

Minutes of May 5, 2022 Norpine Trail Association Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Howe, Elger Loensonn, Thom McAleer, Nicolas Culp, Kjersti Vick, Mark Delameter, Patrick Kindler

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report and questions about the accounting for the pisten bulley sales are yet to be answered.

Elger reported that the last portion of the GIA funds were received. The money should be reflected in the next financial statement

Patrick Kindler reported on multiple grant applications he has been working on. Funding for the new Pisten Bulley is top priority. Four grant applications were completed for various amounts, most about \$5000. They include the Minnesota North Stars, the Round Up? Organization, the Duluth Foundation, and the Cook County Community Fund. Patrick believes we will have responses on these applications by mid June or July.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the possibility of getting a significant grant to place sculptures on the trail to increase skier traffic. We discussed location of the sculptures and the need to get forest service or state park approval. The assumed difficulty of working through this bureaucracy shifted the focus to using parts of the trail not on public lands. Portions of the connector trail, Massey Hall, and Deersides were the top candidates.

Trail improvements would be required for summer access. We need a list of trail improvement priorities. Nicholas and Mark agreed to meet and assemble a list of trail improvements that could then be prioritized for funding assuming we got the sculpture grant that would fund it.

We approved a motion to pursue the sculpture grant

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm