

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS NORDIC COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2007

In attendance: Dan Smilkstein
Kevin Kopishchke
Bill Philip
Dave Miller
Jeff Nelson
Erin Light
Emily Lovett
Bart Kounovsky

Meeting was called to order at 5:35

No formal minutes were provided

Financial Report – Bart presented financial report

- Bank balance shows over \$8,000
- The Nordic council events lost \$935.59 last season
- Dan motioned to approved the financial report, Dave 2nd, vote and passed

New Business

- Vista Verde will not be open to the public for the 07/08 season except for the following dates.
- Vista Verde will open to the public on December 19, 2007, January 12, 2008, & March 2, 2008. All of the trail fees will be donated to the Nordic Council.
- Dan reported on The “HEMP” project. Dan has addressed the city council with a letter stating the balance of Martin Hart fund be used to pay for the feasibility study of the “HEMP” project.
- Dave asked Dan why he used the Martin Hart fund balance as the Nordic Council passed a resolution to use the money to complete a trail project on Howelsen Hill and Dan responded by saying the City Council and Parks and Rec now have control of the fund. Dan did say he has secured other money from another source, about \$8000, to finish the project.
- Jeff updated the group on the Howelsen project and he said the process is working put it is moving slow because it is on a conversation easement and it has to meet all of the regulations, and should be completed by this season.
- Nordic Council will continue to give a Valley Pass to the coaches of the Winter Sports Club provided the team buys a valley pass.
- The bridge building project on Bruce’s Trail was a success and the trails should ready to groom when the snow flies thanks to all the volunteers that helped.
- Grooming for Bruce’s Trail will be paid from Valley Pass sales so we don’t have to ask for donations of skiers.

Race Series

- Greg Rawlins will the new Race Director
- Discussion on the point system, as there will be 2 races with longer distance races it was decided that the racers entering any distance the points will count toward the end of the year totals
- Dave said Greg wanted a valley pass for the efforts of Race Director.
- Kevin made a motion to give the pass to Greg, Bart 2nd, vote and passed.
- Dave will send Greg a list of duties.
- Confirmed dates for Nordic Challenge races:
December 9, 2007 – Bruce’s Trail or Howelsen Hill depending on the snow conditions
January 5, 2008 – Steamboat Ski Touring Center combined with Steamboat Stampede
January 20, 2008 – Howelsen Hill Climb
February 2, 2008 – Steamboat Lake
February 16, 2008 – Catamount combined with Steamboat Marathon

- Dan gave the update of the North Routt Coureur des Bois, most everything is in place and he has contacted Smart Wool for swag.
- Discussion on sponsors and what they will get in return for their commitment. Other than what is already in place of advertising a Valley Pass will be given for each \$1000 of cash, merchandise or combination.

Marketing

- Discussion on where to advertise, it was decided to advertise in Master Skier and not Cross Country Skier
- Matt Windt will be the contact for advertising
- Emily requested the Nordic Council pay for ½ of the ad in Master skier as last year
- Bill Phillip made a motion to pay for the ad and Dave 2nd the motion, vote and passed
- Dave will give Matt Windt other web sites to post the events on.
- Discussion on the rack cards, The Nordic Council will continue to pay for them, and remove Vista Verde from the new cards. Matt will have the cards printed and distributed.

Next Nordic Council meeting set for October 9, 2007
Parks & Rec 5:30 pm