

BRIDGER BOWL

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**Bridger Bowl Association
Minutes Fall Meeting
November 18, 2014
Jim Bridger Lodge, Bridger Bowl**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager; Dave Ballinger, Treasurer; Steve Pohl, Julie Bennett, Kelly Wiseman, Doug Monger, Robb Larson, Diane Allen, Doug Mavor, Martha Collins, Mark Manseau

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Steve noted that this year marks the 60th year of the Bridger Bowl Association. He introduced the board members: Doug Monger is in his sixth and final year chairs the ADA/ Special Needs Committee; Julie Bennett, Executive Vice President, was recently elected for her second 3-year term; she chairs the Finance Committee and sits on several other board committees. Robb Larson is in his third year of his first term and chairs the Long Range Planning Committee. Kelly Wiseman is in his third year and serves as Secretary on the board; he attends monthly meetings for the Bridger Canyon Property Owners Association and bi-monthly meetings for the Gallatin County, assisting with Bridger Bowl's master plan and zoning regulations within the canyon. Doug Mavor is in his second year and is chair of the Transportation Committee. Diane Allen is also in her second year and chairs the Customer Service/ Public Relations Committee. Steve introduced the two first-year members, Martha Collins and Mark Manseau.

MINUTES

The spring 2014 Association meeting minutes were circulated for review. Sheila Harr moved to approve the minutes; John Short seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor; minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave Ballinger

Copies of Bridger Bowl's Statements of Financial Position and Statement of Activities were distributed. Dave detailed income and expenses for the summer and fall months. Bridger Bowl is in a strong financial position for the upcoming 2014 – 15 season. Dave recognized the Bridger Bowl Foundation and Doug Wales, Marketing Director, for the Montana TIIP grant awarded to Bridger for construction of the Alpine Cabin. Bob Kolezar inquired about Bridger's timber sales; it is not assumed that a profit will be made from harvesting dead and dying trees. Dave presented a slideshow, prepared by Amatics CPA Group, displaying each retail departments' revenues for the 2013 – 14 season.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Steve Pohl

Projects – The Alpine Cabin is finished and ready for the December 20 opening. Atlas Towers will put up two cell towers on Bridger Bowl property in the summer of 2015, providing cell service for Bridger Bowl in the 2015–16 season. Steve and Randy met with the purchaser of the Crosscut Ranch; he is from Chicago and currently has no plans of developing the property, but has met with the Bridger Biathlon Club who is interested in building Nordic ski trails. The Transportation Committee has met with city officials regarding possible involvement with parking at the new Story Mill Park on Bridger Drive. The updated Master Plan should be available for the 2015 spring Association meeting; this will assist in plans for the new beginner area.

MANAGER REPORT – Randy Elliott

Opening – We have significantly less snow than this time last year; hoping the forecasted storm will help us open the entire mountain on Friday, December 5.

Introductions – Department heads, staff and other Association members were introduced:

Pat Johnson – Construction manager for the Alpine Cabin this summer; former Bridger Bowl Mountain Manager and Board member.

Ray Center – Engineer, Rocky Mountain Engineering; septic for the Alpine Cabin and various other engineering projects for Bridger; former volunteer ski patroller and former board member.

John VanHouten & Jason Prasek – Snowmaking and slope maintenance.

Josh Thomson – Terrain Park Supervisor; mowing, weed spraying, welding during the summer; drove rock truck for Sime Construction for new parking lots.

Dan Boehmer – Lift Operations Manager; summer painting, painting for the Alpine Cabin; recovered from a serious injury that occurred in March 2014.

Joe O'Brien & Robin Barker – Lift Maintenance.

Jeff Abelin – Season Pass & Ticket Office Manager.

Doug Richmond – Patrol Director.

Bob Allen – Facilities & Risk Manager; work comp and insurance.

Doug Wales – Marketing Director; website, TV's and cameras.

Travis Kirkpatrick – Rental & Retail Shop Manager; helped paint the Alpine Cabin.

Jim Walker – Food Service Director; busy year-round.

Dave Ballinger & Lindsay Korth – Accounting, Payroll & Administration.

Snowmaking – This summer John and Jason extended snowmaking up to the Alpine Cabin on the north side, it goes to Midway on the mid-mountain and can get as high as the top of White Lightning on the south side. Snowmaking at Bridger is very limited with only four snow guns.

Alpine & Powder Park Chairlifts – Management will check the height of the chairs on the two new lifts to avoid pinching when loading.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Robb Larson

The updated master plan is in progress and should be available at the spring meeting. Dirt was moved for the new beginner area, which will have many additions and changes to it starting next year. The committee has had several meetings with the Forest Service, Backcountry Horsemen, Wilderness Recreation and the Gallatin Valley Bike Club regarding the improvement of summer bike/ horseback trail access through Bridger Bowl property to the Forest Service. The trail

system will be included in the updated master plan. Bridger received nearly \$249,000, about half of the estimated cost, from the Montana TIIP Grant and other various donations for construction of the Alpine Cabin. The Foundation donation tiles will be installed in the next couple of weeks; they are still accepting donations as of now. The Cabin will have a limited menu serving soups, small snacks, beer/ wine and non-alcoholic beverages; max capacity is 80 people. The grand opening will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 20.

BRIDGER BOWL FOUNDATION – Marshall Bennett

The Foundation supported 227 youth skier/ boarder visits last season; 165 of those were from Ski PE programs through Snowsports, others were through Big Brothers & Big Sisters. They have been very involved with donating to the Alpine Cabin, where it will be a learning center for Snowsports participants. In October, the Foundation had a fundraiser at the MSU Bobcat Football game, covering the parking lot concession. Marshall & Luzanne Bennett, Chris & Mary Ann Bulger, Kent & Connie Kasting, Lew & Sarah Zimmer, Kristie McPhie, Steve Pohl, Bob Pettitt and Lew & Jan Perkins all volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS – Kelly Wiseman

New Members – The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Aaron Yost, Gerald Wheeler, Chris Kelley, Matt Crootof, Kamille Crootof, Aaron Hansen, Amy Hansen, Patrick Riley, Chris Darnell, Holly O'Malley, Emmy Chuck, Paul Quinn, Diane O'Connor McNair, Peter McNair, Patty Hinds, Ron Vargas, David Schmidt, David Collins, James Collins and Ken Danhof. Bob Pettitt moved to ratify membership of those presented; Sheila Harr seconded the motion. Kelly requested any relevant discussion; no discussion. Vote taken, all in favor; motion carried, memberships approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steve welcomed a motion to adjourn. Bob Harr moved that the meeting be adjourned; Mark Hoza seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.


STEVE POHL, PRESIDENT


KELLY WISEMAN, SECRETARY