



**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting**
Thursday, December 9th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held virtually via ZOOM

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Jean Paul Molgat, President
Craig Thur, Secretary
Deb Higgins, Director
Sue Johnson, Director

Sarah Murray, Vice-President
Leslie Gomm, Treasurer
Stuart Hamilton, Director

Club Management

Ben Poudou, Club Manager
Jan Polivka, Operations Manager

Regrets: Jan Downing, Director

1. Call to Order

Jean Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Jean Paul requested that **Policy Governance and Strategic Planning Workshop** be added to the Agenda as item #11. Leslie moved to approve the Agenda with item #11. All in favour. Carried.

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from October 28th, 2021

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Updates

4. Board Committee Updates

Note During the Strategic Planning Implementation meeting on Thursday, December 17th, 2020 the board members leading the **Strategic Plan Action Items** for 2021 were determined and initiated. A majority of these Strategic Plan Action Items were progressed and several were completed in 2021.*

Craig Thur suggested that as part of the **Policy Governance and Strategic Planning Workshop** to be held in January 2022, there should be a discussion about which **Strategic Planning Action Items** should be prioritized for 2022.

Standing Items

5. Financial Reporting

- Leslie

Leslie Gomm prepared a written report for the board.

As of October 31st. 2021 there was strong revenue as had been anticipated in the club's 2021/2022 budget.

6. Club Manager's Report

Ben Poudou

A written report was provided.

Ben suggested that Gmail address be created for the positions of WCCSC President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Ben informed the board that the City of Whitehorse buses do not currently allow passengers to bring skis onto public transit. There are currently public comments and suggestions being taken as part of the City of Whitehorse Transportation Master Plan therefore Sarah Murray will draft a letter on behalf of WCCSC with our perspective and suggestions.

Programming for all ages are organized and registrations are full.

The Ski Patrol Agreement for 2021/2022 was sent to Ski Patrol leaders for signing.

The Demographic Survey will be distributed after Christmas or early in 2022.

Megan Cromarty from YTG Sport and Recreation Branch contacted Ben to begin discussion for the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Ben will determine if WCCSC is going to have to provide most of the race officials or if they will come from a national pool of CWG officials. Sarah Murray informed the board that CCY is running the Don Sumanik races

7. Operations Manager's Report

Jan Polivka

Jan provided a written report.

The new Pisten bully has arrived and has been used once so far. There is still not quite enough snow. Eventually a better storage facility will be needed to house both Pisten Bullys.

The YESAB recommendations for the proposed new trail included no tree cutting between May 1st and August 31st which would not leave enough time to do the trail building. Bengt Pettersson is working on trying to get this window narrowed.

A new Sherpa grooming machine will be required next year at a cost of about \$60 000.00. The funding application for a Sherpa purchase will need to be completed and submitted by April 2022.

8. President's Report

Jean Paul

Jean Paul provided a detailed written report.

Jean Paul met with Karen Clyde and Mike Etches of Environment Yukon to emphasize WCCSC's interest in being closely involved with the development of the McIntyre Creek Park. WCCSC's interest in a stronger form of tenure over the ski trails, continued trail development and concerns about future mineral extraction were discussed. WCCSC desires to be a key stakeholder in future planning and discussions.

Jean Paul also met with Jennifer Russell of EMR to discuss the trail network being on land on which there are mining claims. The current moratorium on claim staking expires on July 19th, 2022. It would be in the best interest of WCCSC if this moratorium was extended. Jean Paul documented how mining claims and exploration could proceed and he detailed this in his report to the board. **Attached to the Minutes as Appendix 'A'**

Jean Paul has contacted Atco's local representative to initiate a discussion about transferring the Atco parcel of land to the ski club as a community support gesture.

Discussion and Decision Items

9. WCCSC policy to mitigate the spread of Covid-19

The board reviewed, amended and approved Operation Policy 11 (OP-11)_Covid 19 Vaccination Policy.

10. Policy Review

GP-7, GP-8 and GP-9 were reviewed and a few minor typos were corrected.

11. Policy Governance/Strategic Planning

Jean Paul will organize policy governance and strategic planning sessions with Sue Meikle in January 2022.

Leslie requested the session be applicable to the work that the club needs to do.

The WCCSC Strategic Plan runs through 2022. It is therefore time to begin discussions about the 2023-2026 (or 2027) Strategic Plan.

The board will also need to discuss the Strategic Planning priorities for 2022 and form any committees required to accomplish such work.

The board agreed that the dates of Thursday, January 13th and Saturday January 15th 2022 be reserved for these sessions with Thursday, January 20th and Saturday, January 22nd be the reserve dates if the Don Sumanik races end up being held on the reserve date of January 15th, 2022.

Adjournment: The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 3rd, 2022.