



Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 24th, 2024, 6 PM in the Wax Room

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Jean Paul Molgat, President
Jan Downing, Vice President
Leslie Gomm, Treasurer
Moya Painter, Secretary
Tracee Vickerman, Director
Sarah Aasman, Director
Brian Terry, Director
Lorrie Lech, Director

Regrets

Deb Higgins, Director

Club Management Present

Ben Poudou, Club Manager
Jan Polivka, Operations Manager

1. Call to Order

Jean Paul called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Jan D. moved to approve the Agenda. All in favour. Approved by consensus. Carried

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from March 25th and April 21st, 2024

Leslie moved to approve the draft Minutes from March 25th and April 21st, 2024. All in favour. Approved by consensus. Carried.



Updates

4. Board Committee Updates

READI Committee (Jan Downing, Deb Higgins and Ben Poudou)

Nothing to report. See item 13 for updates on SGM and name change.

Climate Change Committee (Leslie Gomm, Lorrie Lech, Sarah Aasman and Moya Painter)

Moya and Sarah met and updated the ToR. Budget will be approved by June so committee will come up with some plans before then.

Human Resources Committee (Jean Paul Molgat, Tracee Vickerman and Leslie Gomm)

The HR committee met and are in the process of updating contracts. Corinna's contract, last updated in 2019, has been updated and will take effect July 1st.

Land Tenure Committee (Jean Paul Molgat, Jan Polivka and Brian Terry)

Brian attended the City Council meeting where they discussed mining within city limits. The City did not adopt administration's proposal to regulate where and how mining can occur within City limits.

Government announced that an MOU has been signed between TKC, KDFN, City of Whitehorse, YG, and the Government of Canada regarding the establishment of McIntyre Creek Park. The MOU lasts until March 2026. It speaks to involving stakeholders in the process of creating a park. Jean-Paul will send a letter to the ministers and mayor to thank them and to ask them to include all WCCSC ski trails within the park boundaries and to look into incorporating the ATCO parcel/Pierre Harvey trails into the park.

Major Competitions and Events Committee

Nothing to report.

Standing Items

5. Financial Reporting

Leslie Gomm



Leslie provided the financial report prior to the meeting. Grants are behind budget because some reports need to be finalized before the payments are received. Equipment rentals need to be revised. Overall on revenue we are at 92% of the estimated revenue.

Expenses are at 73% of what was budgeted. Overall on track to have a deficit of \$127,000. Budgeted deficit of \$136,000. On paper the annual deficit is from capital expenditures (PB).

6. Manager's Report

Ben Poudou

Ben met with Brian Horton regarding programming, and everyone will be returning next year.

Need to make a plan for what we want to host in terms of large events. With no more Marsh Lake Loppet, and slowing of Mt Lorne Loppet there is more pressure on WCCSC to organize races. Ben got a reminder from Sport Yukon about a funding opportunity to provide with the promotion and marketing of the ski club (Tourism Marketing Fund). Ben will apply before May 1.

Ben is in touch with the Director of Sovereign Lake Ski Club and they will be discussing soon about the Pacific NorthWest loppet. Could be an opportunity to link in the Yukon Ski Marathon as there is a gap in the loppet series schedule during that time.

7. Operations Manager's Report

Jan Polivka

The machines are being serviced and otherwise everything is good.

8. President's Report

Jean Paul

Nothing to report aside from discussion items.

Discussion and Decision Items

9. Engagement on Mt Mac renovations - next steps

Two letters of concern were received about the renovation plans. Concerns relate to non-gendered design, loss of "social space" in change rooms and sauna/shower size and configuration. There is also a feeling that there was not enough member involvement and engagement during the planning process.

Ben will request that the City hold an open house for members, including the curling club, to hear people's questions and concerns and to explain their design choices and limitations.



10. Report and follow-up on CCY financial sustainability meeting

Jean-Paul attended two CCY board meetings, one regular and one to discuss financial sustainability (second with Jan D.). Squad program fees have been raised by 6%. CCY received \$18,000 grant for club coaches from National Winter Sports Development Association for last 3 years that may be at risk. Financial sustainability session also brought up snow making - CCY asked WCCSC if we could take it over and pay for all of it. Jean-Paul suggested hiring a contractor to look at how the organizations are structured and financed and how we might be able to find efficiencies. The decision was that CCY will seek CDF funding to hire a financial advisor to look at their own finances as a first step.

11. Functional planning (stadium and facilities) update

Tony Zedda came up with four different design possibilities. There is an advisory group working with Tony to discuss how we might be able to redesign some of our facilities. No designs are final but the board will familiarize ourselves with the plans for discussion at the next board meeting.

12. SGM continuation

Quorum (15 voting members) is required either online or in the room for the whole two hours. Meeting will be continued on April 25. Ben will investigate secret on-line voting system options.

13. Letter to Mayor and Ministers on land Tenure/Mcintyre Creek Park

See item 4.

Next Meeting: May 15th, 2024 in the wax room at 6:00.

Jean-Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.