



PACRAT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
16 February 2026 6:30 pm
Steeplechase Brewing

Present: Andy Hobart, Christian Bennett, Sheri Parshall, Dale Parshall, Mark Stanford, Brian Bogatin, Kate Fitkin, Peter Dodd, Rob Smoot, Marina Nimmo, Ken Loop, Bob Lawrence
Via Zoom : Ulla Brunette, Greg Dilger

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Secretary – Andy for Susan Mills

Susan is not present (get better, Susan).

Motion to approve by Marina Nimmo
Motion second Peter Dodd
Motion passed

Treasurer – Brian Bogatin

Brian discussed the current financials. There was discussion regarding the budget, which was newly presented.

Move to approve by Sheri Parshall
Second by Marina Nimmo
Motion passed

Board appointment – Andy

Andy discussed appointment of the Rat Patrol director. Andy noted that Rob Smoot has agreed to be appointed in order to shadow Christian and learn duties of Rat Patrol director.

Motion to approve Rob as member at large.
Second Marina
Motion passed

Race #3 – Commentary – Andy Hobart

Andy advised that he has exhausted options for Race 3. Meadows is not available. Andy advised that Ski Bowl is either going to be the venue, or not. Sheri noted that we would have some liability if the parties are not cancelled within 14 days. It was suggested that, even if the race is cancelled, we have parties, regardless.

Sponsorship – Ken Loop

Rat Attack trophies were discussed. After discussion, it was agreed that Ken can go ahead and order trophies now. Various awards were discussed. It was noted that the “Decorations” line item in the budget includes the trophies.

Ken advised that Point Blank has sold to Columbia Distributing. Ken will keep track of where pFriem will land. Ken will look into other alcoholic beverages.

Ken is really hot, and I’m putting this in the minutes to see if anyone is reading them (he made me type this.)

Membership – Kate

Kate and Marina are working on a social event in March, hopefully at one of our sponsor locations. It was noted that the pFriem location was great. Late registrations were discussed. Dale advised that there are some team openings. We always try to accommodate late racers when possible. It was noted that there were a lot of late registrations. Andy recommended that we look into a late-registration penalty.

Timing Update – Christian Bennett

Christian reported that the Legacy software was not talking to the NASTAR software, which caused problems. Christian has set up the old system, which is running. The new system was having technical difficulties, and the bug was tentatively located. Christian hopes that the fix has been implemented, but Christian has not been able to test it. Christian will have both systems on the hill for the next race. He is hopeful that the new system will work but cannot guarantee it at this time. Mark Conan, Christian, Mark Stanford, Dale, Peter Dodd have been working hard to find the problems with the systems.

Communication

It was noted that we could do better communicating with racers. Marina has created a WhatsApp group that we hope can communicate with the captains that everyone should join. It was agreed to disable the chat function to allow announcements only.

Rat Patrol – Rob Smoot

Thanks for joining, Rob! Rob will be looking to confirm his volunteers for the next race. We need to purchase more Rat Patrol armbands. Christian will investigate pricing.

Party Director – Sheri Parshall

Have the parties regardless of the races. It was suggested that we take a PACRAT feather flag to other resorts have a meet-up at the resorts knowing there will be a party at Multorpor.

Rat Attack – location is contracted, and the DJ is confirmed. The theme is “Go for The Gold.”

Timing & Results – Dale Parshall

Regardless of timing, results were great. Dale is working with Mark Stanford to automate the results via AI.

Swag Store – Brian Bogatin

We have merch: hats and long-sleeved shirts (including women's). Brian showed examples. Marina suggested a cut-off date, and hand them out at the race following. It was recommended that we have samples available. It was proposed that we explore using Active for ordering. Brian has volunteered to spearhead sales and distribution. Brian will continue to work on this. Marina will investigate options available on Square.

Laura Green (Subcommittee – Andy Hobard, Ken Loop, Dale Parshall, Susan Mills, Christian Bennett, Bob Lawrance, Ulla Brunette)

Andy discussed the Laura Green race and noted that we don't want to make any substantial changes at this time. We will continue to book the venue and execute the event. PACRAT and the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol should continue to collaborate publicizing the event. Dave Winterling, president of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, has two people he would like to add to the subcommittee. Dave would like to get together with all committee members within the next few weeks.

Andy would like the Laura Green event to have web presence on the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol web site. Dave advised that there is a ski patrol member who has offered to develop a web page for the Laura Green. It was noted that this event is a substantial part of the MHSP budget, and PACRAT could work to improve support for the event. It was noted that we could also publicize corporate matching opportunities.

It was noted that we could develop Ski Patrol akja races.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Future meetings:

Ken to talk to pFriem about:

March 11/12 for board

March 23 for Happy Hour

MOTION TO ADJOUR by Christian Bennett

Second Marina Nimmo

Motion passed

Adjourned 8:38 pm