



**Bridger Bowl Association  
Minutes Fall Meeting  
November 22, 2011  
7:00 P.M. Jim Bridger Lodge, Bozeman**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Julie Bennett, Pat Holland, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Pettitt, 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 spring, 2011 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Marshall Bennett moved to approve the minutes. Mike Riley seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Dave Ballinger

Copies of the financial Statement of Activity and Position were distributed. Dave Ballinger detailed income and expenses, and positions. Last season was a record season, net income for the year was \$1,181,171 as compared to \$742,868 the previous year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Rich Stoltzfus

**Lifts-** Given sufficient finances, the long-range plan is to replace Alpine with two new lifts. Preliminary land surveys have been conducted, and some trees have been cleared. There is also potential for a small warming hut in this area. Development of a new beginner's area is also in the planning stages. There is also a plan to accommodate a shop addition; this has been in the works for several years. Given the cash position, preliminary work will likely take place this summer, with actual installation of the lifts scheduled for the following year.

**Email-** In order to cut the cost of mailings, a response card may be sent (mailed) to members soliciting permission to transition to electronic notification, rather than mass mailing.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Randy Elliott

**Snow Conditions-** Unfortunately there is not adequate snow to support Thanksgiving opening. The regular opening is scheduled for Dec. 9, pending adequate snow.

**Staff Introductions-** Randy introduced management and staff that were present and highlighted their recent work:

Jeff Abelin- Technology/ Ticketing  
Bob Allen- Facilities & Risk  
Dave Ballinger- Finance Director  
Dan Boehmer- Lift Operations  
Mark Cowett- Retail Shop  
Dan Doehring- Vehicle Maintenance  
Dan Furlong- Food Service  
Bonnie Hickey- Snowsports/ Play care  
Joe O'Brien- Lift Maintenance  
Doug Richmond- Ski Patrol Director  
John VanHouten- Grooming/ Snowmaking  
Doug Wales- Marketing

**Snowmaking-** Staff has been able to put in about 230 hours –about 1/3 of snowmaking that is usually done. Current forecasts call for cooler weather this week, which would support more snowmaking.

**New Sign-** Big Sky Timber Works built the new sign that was installed this fall. It has been well received by public and canyon residents.

**Website-** Travis Hyypa has been hired as the new web programmer. Some changes have been made on the website. New monitors have also been installed in the lodges. The monitors will project up-to-date grooming / snow report etc.

**Terrain Park-** Josh Thompson built 2-3 new features that will be available on the terrain park this year.

**Cat Excavator-** A new excavator was purchased; it features an emasculating head, which acts as “chipper”/ grinder to help deal with dead/ dying trees and understory. This will improve free skiing through selective clean up.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Long Range Planning-** Kristie McPhie reported on future plans. Plans are in place to build two new lifts to replace the old Alpine lift. There is potential for a small building to be built, and ideas for this are in the planning stage. Other projects in the planning stages include:

- Beginner area- Including a new building to house additional lockers, and play care.
- Summer activities- The committee is looking into potential summer use.
- Transportation/ parking/ bus (park and ride)- Efforts are ongoing to improve public transportation options and use.

The committee welcomes member input and ideas; contact Kristie.

#### BRIDGER BOWL FOUNDATION

Chris Bulger reported that the Foundation is now 5 years old, and provided assistance for 325 individuals last year. School P.E. assistance expanded to \$6100 last year, a significant increase, and need for this program is expected to grow again this year. Donations last year totaled approximately \$11,000. The foundation currently has \$55,940 invested; program support costs for last year were approximately \$11,000, with operating costs totaling \$900. The Foundation has 104 donors year to date, with 91 donations from online pass sales. Foundation volunteers took unclaimed lost and found and sold it at the ski swap for a total of over \$800. Projected support costs for this year are approximately \$12,000.

Donor displays have been erected in the lodges to recognize the generosity of donors.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Summer Activities-** A member referenced an article discussing the promotion of summer use of National Forest areas. The board asked for more information and will look into the possibilities.

**Poker Ride-** The board and staff were thanked for supporting this cause.

**New Members-** The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: James Cawley, Donald Bockhahn, David DeHaan, Debra DeHaan, James Goehring, Bill Stetzner, Dawn Denecke, Todd Goertzen, Stockman Bank and Tim Gates. Marshall Bennett moved to ratify membership of those presented. Chris Bulger seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

**Bylaws-** President called for a motion to make a change to the bylaws permitting an increase in yearly membership dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Jim Drummond moved to amend the Bylaws (as delineated in Article VIII, Amendment of Bylaws) to raise annual membership dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 i.e.: amend Article III, E-1 to replace \$5.00 with \$10.00. And to add the words: "A new member's \$25.00 application fee (III, C.1) is inclusive of the first year's annual membership fee." The motion was seconded from the floor. Discussion held. Bob Kolesar opposed the motion, and expressed concern over the principal of raising the fee. Vote taken, all but 2 in favor. Motion passed.

**Call for Nominees-** Members were encouraged to let Estela Villasenor Allen know of anyone interested in serving on the board. Two new members will be elected this year.

**Bus-** A member requested an update on the bus situation. Pat Holland reported on the Transportation Committee's work on the issue. The goal is to take pressure off of canyon traffic, and parking. Two options have been discussed: carpooling and bus service. Free Streamline Bus service has been provided, but ridership is low. The committee continues to work on this issue, and is engaging other agencies to help. Ideas from members were welcomed; contact Pat, Estela, or R.A. Bus service will continue this year (same as last year).

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. Sheila Harr moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chris Bulger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.



BOB PETITT, PRESIDENT



STEPHEN POHL, SECRETARY