



**Bridger Bowl Association
Minutes Spring Meeting
May 26, 2010
7:00 P.M. Holiday Inn, Bozeman**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger Treasurer, Jim Drummond, Pat Holland, Kent Kasting, Doug Monger, Bob Petitt, R.A. Schmidt, R.A. Schmidt, Estela Villasenor Allen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

The fall, 2009 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Chris Bulger moved that the minutes be accepted; the motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor.

INTRODUCTIONS

Board Members and committee chairs were introduced. There were several changes to committees this year. The Communications Committee has been updated to the Customer Service Public Relations Committee. Two ad hoc committees were made permanent this year; the Transportation and Accessibility committees, both chaired by Estela.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Dave Ballinger circulated and explained the Income Budget Report. Ticket & Season Pass income was \$4,989,529 \$309,474 above budget and \$15,492 above last year's total of \$4,974,037. Food Service and Retail income were down slightly this year due to economy/ lack of tourism. Total income for the year was \$6,597,963 with a net profit of \$730,847.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audit- Kent Kasting reported that the audit, done by JCCS came in clean and with compliments this year. As part of the audit, JCCS suggested that a conflicts of interest policy be implemented, which has been done.

Land Acquisition- The recent land purchase was a case of taking advantage of opportunity; the property was purchased below appraisal and will serve as a new beginners area eventually. There are a few home sites on the property, which could be sold if necessary. The old agreement with the 360 Ranch was negotiated out in the purchase (to our advantage).

By-Laws- Bob Kolesar previously brought a by-law concern to Bridger's attention. The website has now been updated to include information to meet compliance.

Community Race Series- Doug Wales was acknowledged for his work in promoting the community race series; new sponsorship is needed and was solicited.

Wireless Service- WiFi is now available at the base.

Bathrooms- Jim Bridger bathrooms will be revamped as part of the new budget to try to eradicate the odor issues.

Red Chair Sales- Bridger & Deer Park chair sales were the focus of an ad-hoc committee and much discussion on the part of the board. The chairs will be sold via lottery, with a \$20 non-refundable lottery fee. The drawing will be held on 6-28-10. Approximately 175 chairs will be available. Some of the lift towers may be erected at Bozeman city entrances. Selling the chairs is a way to raise some capital, some of which will be used for improvements such as outhouses on the mountain. Chairs will be available for \$250 to winning Association Members, and \$350 to winning members of the general public.

Questions- Questions were posed by members:

Will barbed wire on new property be cleaned up?

The issue was left to be determined by Randy.

What is the access to new property?

Access is contiguous to all of our existing land, and through an easement through BCP to the highway. Bridger is trying to negotiate a 60-foot easement (now 20 foot).

Is there an uphill easement?

We now own the land on which this easement previously existed.

Are other riblet towers available?

Yes, pick one up for \$250! You haul- bring a big trailer!

MANAGER'S REPORT

Summer Maintenance- Randy Elliott reported that there is currently an 88" snow base on Alpine, with a base of over 100" in April. The cooler weather has slowed summer operations slightly (the road to Deer Park was just plowed today). Construction on the new lift will start in mid-June when Doppelmayer will come in to start dismantling of old and installation of new lifts. New snowmaking equipment will be installed; JBL bathrooms are being revamped with rubber tile and flush urinals (versus waterless).

Rates- Season pass rates were raised \$20 for next season, with day tickets going up \$2. Children tickets will remain the same. Senior passes will now cost \$250 with \$21 day tickets (the year you turn 72 is still a free senior pass).

Recognition- Bob Harr was recognized for his dedicated service as Mountain Host since 2003. Fay was thanked for her many years of service on the Ski Patrol (since 1983) and as Director for the last 14 years. Doug Richmond was introduced as the new Patrol Director; he has served on the patrol since 1977.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Estela Villasenor Allen recognized and thanked Kent for his service as board President. Bridger has now received official notification that a \$286,000 grant has been received to study traffic impact on Bridger Canyon Road from Story Mill to Brackett Creek. The study will begin this winter looking at wildlife impact. Goals include free year-round bus service fueled by bio fuels, lessening congestion at Drinking Horse and "M" parking areas as well as at other Forest Service trailheads and possible inclusion of a bike shoulder. GVLТ and Western Transportation Institute are partners. Bus ridership total for this year was 10,026 at a cost of \$35,000. It served employees 7 days, public/ youth weekends only.

BRIDGER BOWL FOUNDATION

Chris Bulger, President of Bridger Bowl Foundation reported on Foundation financials. The Foundation currently has \$44,000 in investments with \$11,000 owed to snow sports for this season leaving a balance of \$33,000. Since the Foundation's inception 5 years ago, program underwriting has grown substantially. Programs served included: Adult Ridge program, public schools ski P.E. program, Big Brothers and Sisters, Big Sky Youth Center, and Aware. 11,005 individuals were served, a huge growth from the 7,000 served last year.

Donors were thanked for their contributions (including many repeat donors). \$13,000 in donations were received this year.

NOMINATIONS

Kristie Eagle McPhie presented the board nominations. Two board members have served their first three-year terms: Pat Holland and R.A. Schmidt. Kent Kasting has served the maximum two terms. The board nominated Steven Pohl with an eye to continuing the legal expertise offered by Kent. Nominations were welcomed from the floor. Tim Marcinko was nominated by Ray Center; the nomination was seconded from the floor. Each nominee presented briefly on his qualifications for the three open positions. Ballots will be mailed to Association members.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members: Jim Drummond introduced applicants. The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: William Newman, Stuart Lange, Kathy Lange, Alexander Hallenius, Adam Pohl, Chris Ruffato, Dan Oliver, Jim Schipf, Debra Renner, Kerry Petitt, Colin Shaw, Christine Shaw, Sharon Erickson, Jane Arnold, Kirk Robertson, Carole Brennan. A motion was made from the floor to ratify membership of those presented. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed, new members were approved.

Recognition: Kent Kasting was recognized for his many dedicated years of service as Board Member and President. As a memoir to his service and consistent pleas for accordion music après ski, he was presented a one-of-a kind Ski/ Accordion plaque.

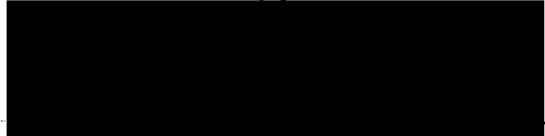
Acknowledgement: Bob Kolesar thanked the board and Jim Drummond on behalf of Ellyn Murphy for accommodating her accessibility request. Bob thanked the board for their resolution of the by-law issue and Randy for his leadership.

ADJOURN

Andy Eppel moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



RICH STOLTZFUS, PRESIDENT



BOB PETITT, SECRETARY