



## Cooper Landing Trails Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

6:00 PM October 6, 2023

Cooper Landing Brewery

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00
2. ROLL CALL: D Story, M Story, C Nelson, R Nelson, JP DeBruhl, G Bunch, A Givens, L Prill, M Adam, A Goss, J Dies, C Gordon, JJ Brown, A Broderson, J Cadieux
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES:
  - a. Last meeting was Aug. 24, 2023
  - b. Set up for Sep 26 Ski Trailhead maintenance: That main loop was cleared. The parallel track was also partially cleared. This is an opportunity for folks who are so inclined to take loppers to do some more of the other loops to cut any of the heavy stuff that might hang into the trail.
  - c. Upcoming Rec Trails Prog Grant will be submitted end of this month for new snowmachine and groomer.
  - d. KMTA grant was awarded: We purchased a new groomer for the Devil's Creek Ski Trails.
  - e. We normally groom Russian River Campground, The Quartz Creek Rd to Crescent Creek TH, Devil's Creek Ski Trails. Russian will remain closed for the coming winter due to maintenance. Help with grooming needed all around, often just for moving the equipment.
4. TREASURERS REPORT
  - a. We need a Treasurer: This individual needs to track incoming donations and grants as well as expenditures and keep them squared with the CLCC Treasurer's reconning of funds in our committee accounts.
  - b. Crystal Nelson volunteered to become our new Treasurer. CLCC is still working on transferring information to the new book-keeping system and we need to work with them on what our balance should be.
  - c. No further changes
5. CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Inclusive Transportation Webinar Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. KMTA Grant for Groomer
    - i. Tidd Tech has confirmed payment and is arranging shipment.
  - b. Devil's Site Prep
    - i. Thank you to volunteers last weekend.
      1. Janette Cadieux and Theo Lexmond
      2. Amanda Goss and Jake Dies

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- 3. Neil Pedersen
    - 4. Lou Prill
    - 5. David and Martha Story
  - ii. We were able to brush the majority of the main loop and some of the lower loop.
  - iii. Thank you to the USFS SRD Trails Crew for finishing the main loop during this week.
- c. Trail Maintenance on Safety Path
  - i. Needs brushing before freeze-up this fall
  - ii. It's degraded since equipment used it in 2022 while doing Spruce Bark Beetle mitigation/tree removal
  - iii. AWA employees will address the western end from AWA east to main business district
  - iv. Emphasis for this fall is between MP 45-47 to remove larger branches left behind by tree work and do some brushing. We will have to replace the beams on the bridges that are now broken.
  - v. Snowdog is a grooming device that D and M Story purchased and may use on the Safety Path in winter.
- d. AK Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant
  - i. Administered by the State of AK with federal funds
  - ii. Public notice due date Sep 30
  - iii. Package due Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  - iv. Reimbursement-style awards so we must pay the whole amount ahead and they will pay us back
  - v. We would like to replace our aging snow machine and add to our grooming equipment so that we'll have two groomers (one for Russian Campground [we have this already] and one for Quartz Creek) We have rollers and are obtaining a drag-style groomer (see above KMTA grant) for Devil's Creek
- e. Volunteers Needed
  - i. Trail Maintenance
    - 1. Pathway
    - 2. Ski areas
  - ii. Snow Grooming and Equipment Maintenance
    - 1. J Cadieux to ask a friend for assistance with equipment repair that requires welding. Awaiting photos.
    - 2. We need others who can help with equipment movement
    - 3. E Route typically maintains the snow machine
    - 4. Folks signed forms needed to volunteer on the USFS/CNF and with CLT. Training needs to occur prior if using higher order equipment owned by CLT.
    - 5. Please send text to D Story when you volunteer with name, hours worked, what you did, and if possible, a photo.
    - 6. Good to keep photos that coming into the grooming website for work done. Grant awarders like to see that.
- f. Treasurer is needed: Crystal Nelson volunteered

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7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introductions for new folk looking to help. All present intro'd themselves
- b. Introductions to the area.
- c. Confluence Conference Report – D Story attended Confluence Conference, outdoor industry centered on outdoor rec with an active transportation strand within that. There's a Trails program within CDC grant for active transport: walk, bike, and adaptive technology. There will be an active transportation advisory board.

8. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We will hope to have more regular meetings through the winter to help keep folks pulling together and acknowledge the efforts made. Watch the CRIER for notices.
- b. Forms signed by volunteers: First is a general agreement with USFS to outline activities we are allowed to do. There's a general form with hazards and mitigation clearly stated so that you acknowledge those hazards and agree to avoid them to the best of your ability. One form is specific to groomer equipment. One form is for general brushing.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a. Welcome to all the new members of the CLT Committee of Cooper Landing Community Club
- b. An explanation and history of CLT and Walkable Community Project was given.
- c. Points of the Safety Path that need most attention, MP 46.5-47 especially, needs folks to pitch debris aside that is in the path from spruce bark beetle mitigation.

10. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE

- a. Dec 8, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT: 6:48

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