



Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday October 12th, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Online

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Approval and Additions to Agenda
Sarah moved – all in favour

Chad Walasek is sitting in on meeting as wants to volunteer with the club and considering joining to Board.

Approval of Previous Minutes

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from August 25th, 2022
Deb moved and all approved

Updates

4. Board Committee Updates- Everyone
Idea Committee (diversity and inclusion) – the committee had hoped to have a document ready for Board review but regretfully did not come together. Ben discussed a proposal to offer free season passes to KDFN or TKC citizen based on an honour system, using a code on zone 4 from the communities' rec department.
 - Details need to be worked on how it will work – right now the concept is on the table – need to discuss with the individual rec departments or FN community reps etc. to figure out best way to implement this
 - Idea is to use this year as a pilot for this offer to see how it can work
 - Would like to move forward with this and looking for the support of the board prior to moving forward and approaching the FNs

Motion: The Board supports the IDEA committee approaching KDFN and TKC regarding the ways in which the WCCSC can support the participation of their members in the Nordic skiing including the provision free individual ski passes to their members for the 2022/23 season.

Moved by Jan – all in favour



Land Tenure Committee – Some of our land that the trails are on is privately owned by Atco. Want to look at option to acquire that land from Atco and get it transferred to the city. Jean Paul finally talked to ATCO and they are not interested in pursuing disposition of this land at this time. Want to continue the lease (\$1/year). Atco does not know why they have the land and are looking into it. In future there might be an opportunity to gift it to us – check back in 1 year – contact Bill Cullen again to see if it is an option.

Climate change committee – No update – had hoped new board members would want to join – will reach out to members of committee to see if they want to be on board

Major competition and events Committee- Sarah gave update all members now not on board no report

Bylaws committee – draft bylaws approved at AGM, to be submitted by corporate affairs to review and approval

HR Committee – have an outstanding item with respect to Ben’s leave that committee needs to deal with– need some members to join the committee as Craig has left

Standing Items

5. Financial Report_(10 minutes)

- Leslie

Presented financial statement

This year want to update our reserves policy – operational and equipment – work with Jan on this and the Capital assets management plan

Right now have a 3 month reserve – operational – need to look at this and see if we need to have a longer reserve – i.e. no snow

Will need to flag some money for the functional plan - \$\$ implication – JP

Our strategic plan needs to be updated – expired 2022 – do we want a contractor \$\$

Sue Meikle offered to do Board training for free

6. Club Manager’s Report_(10 minutes)

- Ben

Refer to report

Highlighted COVID plan for this upcoming winter – no plan to implement now but know we can update/modify operations should covid heat up as per our previous years’ plans

In planning any event know that COVID could happen so will plan for that



Would like to have the Huts open and if there is a risk with respect to Covid we may need to adapt. Info regarding this will be in the next eNews.

See Manager's report.

Still missing a few staff and for Ski s' cool.

Visa fee – continue to pay as per previous years for this year and then see what other retailers are doing for this year

We used to have customers pay the fee if using visa so offered for folks to pay by cheque to avoid the fee. That was crazy to manage so went to us paying the fee. Will still do this year. It is a next year decision. See what is going on in town as to what other businesses are doing.

JP – ski report on the radio – is it Tom U again. Yes that is the plan – make sure present Tom as a member not a board member

Idea to do a big Nordic festival including snowshoeing, fat bike etc. in the spring – talking to local businesses – they are keen i.e. Icycle. It's going to be a big event so want it to be done right

Sarah – question about Lynx program and the loss of interest – only 2 kids in twice a week program. Don't know why? Maybe the 9-12 age group is when they want to explore other sports.

Ski Patrol – we don't have a contract/engagement with them. It was raised by Tim Sellers at the AGM, it was offered for them to come to regular meeting. They are also not providing service to any CCY or WCCSC for events. Have an arrangement with Fire department for day to day. Insurance company has been updated and they are okay with how we are planning on doing this for this season. Major events, such as the Yukon Ski Marathon, will need to have a specific emergency plan that will need to be submitted to the insurance company for approval

7. Operations Report (10 minutes)

- Jan

Finish building new trail – need to confirm the new name – get a hold of IDEA. Jean Paul says we should ask KDFN. Maybe part of meeting with KDFN this can be raised. Built new trail on our own and under budget.

Deb will follow-up as she has some ideas – there is a timing issue as need to update the maps



Last two days to submit funding application for PB to lotteries – need to connect with Jan D. to answer some questions. Need the motion which is in the minutes from the August meeting which we approved today.

Needed discussion – Possible hut on Skyline. Talked about a hut in memory of Miriam – need to look at this perhaps at the next board meeting to give it more thought.

Parking in Raven's Ridge – folks are concerned as how many people are parked on War Eagle way. Jean Paul asked if Jan P had given this any further thinking to this issue. RR has a neighbourhood organization and Jan P will approach them to discuss.

8. President's Report_(10 minutes)

- Jean Paul

No formal report this meeting.

Meeting with Sarah with Adam Greenwood on how to get the ball rolling on how to develop a functional plan. How to get it started, how much does it cost etc. Waiting for city is waiting too long a period of time.

Discussion and Decision Items

9. Policy Governance Workshop

- Everyone

Date proposed – December 10 was the one where everyone can attend – full day with a working lunch – on skis

Jan D – suggest that as many of us have been on the board for several years and Deb is experienced should we hold off until we have more numbers on the board

Jean Paul – thinks its good to revisit our policy governance model, Sue is a free resource, and could use this to kick of thinking about our strategic plan – he would find it very helpful

Deb – the big operational component of our situation is quite different from her experience

Everyone if favour of moving forward with the meeting on December 10 – yes

10. Mining in Communities

- Jean Paul

JP sent a link about mining in developed communities- JP wrote a draft letter to Jocelyn McDowell who is leading the engagement

What are thoughts on the letter – essentially- our entire trail network is underlain by claims and this puts us at risk as we don't have real legal tenure. We want certainty in tenure.

All agree – will clean up letter and send out



11. Fluoro Wax Use

- Jean-Paul

Email from Erik Blake regarding if CCY and WCCSC will ban Fluoro wax use. CCY responded immediately regarding this issue and for most races that CCY is involved in it is banned

WCCSC – we are not buying and selling Fluoro wax. When asked we tell people that they should not use it. We have not made any official announcement on this. We could do that and make it official this season.

All agreed we should have a specific operational policy with respect to this issue.

Jean Paul wants to talk to Alain/CCY and will draft up a policy with Ben regarding this issue. Sarah can then work with Ben on the communications.

Jean Paul idea -host a Fluoro wax collection day or a box for dumping the wax to be disposed of properly.

12. Board member recruitment

- All

Chad will think about how he wants to get involved.

Jan P – maybe check with RR folks to see

Deb/Jan – mention with KDFN/TKC

Ben – will be in next eNews and on Facebook

Ben – could pay for an ad to get folks out

Deb – Volunteer Ben. Bureau – ben to contact – Deb will send a link

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 9th , 2022.