



Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Outside the Waxroom

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dermot Flynn, President
Craig Thur, Secretary
Jean Paul Molgat, Director
Marcus Waterreus, Director

Jonathan Kerr, VP
Adam Greenwood, Treasurer
Julie McVicar, Director
Stuart Hamilton, Director

Regrets

Pamela Brown, Director

Club Management

Jan Polivka, Operations

Ben Poudou, Club Manager

1. Call to Order

Dermot called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda with the following additions:

- Item 12.** Reopening Plan for the fall/winter of 2020;
- Item 13.** Curling Club fee;
- Item 14.** Raw Data from the WCCSC 2020 survey.

All in favour.

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from May 12th

Review and approval of the draft minutes from May 12th, 2020. Moved by Jean-Paul and seconded by Julie. All in favour.

Updates

4. Major Event Volunteer ‘Inventory’

Adjourned. Jonathan will follow-up with this task.

5. Policy Governance committee

- Jean Paul

Another meeting was held and the committee is still reviewing other policy governance models with the goal being to adopt a set of solid and necessary policies and then over the course of time bring individual policies up to date in a “build as we go” approach.

The committee will meet again in a month.

6. Strategic Planning committee

- Adam

Adam asked if the board was in agreement to move the Strategic Planning meeting with Travis Armour from the 17th of June to the 24th of June in order to give Travis more time to work through and incorporate the large amount of information in his first draft of the strategic plan.

The board did not have any objections.

7. CoW Trail Plan Engagement Meetings

- Jan

Jan and Jonathan updated the board that they attended a meeting and provided the City of Whitehorse contracted firm Lees and Associates with a history of the club and our current land tenure situation including the evolution of the Licence of Occupation originally granted by the Yukon Government to the present day where we require permission from the City of Whitehorse to complete work on the trails.

This meeting served primarily as an educational meeting for Lees and Associates.

Standing Items

8. Financial Report

- Adam

Adam prepared and distributed a financial report.

There is likely to be a significant surplus this fiscal year. One noteworthy item is that there was approximately \$76 000.00 in ski passes sold which is a separate revenue item from memberships.

9. Club Manager's Report

- Ben

Ben confirmed that Phil Hoffman will be back with the Ski S'cool in 2020-2021.

Brian Horton will be back with the Lynx and Junior Development Program.

Christine Prescott has been asked by Ben to run the Jackrabbits program for the 2020-2021 season.

A Beerfest on skis using the huts is being planned for March 15th, 2021 and it will involve all Yukon Brewers and a cider maker. This will be an evening event.

COVID-19 provisions will be prepared for implementation.

Several youth staff are likely to return for the upcoming season.

The wax room and outside area has been rented by the Reckless Raven endurance event for June 27th and 28th, 2020.

10. Operations Report

- Jan

A new staircase will be built in the next two weeks and it will become the main access route between the ski club and the Canada Games Centre.

Sarah Steel Hut improvements will be made this summer with the use of volunteers.

Three club snowmobiles have been sold.

One new electric snowmobile has been purchased with part of it funded by Energy Solution Yukon.

There is a new trail proposed with an access point at Raven's Ridge. It is a former Klondike Snowmobile Association trail that is no longer used by KSA and it connects to numerous trails including Selwyn's Loop and Lower Valley. The idea is that this trail would be groomed and become another dog trail and the Copper Haul Road would no longer be groomed unless it was needed for a special event because there is now too much snowmobile traffic on the road.

Strategic planning should consider a trail plan (with a trail committee) for the next 5 to 10 years.

The Pisten Bully is due for replacement in 2021 and a new one will cost approximately \$300 000.00.

The tree cutting for the Homologation Project is now done and the trail grading will begin in early August.

The bridge over Sumanik Drive is till being worked on by the city's contracted firm.

Discussion and Decision Items

11. Letter from Leigh Ayton

Dermot drafted a letter I reply informing her about the strategic planning initiative.

Jean Paul mentioned that the ski club does not actually really know who comprises our membership and how they self identify because we have never asked for this information from our members. If as a club we don't know what barriers exist we can't properly address them.

There is a strong history of First Nations participation and excellence in cross country skiing in the north that is part of the WCCSC legacy.

12. COVID-19 Re-opening Plan for the 2020-2021 Season

Ben and Jan will have to liaise with the Yukon Medical Officer's direction and implement precautions accordingly for the wax room, programs and events and on the trails.

Perhaps a phased plan based on level of risk will have to be the approach.

The club may have to prepare two budgets. One for a minimal impact from COVID-19 based restrictions and another where there may be a significant impact.

13. Curling Club Fee

There is a \$2000.00 fee for the ski club for the year to use the lounge.

Dermot and Ben proposed a reduction to \$1000.00 given that the Curling Club was often not open on Fridays and Saturdays and this year may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

Another option may be more of a user pay model.

Ben would like to work more closely with the Curling Club manager to promote the lounge and use it for ski club events. One key contributor to attendance is to have food available in the lounge.

14. Raw Data from Survey

Dermot asked if the raw data from the survey should be made available to the ski club membership after the final report is presented.

The board did not see any reason why the raw data (all the responses) should not be available and if members want to dig deep into it they can.

Adjournment: The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

