

**Officers Present:** President- \*Scott Van Orman, VP- Rio Rose, Sec- \*Shad Hamilton, Treasurer- Lindy Johnson

**Members Present:** \*Mark Nunnink, \*Andrew Coulter, \*Missy White, Jared Oakleaf, Cody McCreary, Jim Donahue, Bailey Jeffry, Josh Selley, Eric Concannon, \*Thomas Pede, \* Tony Ferlisi, Mike Lilygren, and \*Mike Bostick (\* Denotes members who are also LSNA members- near 50%)

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

**I. General Business**

**a. Upcoming Meetings**

1. Set annual work plan with BLM. Next Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - Fremont County Library upstairs- 6PM
2. FART Committee will meet at Scott's house on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> around 6 or 7pm. Look for an email reminder. They still need a volunteer and food coordinator.

**b. Lander High School Cycling Club**

1. Jim Donahue (club sponsor) presented. He said that upper level FCSD #1 administration likened the activity of mountain biking to that of bull riding, and expressed concerns over whether their insurance would cover it. They told him the club couldn't be sponsored through their district.
3. Jim said the high school club would join the Lander Cycling club (36 members) and that they would also work with Parks and Rec. Liability insurance issues should be covered this way.
4. They are now trying to raise money by selling shirts and raffling bikes. Funds will go towards support the youth in their club. See Jim if you want to help. He also handed out stickers with a cool logo that Cody designed for them.

**c. JBR MTB race**

1. Tony said planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Jurassic Classic is underway. September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date they are looking at. Permits are being drafted/ submitted. If you want to help with anything, contact Tony Ferlisi.

**d. Free Beer**

1. Jim (Cowfish owner and LCC sponsor) checked his books and realized that most of our club members are cheapskates... they were just drinking the beer and not buying anything to eat. Jim said he couldn't afford to do this anymore. He needs a new bike. No more free beer.

**II. Special Presentation (Lander Nordic Ski Assoc- Missy White)**

- a. LSNA background and Mission- Thirty years ago they had a few members and they started grooming random trails by pulling fifty gallon drums around . LSNA's mission has always been skiing only, not multi-use. They discourage all things without skis equally (dogs, snowshoes, snowmobiles and bikes). They've been called dog haters and expect to receive fecal finger paintings over the

discouragement. They're tough. Last year there was some kind of discussion on face book about using snow bikes at Beaver Creek. It got out of hand. Californians were involved. Both LSNA and LCC members thought an open, in-person discussion would be more productive.

- b. Missy explained that LSNA designs, builds and grooms "single purpose" trails. Missy's research indicated that most winter, groomed snow trails experiencing multiple use, are 18-20 feet wide. Trails at Beaver creek are 12 feet wide. She explained other features in multi-use trails, like tight turns, grade and visibility. Most of the Beaver Creek trails would not work for multi-use.
- c. Festering weirdness was mentioned by a couple of people (Mike Lilygren?) Then someone asked if a plane was crashing into the Cowfish.
- d. Missy and various land management agencies tend to agree that the current permits for Beaver Creek support single use trails. The golf course is another story. It's a public and city owned. There may be room to work up a compromise of some sort for multi-use trails for that area. The Willow Creek/ Rock Shop trails are open again, and that's another area that could potentially be groomed for multi-use trails. LSNA lets the FS borrow their groomers occasionally to groom this area.
- e. Missy went on to explain all of the hard work and funding that goes into grooming and maintaining the ski trails. LSNA members receiving the 3 to 4 emails that go out daily, explaining the grooming conditions, concurred that there is a great deal of work occurring. Tony likened the frustration LSNA members experience to that of some he experienced when he was building MTB trail this summer, and livestock or horses tromped it up.
- f. Missy also explained that some of LSNA's more recent long range goals are to get kids skiing like they swim.
- g. Mark Nunnink asked if there were any fat bikers in the room. Nobody raised their hand. Jim D. said they were raffling a fat bike though, so if any of us wanted to go fat... we could. Tickets were \$7 a piece.
- h. Rio shared some info about a fat bike festival/ conference he attended. He said they're recommending that fat riders measure their tracks and consider not riding on groomed trails if their tracks are more than an inch deep.
- i. President Van Orman thanked Missy for attending and presenting at the meeting. Many members express how useful the information was. The need for more meetings was expressed as well. Both clubs agreed that maintaining an open, respectful, dialogue and working relationships with each other is critical. Meeting was adjourned around 8:50pm.