

# BRIDGER BOWL



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**Bridger Bowl Association  
Minutes Fall Meeting  
November 20, 2012  
7:00 P.M. Jim Bridger Lodge, Bozeman**

## BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Julie Bennett, Pat Holland, Robb Larson, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Petitt, Steve Pohl, Kelly Wiseman.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.  
Board Members were introduced.

## MINUTES

The spring, 2012 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Mike Hickey moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT- Dave Ballinger

Copies of the Statements of Activities and Financial Position were distributed. Yearly statistics dating back to 1975 were also circulated. Dave Ballinger detailed income and expenses. This was a tough year due to poor snow conditions. Skier visits for the year totaled 148,077 as compared to 210,966 last season. Net profit for the year was a loss of \$44,859.

A question was raised regarding the effect of raising the rate on senior season pass prices last year. The change did not significantly affect number of passes sold.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Bob Petitt

Bob reported on conditions over the last four years, some good, some not. Net income is heavily dependent upon snow. Last year's poor snow conditions resulted in a significant loss in ticket sales. The management team was thanked for keeping expenses down. Everyone was asked to "think snow!" Season pass sales are responsible for covering labor costs and other major expenses; pass holders support consistent operations. Board members will be riding lifts again this year seeking skier input, and are always open to fielding questions and comments from association members.

## MANAGER'S REPORT- Randy Elliot

**Thanks-** Randy recognized the many past board members present.

**Opening-** There is not sufficient snow to open this weekend, but long-range forecasts hold for snow and colder patterns. Opening is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff-** Heads of departments were introduced:

Jeff Abelin- Ticket Office

Sarah Pawlowski- Ticket Office assistant (new hire)

Bob Allen- Facilities and Risk Management

Dave Ballinger- Financials

Dan Boehmer- Lift Operations/ Maintenance

Mark Cowett- Retired this year from ski shop after 25 years

Travis Kirkpatrick- Ski Shop (former assistant)

Dan Doehring- Vehicle Maintenance

Dan Furlong- Food Service

Bonnie Hickey- Snow Sports

Joe O'Brian- Lift Maintenance

Doug Richmond- Ski Patrol (Pete Maleski, new assistant)

John Van Houten- Slope Maintenance

Doug Wales- Marketing

**Dead & Dying Trees-** Staff continued work on this issue this summer. New areas have been thinned to add, and improve, glade skiing in several areas.

**New Video-** New 360 degree cameras have been purchased, which will allow for expanded real-time coverage featured on the web.

**Sewer-** Bridger Pines purchased land from Bridger Canyon Partners to expand their sewer facilities this summer. Although this system is visible in the base area, it is not part of, or connected to, Bridger Bowl's system.

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING

**New Lifts-** Decision on whether or not to build the new lifts this year (or to wait for future) will be made in January, when more information about profitability for this season is known. A small warming hut with bathroom facilities in the Limestone area is in the planning stages. Size will be determined largely by water capacity.

**Base Area-** Kelly Wiseman is Bridger's new representative on the Gallatin County Planning and Zoning Commission. This group will help steer future zoning, parking and transportation concerns in this area.

**Bus Service-** Bridger plans to add a new 2:00 p.m. bus run returning from Bridger to town this year (weekends only). The Transportation Committee is looking at potential new locations for an expanded park and ride system.

**Base Area Development-** Much tree thinning in the base area south of Saddle Peak Lodge has been done; a new beginner area is on the wish list for future. Addition of new lockers is also being considered for future.

**Summer Use-** The existing road system is being improved to form a loop system. The board is looking at expanding summer use (mountain biking and horseback riding terrain) in the future.

FOUNDATION

Chris Bulger reported that the Foundation received \$3,020 in donations this year. Website donations have increased significantly, and consisted largely of new donors. A significant number of donations are usually made at the end of the year. Total contributions in 2011 were \$19,566; expenses totaled \$12,275. Investments currently total \$53,693. In the 2012 season, 263 participants were served through Foundation funds. The Foundation supported participants from Ski PE, Youth Dynamics, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, and Salvation Army.

NEW MEMBERS

**New Members-** The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Russ Aveson, Charles Ervin, Dell Fuller, Pat Johnson, Kim Manseau, Mike Roddewig, Brenda Utnage, Paul Utnage, Steve Wiechmann, John Maloney, Sandi Nichols, Scott Hoag. Chris Bulger moved to ratify membership of those presented. Mike Riley seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

**Recognition-** Randy thanked Ray Center for his many hours of donated engineering services at Bridger. MSU received a grant for an experimental wetland waste water treatment site which was installed at Moose Meadows this summer. Ray donated all of the engineering work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. John Maloney moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.



BOB PETTIT, PRESIDENT



STEVE POHL, SECRETARY