who made the comment. Teresa responded that the quote was from Jill Holder, Eagle Mount Director. She added that his previous concerns had resulted in the formation of an ad-hoc Accessibility Committee that meets yearly to review policies. He questioned whether the committee had changed its decision on his earlier concern regarding his use of a ski-bike to accompany Ellen. Teresa responded that the committee had not changed its decision.

### **NEW BUSINESS**


**New Members-** The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Russell Tuckerman, Jeff Reider, John Morrone, Wenda Morrone, Ann Van Balen, Curt Bradbury, Frankie Kustin, Rusty Felton, Pete Steffen, Bill Frederick and Judd Flynn.

Chris Bulger moved to ratify membership of those presented. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Member recognition-** Dr. John Montagne was recognized for his presence.

### **ADJOURN**

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made from the floor. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



Teresa Larson  
PRESIDENT



Jim Drummond  
SECRETARY