

# COGGS Board Meeting June 13, 2024

Attendance: Nathan, Abby, Ben, Ansel, Jenny, Dustin, Jake

**Time:** 6:02 - 8:10

# Agenda:

Recurring Items:

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

- May 9th, 2024 COGGS Board Meeting Minutes
  - Approved by voice vote

# Treasurer's Report

- Good month for donations ~\$9k this month
- Trailer purchased
  - o On the balance sheet now as a fixed asset
  - Keeping old trailer
- Abby purchased Gala Thanks Yous
  - Voice vote for Abby to write herself a check
- Connecting Quickbooks to NeonOne is a goal for this month.

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#### General

- Neon One
  - Membership
    - Keeping Little Green Light active while working through issues
    - Auto renews are still being processed by Stripe
      - · Ansel to reach out and make sure that auto renew is shut off
    - Will need to send out auto-renew notifications because can't pull credit card information from Little Green Light to Neon One
  - Volunteer
    - Tracks hours through "Projects"
    - Projects need to be created and volunteers need to apply and be approved to be included in the projects

- For the projects need some categories, e.g., "Weed Whipping DT", "Trail Center Trail work", "Winter Grooming", "Administrative", "Gala Planning", "Board"
- Ansel will be recording tutorials and sending it out via social media
- Make trail stewards admins so that they can put in hours and time cards
- Ben to follow up on how to turn off expenses and mileage

#### Devo

- Going forward would like to collaborate and coordinate better with COGGS
- o E.g., bigger prebuilt jumps and different skills things
- Continue to encourage more high school riders
- Add a high school category to the Rumble
- They also want a trail work day if COGGS can identify a good project
- Position stipend to support the role out of CRM
  - Accounting, paperwork to support some of the administrative features
    - E.g., launching Neon One took six months vs. the month after Neon One was purchased
  - O How to structure this?
    - Start with Neon One as a "rollout project"
    - Then additional tasks can be defined by the board and the position can provide feedback on additional tasks that can be accomplished
    - If independent contractor will need to adjust the compensation accordingly
  - Could also help support on the calendar and coordinating the events
- Pine Valley Tim from Cloquet
  - 70s Potlach donated land at Pine Valley which has had skiing trails, downhill trails since
  - They developed a master plan that has been approved
    - Master Plan is to improve ski jump and chalet
    - Going to have another building put up from a \$1 million donation
  - During pandemic contracted with TrailLogic to build the first 4 miles of trail, currently at around 5 miles of trails
  - Locals started up the Cloquet Single Trackers
  - o Trails have hosted the Log Jam 24 hour race
  - There are additional areas that could potentially have more trails and some of the existing trails will need work and maintenance
  - Equipment is currently a snowdog and leaf blower
  - Friends of Cloquet Parks in the 501(c)(3) and is the grant sponsor for any of the applications that are developed
  - Trail maintenance interest has piqued and has dropped off and they're struggling to try and get more people in

- Timing system
  - Ansel to follow up
- Mobile Bike Park follow up with Athletic Brewing to find out if their grant dollars can be used on that
  - Athletic Brewing would be good with this just so the features are signed and they can get visibility
  - People are interested in getting these setup in different areas with slightly adjacent groups/events
  - Ansel following up with Yardi
    - Once we know what we're ordering follow up with Devo
- Endowment with Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation
  - Available on 6/19 to discuss

#### Trails

- Trails aren't bad considering the conditions
  - Hartley repairs look good
- The Zoo rehab contract was awarded, and the project walkthrough was completed today.
  - Work starts Monday 6/17
  - Awarded to Pathfinder
- Equipment calendar to understand where equipment is and what kind of projects can we put a dozen people working on
  - We can just schedule out before and coordinate with Ansel a week or two weeks in advance
  - Run the excavator for four hours and then have big groups come and hoe it up
  - Just important to log those hours to get tourism grant
- Purchase of 2 COGGS Dewalt Skillsaws
  - Approved by voice vote
- Trail Steward Swag
  - Jenny and Nathan are working on swag including trail worker volunteer shirt
    - Trail stewards can award the different volunteers with a code to use at Duluth Screen Printing
    - "Trail janitor"
- Pokegama Signs

#### **Events**

- Event creation in Neon One
- RAD
  - Timing is full
  - o 223 registrants so far
  - For next year potentially offer people that miss the first timing cut-off have them "sponsor chips"
  - Early access for COGGS members

- Split Rock
  - Going to meet tomorrow and should have artwork
    - Then push it out on social media
- Rocky Rumble
  - Lake Superior Gravity Series to help promote it
  - o September 14
  - Add a high school category
- Fall membership party
  - Have it at Enger
    - Get permit
    - Make sure that there are lights
- Gala Planning
  - Should probably start this ASAP
- Superior Trails on 6/27 at 5p is hosting a fundraiser at Thirsty Pagan

## Governance

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Form - paper copies to distribute

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