



**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6 PM in the Canada Game Center Boardroom

**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  
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 6:08 pm.

**2. Approval and Additions to Agenda**

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

**3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from February 21st, 2024**

Lorrie moved to approve the draft Minutes from February 21st, 2024. All in favour. Approved by consensus. Carried.

**Updates**



#### **4. Board Committee Updates**

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

See item 9.

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

Nothing to report. Will work on rewriting the terms of reference in the next month and organize another meeting to discuss climate implications of ski tourism.

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

Met last month to talk about staff salary levels after inflation and about revising the policy manual.

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

See item 8.

##### **Major Competitions and Events Committee**

See item 13.

##### **Standing Items**

#### **5. Financial Reporting**

**Leslie Gomm**

Season pass sales almost on budget not including spring pass sales. We are still expecting a few grants that have not yet been received. Sponsorship is not complete, but will be coming by the end of the year. Programs and lessons have been popular this year and sales are above budget. Income from equipment rentals and lockers are below budget. Donations in kind (fuel) still to come.

We are behind on expenses because the budget extends to the end of June. Potential volunteer event coming up will use some of those expenses. Trail maintenance budget is on track.



## **6. Manager's Report**

**Ben Poudou**

Ben has been busy in March with all the spring events, which all went well. Spring passes included, there have been 2055 season passes sold and the budget was based on 2100 sales. Three staff members from this year are coming back next season. Spring festival made some money this year, while some of the races lost money so there will be some end of season planning to come up with ideas for next year and calculate exact costs of events.

Spring festival was a success with events like curling added. Survey was sent to participants and volunteers but responses have not been received yet. There was growth compared to last year and lots of new faces. Hut to hut canceled due to cold - event tailored to families, beginners, etc..

Ben is planning a volunteer/athlete recognition event - maybe some catered food and a concert some time in April/May.

## **7. Operations Manager's Report Polivka**

**Jan**

Trails will be closing soon but the date has not been finalized. Announcements will be made in an enews letter and on social media. Combination of extreme temperatures and very little snow means it has been a challenging grooming year. There has only been one year in the past (2019) that the trails have closed in March.

## **8. President's Report**

**Jean Paul**

Signed the license of occupation for another 30 years. Leases are in place for the huts.

Jean Paul presented to city council on McIntyre Creek Park. Will keep the pressure up. The Government and City are talking and they need an MOU to get the ball rolling in terms of a development plan. Would be nice to include Skyline in the boundaries of the park as well as the ATCO parcel.

Jan D. and Jean Paul had a meeting with Amanda Deuling who is the sport tourism coordinator at Sport Yukon. If the board decides to host a larger event we will try to develop a big vision (ie. Sima with the early season athletes) to get engagement from funders. The READI committee will look into writing respectful travel guidelines and a reconciliation statement to post on the website.



## **Discussion and Decision Items**

### **9. Renaming project**

Open house - good conversations with many people who attended and many useful comments. READI committee met after the open house and felt it was time to move ahead with a SGM, which will require quorum. In order to pass the name change  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the quorum needs to be in support. The next step will be to put out an enews once the date of the SGM has been decided, with both the background document as well as SGM information. Engagement stage is over.

SGM held in the wax room will be held on **April 18th at 7 pm**. People will be allowed to vote online during that period. People will have 2 minutes to speak before the vote is taken, without discussion and debate. Need to be members and at least 14 years of age. Someone will preside over the vote.

Deb put forward the motion to hold a SGM to change the name of our society from WCCSC to Whitehorse Nordic Ski Society. The meeting will be held in the wax room on April 18th, 2024 at 7 pm. All in favour. Approved by consensus. Carried.

### **10. CCY budgeting and SubLease**

City of Whitehorse has asked WCCSC to have a sublease agreement for the organizations we are renting space to (i.e. RPAY seacan, KCIBR seacan, CCY and velo north trailer). New numbers of cost (electricity, etc.) which came out to about 11k - for CCY facilities (seacan, lockers, etc.), which is much more than the current agreement. Cost will be adjusted to better reflect the actual costs. Prices will be adjusted for all organizations.

### **11. Tourism Yukon (Grant Application)**

There is a opportunity to apply for a tourism grant to market WCCSC outside the territory. The board is considering hosting a smaller event next year (CA masters). The idea would be to make it coincide with the another event so attendees from outside of the territory have a chance to participate in both events and stay longer. Is this something we want to explore - there will be impacts for operations, carbon footprint, etc. Discussion has been postponed to the next board meeting.

### **12. Olympic Trail Policy Approval**



Policy states: “A sign will be erected on the Olympic Trail for any athlete who was a member of a Yukon Sport Governing body and who subsequently participated in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Special Olympics.

The sign will display the individual’s name along with the name of the event, the year and the location.

Permission will be sought from the athlete before a sign is made and erected.

As time and resources allow, best efforts will be made to erect the sign no later than one year after the athlete’s participation in the event.

An inauguration event may be held to unveil the sign. The WCCSC will communicate the erection of a new sign to the membership.

Signs already posted on the Olympic Trail will remain, whether or not they meet the criteria above.”

Sarah moved to adopt the policy for the Olympic Trail. All in favour. Consensus. Carried.

### **13. Events promotion and marketing**

See item 11.

**Next Meeting:** April 24th, 2024 in the wax room.