

Mountain Lakes District
Monteau Rope Tow Meeting #4 6/16/18

8:58 Call to order by Francine Bowman

Attendance: Mike Roberts, Francine Bowman, Antonio Houde, Mary Houde, Dianne Rappa , Donny Bowman, Jim Silva, Deb Silva, Mary Glover, Karen Scott

Discussion pertaining to Tom Eighmy's concerns - Many years ago, Tom Eighmy fought for snowmobiles and atvs *not* to be on Mt. Lakes property, to protect our lakes, nobody seemed to know of restrictions except for on the lake.

Dianne - not allowed on the road, however there are trail accesses at the lodge Francine: thoughts on what / if we should try to incorporate the use of snowmobiles for grooming and access to the lodge?

-decided to be left for later discussion

-we may use snowmobile services to groom, once we get further along in our project.

Accepting grant alone

-Dianne Rappa clarified , when receiving a grant, the agent (group pursuing the grant) cannot receive the grant money directly, must go through a larger entity/applicant (Town of Haverhill has agreed via town manager)

-We are looking for people to do more research on grants as a sub-committee NCIC - provided to Mike Roberts by the town of Littleton for reference

Mike Roberts - playing phone tag with NCIC trying to get information about grant applications

Accepting personal donations / contacting outside sources to run a rope tow

-Contacted company in Lincoln (Alpine Adventures) did not go well, not interested (Mike)

-Looking for other ski areas / companies, upon the request of Bob Long, not found yet, continued to be pursued by Mike Roberts

Dianne Rapa - personal donations?

Mike Roberts - brief discussion, bob and Kristi questionig if we take in funds could we disperse them without having a public meeting and approval by the district - answer was they don't think so and wanted to write to the accountants and to one other group to consult with, but Kristi thinks we are okay. Unofficial yes, officially we want to stay with just pledges

-Go fund me - not pursued yet, but will be soon once we get an official answer from MLD.

Zach Smith - works at black mt equipment - looking into materials for shed

Phase 1- Has been completed for Commissioner's review!! Presented today:

Dianne Rapa - explaining phase 1

Mike Roberts - no specifications on dollar amounts?

Not asking for dollar amounts

Mike Roberts - estimate for total project - 97k

That is a quote, for a turn-key operation by James Roy, but it can (will) be reduced using resources listed such as volunteer labor for things like building the shed, donated materials etc. Francine: Randy Barenson has offered to refurbish the existing motor at top of hill:

Has Randy walked up the hill and looked at it? Francine - I will ask Randy

Mike Roberts - Have someone look at the motor and see if its worth anything / fixing? Francine - *the motor has to come down no matter what*

Dianne - someone could probably refurbish any salvageable parts from the motor

Dianne and Francine will take a trip to Mt Eustis to look at the Equipment that Dave Harkless has offered to donate to us.

Mary Houde- Joe Fiore said he we help with the design of the rope tow shacks Dianne - respectfully believe that phase 1 has met all concerns

Mike - will review and re-word and present to commissioners

Francine - Royal Electric's estimate that is attached and Joe Boutin's - Joe has in his estimate stumping and two days setting poles and Royal has installing 10 poles, budgets are overlapping

- possibly could knock off 6k

Francine - two sheds listed on plan? Technically bottom building is not required

Dianne - it is not required, but would encourage some type of building for storage(snowmaking equipment, groomer, snowmobiles etc.)

Mike Roberts - please send phase 1 electronically to commissioners for review

Fundraising

Mary Houde - a lot is already started, focus on specific overall plan Mike - can plan but the plan must be accepted

Dianne - have pledges and there are people willing right now to donate money - think that there is should be a pledge letter and also a way to accept direct donations right away

- Other notion we are hoping is that we would open the expert hill as a sledding hill for families / people who don't want to ski - however clearing of trees is not included in budget*
- Also would like to resurrect cross country trails - easy thing to do as trails only need cleaning.*

Mary - many older folks who would come and would enjoy cross country skiing, rather than downhill

Francine - Haverhill Recreation may be willing to do fundraising or clean up of cross country trails, to use for their moonlight snowshoe walks.

Francine - as part of action list we should contact people who have offered pledges

Mike - have to prepare a letter, as far as contacting folks to keep everyone involved updated, and scheduling a commissioner meeting about fundraising - next scheduled meeting is in July Meeting can be scheduled before july meeting

Dianne - really focus on go fund me page and do research about it

- contacting Randy

- getting old poles

Francine - see Dave Harkless for free equipment

- Zach from Coventry about shed, need more specifics about shack to house the motor top of hill, bottom shack not as necessary.

-Figure out how to get the motor down the hill :Mike Roberts will talk to Don Water (well) has not been diverted yet

Francine - about six weeks ago and Don said he would do it but he hasn't gotten to it yet Mike will touch base with Don Drew

Francine - tow motor - contact Randy Berenson after talking to Don

Mary - back to cross country trails - if volunteers willing to help, get more logistics about it to get it going - will talk to Kristi about keys to equipment rooms to look for Monteau historical flyers etc.

Questions comments

Deb - Will help with volunteer things

Dianne - would like to see lights for night skiing

Donny Bowman - Contact high school about cross country equipment we may acquire? Antonio - keep ice rink going

Mary - needs to be maintained

Mike - part of the master plan to keep up with the ice rink, a lot depends on mother nature

Antonio - a roof over the rink would be ideal

Francine - Haverhill Rec set up a rink and bought a liner that goes around the rink and they also had volunteers who shoveled it every day

Francine - next meeting Saturday morning or week night??

Mary - only here on weekends

Mary Houde - weekends are better in summer time, possibly after commissioners meeting?

Next Meeting tentatively set for :**8:30am, before Commissioners Meeting July 14th at the MLD Office at the Lake.**

Meeting Adjourned Dianne

Second Mary Houde

10:07AM

Action List:

See Dave Harkless for free equipment he has to donate- Francine and Dianne

Contact Coventry to ask for shed material donations- Zack Smith

Grant research- find grants to apply for w/ timelines/ meet with NCIC- Mike Roberts

Bring Tow Motor down hill-Mike will ask Don Drew so we may contact Randy Barenson about refurbishing

Develop a Pledge Letter to ask for donations- Francine and Dianne

Find Legalities of "Go Fund Me" page- Antonio Houde

Contact WHS for used equipment for cross country skiing- Donny Bowman

