



**Whitehorse Nordic Ski Society  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday December 11th, 2024, 5:30 PM at the Yukon Ski Lodge

**MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jean-Paul Molgat  
Sarah Aasman  
Leslie Gomm  
Jan Downing  
Dahria Beatty  
Christine McConnell  
Moya Painter  
Stephanie Coombs  
Deb Higgins

Staff

Jan Polivka  
Ben Poudou

Regrets

Tracee Vickerman

1. Jean-Paul called the meeting to order at 5:40PM
2. Approval and additions to the agenda. Leslie moved to approve the agenda, consensus, carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from November 13th, 2024. Moved by Chrissy and approved by consensus.

**Updates**

4. Board committee updates
  - o Climate Change
    - i. See item 13.
  - o Land Tenure
    - i. See item 8.
  - o READI
    - i. READI committee had a meeting this past weekend and discussed lessons learned after the name change.
      1. Importance of communication

- a. Possibility of starting a mini enews with very short committee updates and sending out to the membership - maybe along with the e-news or on the website
- 2. Training through via sport - co hosting a training with CCY to advance our understanding around READI
  - Human Resources
    - i. Nothing to report.
  - Race and competition committee
    - i. See item 12.

## Standing Items

- 5. Financial Report
  - Leslie provided a report prior to the meeting
  - 2250 members to date, so membership sales are above budget
  - On track for income
  - Expenses are getting more as season continues
  - Capital expenditures is a bit low because we are still budgeting trail signs and other equipment
  - On the March/April agenda we should discuss fee structure
    - i. Set up a committee to discuss this and present at the March meeting
    - ii. Ben, Leslie, Chrissy, Moya
- 6. Club Manager Report
  - Programs are going well
    - i. Going to try to recruit a new person for younger programs to get trained by Sara
  - Events are going well, registration is open for two major events - masters and ski marathon
  - A lot of new volunteers to train
  - Renovation working group has met. They gave some recommendations to Ben. Ben is planning to meet with some other directorates to get more suggestions and advice.
  - Waiting to hear from CCY about safe sport, who have a committee working on this.
- 7. Operations Report
  - Jan P. provided a report prior to the meeting
  - Met with Arctic Backhoe - they have to renew their quarry lease every 5 years (still have stakes next to Shakuni trail). They are going through a YESAA process in January.
  - Add discussion to the January or February agenda once Arctic Backhoe has submitted their YESAB application
- 8. President's Report
  - Jan P., Dahria and Jean-Paul met with Jane Keopke and Steering Committee reps about Chasan Chua. They also shared information in relation to functional planning.

- i. Jane also hosted a Stakeholder meeting with us, Cycling Association Yukon and Orienteering. All groups were on the same page about the negative impact of potential mining on trails.
  - ii. Sent out the WNSS' official survey response to the Chasan Chua Steering Committee
- o Meeting with Mayor and Ministers about functional plan this week.

## **Discussion and Decision Items**

9. Strategic Plan Renewal
  - o Nothing to report at this time.
10. Functional Planning
  - o Reviewed key messages and points that will be discussed with the Mayor and Ministers.
  - o Will discuss general statistics - message will focus on huge growth with ageing infrastructure, most of which was built in the 80s and 90s.
  - o Future focused, we need to look at infrastructure. We need a new PB shed, but in doing that we need to think about what the big picture will look like into the future
11. Working ToR Race and Competition Committee
  - o Dahria and Ben have drafted terms of reference, will be finalized by next meeting.
12. Approval of updated Climate Change Committee ToR
  - o Add more concrete dates and deliverables
  - o Approve by next meeting
13. Oath of Office
  - o Signing oath of office. Completed by each board member.

**Next Board Meeting:** January 8th at 6PM at the CGC boardroom.

Other meetings: Jan 8, Feb 12, March 26, April 16, May 14, June 4.

**Adjournment:** Jean-Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM