



BRIDGER BOWL ASSOCIATION
Minutes Spring Meeting
May 27, 2008
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 Stolzhus, Estela Villasenor Allen.

MINUTES

The fall, 2008 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 quite impressive due to amazing snow this season. They totaled 196,569 this season (2007-8) vs. 135,555 last season (2006-7). Net profit for the year totaled \$1,490,277 as compared to 468,963 for prior year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Teresa Larson reviewed highlights of operation over the past year:

- This year represented record skier visits; the snow was fantastic, but the staff was recognized for making the year run so well.
- There will be a new lift servicing "ridge terrain" operable next season. Safety is a priority, and public awareness campaigns including CD's distributed with every season pass purchased are planned.
- Name of the new lift was reconsidered. The marketing department raised concerns about using the name Shushman's (as it has been known to this point). Possible new names include: Raptor, Flaming Arrow, and Pioneer (after pioneers of the area).
- Chris Bulger was recognized for his contributions in his six years of service.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy recognized and thanked staff present. He cautioned that operational expenses will increase significantly this year due to labor & energy as well as new lift construction expenses. Projected impact could be 11% or .5 million extra next year. About 1.4 million in capital expenses are planned for this year. This will include construction of a new lift, Jim Bridger Lodge deck rebuild, new entrances for JBL, more ski/bag check locker space, and upgrade to snowmaking equipment (two new pumps).

We have had a wet, cold spring. Base depth was measured at 110" at Alpine when Bridger closed at the end of this season; depth was 88" as measured this week. This has pushed back timing on some projects for this summer. Much training occurs over the summer; Randy detailed training that has taken place so far.

Bridger is a member of The Yellowstone Business Partnership on Common Sense. As members in this Coalition, Bridger has been actively working to recycle, and to maintain a sustainable, green operation.

A new trail map was circulated. Questions were fielded. There will be a way down from the new lift for those who arrive at the top without transceivers. It will require a bit of a hike. Transceivers will be required to ski all other terrain from this lift. Access, including gate & boundary locations and avalanche control was addressed. Benefits of transceivers and partners were stressed. The educational process to accompany the new terrain will include: distribution of a CD on safety produced by Sam Lowe, more opportunity for practicing transceiver location, and formalization of a snow safety unit within the ski patrol.

Better venting of sewer gas is a top priority of Bob Allen and the maintenance team for this summer.

More patrol will be added this year to help cover the new terrain (approximately 4 more patrollers per day).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Committee- Estela reported on progress this year. Expanded bus service provided 10,000 free rides this year. Jeff Abelin was thanked for his service in helping this happen. Riders were thanked for their participation. Total cost per rider was \$2.96; cost per mile was \$2.18; riders per mile averaged $\frac{3}{4}$. The service was a great success this year and the success will be built upon next year.

Bridger Bowl Foundation- Chris Bulger reported that the foundation served 300 participants this year. Cost of those programs was just over \$7,000. He updated the membership on current gifts, which totaled \$26,000 this season. Currently, investments total \$30,000. Three grants are being sought to provide additional funding. Contributions were welcomed and continue to be appreciated.

Long Range Planning- Kent Kasting reported that the committee is addressing two main concerns:

1) What's happening with Bridger Canyon Partners? The committee has been reviewing Bridger Bowl's involvement/ stance on various scenarios proposed by BCP and regular discussion is taking place on the board regarding these issues. The committee has actively reviewed the 1990 agreement signed by Bridger Bowl and how it might be favorably updated. The board's position is to be a good neighbor, to watch out for water needs, to make certain that anything BB does in no way negatively financially impacts BB and to follow BB mission to: "provide a quality, affordable skiing experience".

2) This year 1.4 million in capital expenditures is expected. This includes expenses such as replacing a snow cat, purchasing a new backhoe, new pads for chairs, etc. The board seeks to avoid long-term debt where possible. There are currently many old lifts that will need replaced in the near future. The goal is to proceed with as many improvements as possible, while avoiding long-term debt. BB continues to explore options to purchase additional land in the base area, and to improve and expand bus service.

Kent recognized Chris and Teresa for their six years of service on the board. Chris was acknowledged for his expertise in insurance and benefits, which has resulted in increased coverage for management and employees. He was also credited with the start up of the Bridger Bowl Foundation. Teresa was recognized for her ability to maintain consistent focus on what's best for Bridger Bowl, her commitment, and consensus building.

Board Nominations- Ray presented nominees for the open seats vacated by Chris and Teresa. Jim Drummond is seeking reelection for a second three-year term. New nominees recommended by the board were introduced: Kristy McPhie, Bob Petitt and Doug Mavor. Nominations from the floor were invited; none were made. Motion was made from the floor and seconded that nominations be closed. Vote taken, all in favor. Nominees spoke briefly on their qualifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Expanded Bus Service- Jeff Abelin responded to a question regarding possible expansion of bus service. No new expansion will take place next season, however the schedule will be reconfigured to improve efficiency.

New Lift Name- Suggestions were taken for additional options for renaming the new lift. One suggestion was made, that the name Slushman's remain an option. A poll was conducted; Slushman's was the overwhelming winner.

New Members- The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Alan Brutger, Kathy Cambell, David Cook, Marty Glynn, Ian McIntosh, Doug Monger, Philip Saccoccia, Charles Sloane, Susan Sloane, Michael Mollett, Scott Larson, Russ Parker.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to ratify membership of those presented. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

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 8:35 P.M.



Kent Kasting
PRESIDENT



Jim Drummond
SECRETARY