December 6, 2013

**Conibear Business Meeting Minutes**

**Present**: Caroline Perkins, Catharine Reid, Sara Amies, Karen Johnson, Kristi Skanderup, Presha Sparling, Nancy George, Becky Brown, Denise Takahashi, Joy Knopp, Ronda King, Diane Johnson, Marie Westermeier, Tara Vagan, Jennifer Helgeson, Ginny Calvin, Katie Egolf, Randy Pratt, Gail Eshom, Cynthia Hartwig, Susan Stocking, Jeanne Ianucci, Ellie Horsnell, Martha Goodlett, Tara Morgan, Raleigh Nowers

After the Volksmarch, Caroline Perkins called the meeting to order. Meeting minutes from the September 17 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Minutes were approved.

**Winter Party**

A vote was taken to determine a recommended date for our awards party. February 2nd was the approved date, subject to confirmation with our coaches. Caroline will post the date on Big Tent when it becomes final. Diane Johnson offered to host the party at her house.

**Mt. Baker Auction**

There was discussion about the upcoming auction, and it was proposed that we donate $ 1,000 00 to benefit the Mt. Baker scholarship fund. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved. Tara Morgan and Tara Vagan will coordinate with MB and present the funds at the auction. Ginny Calvin volunteered to arrange our club donations of wine and chocolate into a gift basket.

**2014 Conibear Officers**

Karen Johnson announced the nominated slate of officers for the coming year: Caroline Perkins, President; Ronda King, Vice President; Catharine Reid, Treasurer; Sara Amies, Secretary. A vote was taken and the members approved the new officers.

**Conibear Lease Agreement**

Sara Amies presented a summary of ongoing issues regarding our lease agreement with the City and the recent firing of a Mt. Baker coach. Of particular concern at this time is language within the lease which limits our influence over the hiring and firing of coaches. The current contract states that we have only “input” into the process. The executive committee will be working to strengthen our club’s position when the new contract for the coming year is prepared. Sara will be posting updates on Big Tent as the process unfolds.

Meeting adjourned.