

Payette Lakes Progressive Club Meeting
Membership Meeting
Pilgrim Cove Camp
April 9, 2024

The membership enjoyed a potluck lunch and social time at Pilgrim Cove Camp from 1:30 to 12:30. Membership and guest attendance sign-in on record.

Program

President, Verla Brown, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. She asked members to introduce their guests who all gave a brief introduction of themselves. Our guests were Kelly Miller, Anne Carr, Susie Cooley, Cindy Vois, and Cindy Harkrader.

Treone Cooley shared information on the Idaho Gives Program that will run from April 29, through May 2, this year. Jennifer Dummar from Little Ski Hill is heading up a coordinated effort with all Valley County Non-Profits who are registered on the Idaho Non-Profit Center and are participating in Idaho Gives. There will be an event on May 2, at the Ponderosa Center Terrace with booths, tables and/or tents representing each Valley County non-profit participating in 2024 Idaho Gives. There will also be a meeting on April 18, at Idaho First Bank to discuss and plan the May 2nd event. Treone asked for volunteers for both April 18, and May 2. Each participating non-profit will pay \$25 toward an advertisement for the event in the Star News. Treone talked about how members can participate. Treone will send an email to all members with instructions prior to the event.

Cheryl Meinzer introduced our speakers, Hayley Johnson from the Ponderosa Center, and Lyle Nelson a Director from the McCall Ski Heritage Foundation.

Haley Johnson announced that they had raised enough funds to purchase the land for the Ponderosa Center which will be focused on the arts, education, and community. The vision is to provide a performing arts center that seats 420 guests, contains an imagination and innovation classroom, and houses conferences, the McCall Ski Heritage Foundation, and the McCall Chamber of Commerce offices. They are working with the City Council on traffic flow and parking along with all the organizations that will be a part of the vision discussed above.

Lyle Nelson, Director of the McCall Ski Heritage Foundation, talked about growing up in McCall and his love for skiing. He is a McCall native; a four-time Olympic biathlete, a retired healthcare professional, and member of the McCall City Council. He discussed the mission of the McCall Ski Heritage Foundation to preserve, protect, and perpetuate local alpine and Nordic ski history and culture of McCall, Idaho. He talked about the vision to create a ski museum at the Ponderosa Center with generations of artifacts, pictures, and memorabilia. He talked about the possibility of an interactive museum giving entrants a sense of skiing the backcountry, ski jumping and more. He mentioned hiring Unrival a museum company for their exhibit at the Ponderosa Center. Unrival is known for their exceptional museums and interactive displays throughout the world. The Foundation is a 501(C)3 IRS charitable organization.

Verla Brown, Club President, thanked Linda Hallock for arranging the meeting at Pilgrim Cove Camp and thanked Gail DiBenedetto for taking the minutes.

The members sang happy birthday to Linda Hallock and presented a cake.

Membership Report

Lola Elliot, Vice President, estimated the membership at 118 members and announced that membership dues were due in June. She also talked about the signage for the Progressive Club at the McCall Library. There will be one wall of donor plaques for all donors instead of individual signs throughout the library. The club will be recognized on the wall for our donation. Lola also announced that the fashion show/ luncheon tickets were now for sale.

Secretarial Report

Minutes from the February membership meeting were distributed to all members prior to the meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as distributed. The minutes were entered into the record.

Treasury Report

Kathy Menten, Co- Treasurer, gave a brief update on the club financials. Our bank balance is \$72,000 as of May 31, 2024. However, this balance fluctuates with the distribution of funds for scholarships and fundraising event expenses.

Fundraisers

Lisa Zeiter gave an update on the annual fashion show/ luncheon, Pearls of Promise, on June 11th at the Shore Lodge Pavilion Room. Admission will be \$100.00 (\$50 tax-deductible). The admission includes one grand prize raffle ticket. The grand prize will be \$1,000.00 for first prize, \$750.00 for second prize and \$250.00 or more for third prize. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 each or five for \$100.00. There will also be a wine pull, where wine corks can be purchased for \$25.00 each. Participants in the wine pull will receive a bottle of wine per cork purchased that could be valued from mid- range to high- range of quality. There will be bottles valued in excess of \$100.00. There will also be a silent auction with great prizes including a “dessert of the month” for 12 months for one lucky winner. A sign-up sheet was distributed to the members who wanted to participate. Back Country Boutique, Gravity Sports, and Wild Onion will be participating in the fashion show this year and there will be a surprise guest.

Linda Hallock gave an update on the September 7, barbeque and live auction fundraiser planned at the Roseberry Barn. There will be about 11 live auction items. The Bottom Line Band will be the entertainment for the event. Linda passed around a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to participate on the September 7, fundraising committee.

Linda gave a special thank you to Jeremy Force for offering the Pilgrim Cove Camp venue for the membership meeting.

Gardening Committee

Gardening Chair, Pat Thompson, is looking for members to help beautify the landscaping at May Hardware in May. A sign-up sheet for this committee was passed around.

Grant Committee Update

Grant Chair, Gail DiBenedetto, gave an update. We have received three grant application to date. All applications are due by May 31. The PLPC Board has allocated \$30,000 to the Grant Committee for 2024 grants. Gail asked members to contact her if they are interested in joining the 2024 Grant Committee. The 2023 Grant Committee added additional guidelines to the PLPC website for more clarity and also added a follow-up grant report required for all grant recipients. Additional guidelines are:

- Grant applications are open to organizations of McCall, Donnelly, Lake Fork and New Meadows.
- Grants will not be accepted for employment compensation.
- We require you contact us for approval, if you need to divert funds from the original purpose of the grant.
- We require a grant report no later than May 1, of the year following the year you receive your grant money.

Scholarship Committee Report

Scholarship Co- Chair, Nicole Youkstetter, gave an update on the Scholarship Committee. She invited members to contact her if they want to join the committee. Treone Cooley is the co-chair of this committee. Applications for scholarships are due by May 1st. In December, they reached out to the counselors at McCall Donnelly High School, Heartland, and New Meadows High Schools. Two applications have been received so far. They dialed down the number of reports required this year. They now require two reports, one from the community and one from a teacher or staff member. The PLPC Board has allocated \$28,000 to the Scholarship Committee for 2024 scholarships.

2024- 2025 Officer Nominations

Verla Brown presented the slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. No additional nominations were taken from the floor. Nominations were closed. Linda Hallock moved to nominate the officers as presented. Chris Haener seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously as follows:

2024-2025 Officers

Lola Elliot – President

Katie Gwinn – Vice President

Linda Corder – Recording Secretary

Christine Haener - Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Menten and Jennie Tunnell – Co-Treasurers

Lisa Zeiter – Member at Large

Linda Hallock thanked Verla Brown for her two years as President and Verla Brown thanked her Vice President, Lola Elliot, Secretary, Linda Corder, Treasurers, Kathy Menten and Jennie Tunnell, and Member at Large, Katie Gwinn and gifted them gift cards to Wild Onion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail DiBenedetto, Acting Secretary