



# COGGS Board Meeting

## January 12th, 2023

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**Attendance:** Dave, Megan, Mason, Jake, Ansel, Nikolai, Abby, Erin, David, Carrie

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30

**Agenda:**

Recurring Items:

- Approval of Last Month's Minutes
  - [December Board Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report
  - Net Income \$54K
  - Year End Donations increased at the end of the year
    - Paypal has separate specific donation destinations to help keep track of donations

Agenda:

General

- Courage Kenny - Concept Design request
  - Bring in a consultant to assess the trails to figure out any new trails or modifications that would need to be done for adaptive cycling trails.
  - Need to set up a meeting with COGGS and adaptive cycling group to help improve communication.
  - Ask for COGGS to help fund the hiring of the consultant.
  - This work has essentially been completed by COGGS volunteers, so will need to clarify what or why this is being asked.
  - Previous consultants have communicated directly with trail questions, so may be adding another step.
- E-cargo bike
  - New cargo bike for Mission creek has been ordered.
- Canycom
  - Will work on getting ordered and will be stored in storage unit at this time. Ansel will send link to get ordered.
- Donation thank you's / COGGS stationary
  - Get stationary ordered for hand written thank you notes for donations. Plan on bulk order to help improve outreach to supporters and sponsors.
  - Board approves purchase of thank you stationary.

- Discussion regarding specific COGGS and Gala stationary. Decided to keep simple COGGS note for all stationary.
- Timing System
  - Timing system has shipped, but having a little difficulty/communication regarding payment.
- Expert Voice
  - COGGS has access to Expert Voice, but this does not help support local businesses.
  - Access to expert voice based upon volunteer hours or amount of money donated to COGGS?
  - Will table at this time.

## Trails

- Grooming Updates
  - We missed on offering/advertising grooming sponsor.
  - Groomers have been provided gas cards and safety kits.
  - one post to IG with all trails eg city grooming updates
    - City requested increased grooming updates. Ansel has communicated with groomers and will update with increased frequency.
  - Grooming donations
    - Groomers have expressed people wanting to help donate.
    - Post QR code to donation page
    - QR business cards for winter groomers to hand out when asked
    - Abby will look into it with stationary purchase.
    - Sticker with QR code. Could be on all trail signs.
- Bicycle playground proposals
  - Skills trail in Hartley and Lester Amity Chalet.
- Arlington connector
  - Trail stewards are showing interest in Arlington spur trail.
  - Continued discussion with the city of Duluth regarding possibility of trail approval and funding.
  - Need to have direct meeting with the City of Duluth to gather mutual understanding of trail goals
  - [Arlington Spur Trail](#)
- Chambers-Loki connector
- Newsletter
  - Repeat from last meeting and get membership survey out.
  - Goal to send out by Wednesday the 18th

## Events

- Gala
  - Moving forward in the right direction.
    - 7 till 8:45 - Wander around with games, painting, silent discos, heavy apps, bar set ups, program area and stage upstairs.

- \$60 early bird and \$75 regular price. Ability to reserve tables
- Live music beginning 8:30 range
- Wrapped up by 10:30 with after party idea.
- Goal of 300, but room up to 2000.
- Gather images from community to use for gala and social media use
- ClickBid
- Silent auction contacts
- Sponsors/tables - figure out who gets free tickets

#### Governance

- Organizational Chart
  - Continue to make progress and will revisit
- Enduro board position
  - Board votes upon and approves COGGS Enduro Board position.
  - [Position Description](#)
  - Will check bylaws to see if we need to send out application or can take discretionary pick.

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