



BRIDGER BOWL ASSOCIATION
Minutes Spring Meeting
May 24, 2006
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS

Present- Randy Elliott (General Manager), Ray Center, Jim Drummond, Andy Epple, Scott Hoag, Kent Kasting, Teresa Larson, Mike Riley.

MINUTES

The fall, 2005 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Riley thanked Randy Elliott and the management team for their work in making this a profitable, productive season. This year represented the third largest number of skier visits in Bridger history.

Andy Epple and Steve Schnee were recognized for their outstanding contributions throughout

their six years of service on the Board.

The new Saddle Peak Lodge is now paid in full, and the organization is again debt-free.

The board is aware of, and actively discussing, the competitive effects of neighboring ski areas including the impact on labor availability and expenses.

The marketing department was recognized for their work including the new Mambo Combo promotion, which was very successful, and efforts to attract MSU students.

The Board continues to work to uphold the mission statement of providing affordable skiing for families in Gallatin Valley and throughout Montana.

New elements added this season included the construction and opening of a small terrain park, as well as the opening of gates. The response to the opening of the gates has been very positive, with numerous requests to leave Bradley Meadows undeveloped.

The Long Range Planning committee has met several times to consider issues of master planning and Bridger Canyon Partners development. In the short-term, the Board is focused on updating facilities within the existing boundaries, including Alpine lift and interaction between Deer Park and Bridger lifts.

The Long Range Planning Committee has met several times with Bridger Canyon Partners. They are interested in working with Bridger in their planning process.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy stated that Bridger had a truly exceptional year. One hundred inches of snowfall in November with very little wind, permitted opening on December 2nd. Although the snow was excellent, it was not a record-breaking year for snowfall. Randy recognized the employees for their work in making it a truly outstanding year. He also recognized Forest Service employees for their assistance this past year.

Deer Park Chalet will continue summer operations as in the past, with a full slate of wedding receptions already scheduled. The chalet will be open for dinners on Thursday and Friday evenings from June 29-September 1.

There are many projects slated for summer maintenance. Carpet on the main floor of Deer Park Chalet will be replaced before summer opening. The counterweight at the base of Deer Park lift will be relocated to the East. The dormers of Jim Bridger Lodge will be updated to align with the materials on Saddle Peak Lodge and the new Ski Patrol building, and new wainscoting will be installed in Jimmy B's. Crews will be working on manicuring the slopes beyond what has normally been done in the past years, including some selective tree thinning in several places on the mountain.

NOMINATIONS

Andy thanked the association for six good years serving as a board member. He explained the nominating committee's goal to seek candidates with a strong understanding of the complex issues of management, balanced with a passion for the outdoors. He introduced the three candidates recommended by the nominating committee: Ray Center (incumbent), Estella Villasenor, and Rich Stolfus. Each candidate presented a brief biography.

The floor was opened to nominations. Jerry Carisch nominated Pete MacFadyen, who presented a brief biography.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Members- Kent Kasting presented the new member applicants for consideration. They are: Bobby Bear, Travis Bos, Rick Hixson, Deborah Stratford, Robert Trombley, Denis Prager, Michael Cusick, Dana Pepper, Kelly Wiseman, Julie Keck, Brad VanWert, Jeannie Coates, Beth MacFawn, Jill Holder, Sarah Knell, Dave Johnson, Terrance Hofer, Kyle Steger, Zach Rich.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the applicants as new members. The motion was seconded by Terry Abelin. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed, the applicants were accepted as members.

By-Laws- Kent presented proposed changes to by-laws, which were recommended by the Board. Copies were circulated for member perusal. Kent fielded questions from members regarding the proposed changes. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the by-laws as presented. Vote taken, majority in favor, one opposed. The motion passed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dues- Kent addressed the Board on behalf of Dick Plotman (absent) regarding membership dues. Current dues of \$5.00 per year may not cover mailing expenses. The Board was asked to consider the possibility of raising annual dues.

Ellen Murphy/ Bob Kolesar- Bob Kolesar addressed the members present regarding his request to be allowed to ride on a ski-bike while accompanying his wife, Ellen, who is disabled and rides a ski-bike. He had mailed information regarding his request previous to the meeting, and circulated copies of the 9th Circuit Court decision at the meeting. He questioned why the Board prohibited his request.

Jill Holder, Director of Eagle Mount responded to the letter mailed by Bob Koelsar, clarifying three inconsistencies regarding Eagle Mount policy.

Eagle Mount is able to provide service to more advanced clients if requested.

Eagle Mount services are available seven days per week throughout the period of mid-January through Mid-March. Lessons are also available outside this period by appointment.

The current policy which does not permit a spouse to be a partner in the Eagle Mount program could be revisited; however safety concerns would be the deciding factor in such a case.

Kent responded to member inquiry with a history of the case, including expenses incurred in litigation. Discussion was held on the issue. No action was taken, the Board is charged with setting policy.

ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. Bob Kolesar moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



Mike Riley
PRESIDENT



Kent Kasting
SECRETARY