

# Boundary County Bike and Pedestrian Trail Committee, Inc. (9B Trails)

Meeting Minutes (Unofficial until approved): Regular Meeting

Jan. 6, 2022, 12:00 pm @ Mugsy's

## Agenda:

- Welcome / Guests
- Establish Quorum
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- New Business
- Ongoing Activities & Projects
- Unfinished Business
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Board Members: **Present:** Rob Beck, Olivia Drake,      **By Zoom:** Larry Davidson

Absent: Tess, Scott      **Quorum?** Yes

**Attending:** Tim Bertling, Leon Stanley

Returning guests were welcomed and acknowledged. No new items were added to the agenda.

After a lengthy pause due to scheduling and technical difficulties, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Vice President Larry Davidson at 12:32 pm.

MOTION to approve the minutes from 12/2/21 (Rob – Olivia 2<sup>nd</sup>) approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report: No report was presented.

## New business:

Section 16 winter grooming was reviewed. The snowdog is the only equipment that can fit on the singletrack at this time. It has been pretty unruly in snow over 6" deep. Scott has been doing most of the singletrack grooming. Carl & Jeff are helping out and it is hard to recruit more volunteers with the difficulties and learning curve for running the snowdog, especially if you aren't really familiar with the trail. It has to be groomed often with new snow or it will become unmanageable. We have been encouraging snowshoe use on the singletrack to help with compaction before grooming.

The Fatty Flurry Festival is coming up on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and Scott's team has been working steadily to prepare.

Leon, Olivia, and Scooter have been grooming the ski trails (roads). The snowdog started leaving deep ruts so Olivia has been trying to widen the trails with snowmobiles and Leon smooths it out with the snowdog. Leon mentioned it might be easier to run with the wider drag hooked up, but we would have to bolt & unbolt the wings every time between singletrack & ski trails.

A neighbor snowmobiled through most of the route but was swerving around so it will be hard to fix those ruts. Walkers occasionally also walk (posthole) down both the open side and skiing only side.

Olivia has been borrowing trail snowmobiles to help smooth the trail and is looking for a used utility snowmobile that would be capable of pulling a wider drag and asked if 9BT would be helping with equipment for the Nordic program.

## Ongoing Activities, Action Items & Projects: *Development & Maintenance Committee Report*

Enchanted Forest: Rob discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> EF parking lot. Wally no longer feels comfortable working on the parking lot after discussing it with a neighboring landowner who is worried about increased user traffic. Rob is going to re-work the design into a smaller lot.

Olivia will check on easements and allowed uses of the existing USFS road. The road through Farnsworths and Merrifields to the upper trail system is currently a designated USFS road which is designated as non-motorized.

Riverside Park: Tim noted that some of the large rocks need to be moved and repositioned. There is a picnic area between the ball park and the river by the cottonwoods where people need to be able to park off the road and access the tables. Since it is a County park and camping is allowed for 72 hours, the rocks blocking access to the river also should be removed. He may be able to help with this and work with Parks & Rec. Olivia said that a new parking area was cleared out that may work for the picnic area along with the river access but is a little further away from the picnic table area. Tim asked for better communication with the County regarding rock placement. Keys/combos should be given to utility companies for any temporary gates. Tim left the meeting.

Trail Counters: Rob completed the purchase, however Trafx is requiring a specific text link along with their logo on the 9BT website before they will ship the product. This was required for us to have the 15% non-profit discount. Rob is working with Tess to incorporate this and get the product shipped. **(Action Item)** Becks Furniture donated a laptop which will be designated for 9BT use with the trail counters. Larry said that the trail counter data will be very important for both new and past grants so it will be important to get set up as soon as possible.

*Finance Committee:*

Scott purchased a new battery and trickle charger for the snowdog. The machine can be pull started, which sometimes works better than electric start, however the battery is needed to run the headlight. The cover needs to be re-stretched so it will bolt down appropriately. The oil needs changed and we need a new belt and chain on hand for replacements. Larry asked how we are documenting all of the required maintenance. Olivia asked if it was appropriate to assign all of this to one person and Larry noted that Scott can designate it as needed. Leon volunteered to change the oil.

Larry & Tess have been working on grant applications. We had previously discussed another 4 miles of trail at EF and a Rokon. We will be busy in 2022 on mileage so Larry is looking at a Rokon and another \$2k for power tools. The Innovia grant application is due the 11<sup>th</sup> so they need to wrap up what we are asking for. Olivia asked about the cost vs benefit of the Rokon and expressed a need for equipment for the Nordic trail system. Scott had some contacts for some loaner Nordic equipment and since we already have a snowdog for the singletrack, it would be nice to put some effort and equipment towards additional users. Larry noted that the Rokon can pull a trailer to carry tools between work sites, but that he doesn't know how necessary it is. Olivia said Scott does most of the trail work so he should get the equipment he needs, however she is unable to fund the Nordic trail system on her own. Larry said the we just need to decide if 9BT wants to jump into a winter-only trail system and then go for that funding.

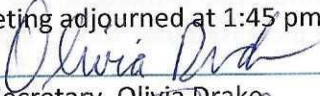
Unfinished Business: *Community Outreach, Marking & Publicity, Land Acquisition Committee Reports*

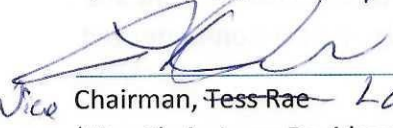

No additional business was discussed.

Larry reminded everyone that for future Zoom meetings, everyone must talk in turn because otherwise everything gets muddled with background noises.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/3/22, 12:00 pm @ Mugsy's

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

  
By Secretary, Olivia Drake

  
Chairman, Tess Rae  
  
(Vice Chair, Larry Davidson)