

Whitehorse Nordic Ski Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday February 12th, 2025, 6 PM at the CGC

MINUTES

Attendees:

Jean-Paul Molgat
Sarah Aasman
Jan Downing
Dahria Beatty
Moya Painter
Deb Higgins
Tracee Vickerman
Stephanie Coombs

Staff

Ben Poudou

Regrets

Jan Polivka
Leslie Gomm
Christine McConnell

1. Jean-Paul called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM
2. Approval and additions to the agenda. Jan D. moved to approve the agenda, consensus, carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from January 8th, 2024. Moved by Deb and approved by consensus.

Presentation

4. CCY presentation on Safe Sport - Jonathan Kerr
 - Recommendation for each board member to “adopt” a policy and present to the rest of the board
 - Training levels 1, 2, 3 - 3 being the most in depth
 - Board members require level 2 training
 - Every club needs a safe sport officer as a part of the board (oversee compliance, act as a resource for club members, and initiate education opportunities)
 - At minimum a board must have a screening committee (responsible for implementing screen policy, 1-3 people), and can have a safe sport committee if necessary
 - ToR are available for both these committees
 - Safe sport officer can delegate screening tasks to staff

- Yukon Sports and Rec has a program to support parents whose children are in sport - another tool that could be implemented for the parents who don't have to take safe sport
- Discussion at next meeting for who will be a part of the committee

Updates

5. Board committee updates

- Climate Change
 - i. Potential to get funding from CDF for adaptation plan
- Land Tenure
 - i. Nothing to report
- READI
 - i. Board corner has been implemented
 - ii. Via sport training
 - ii.1. More costly training - maybe have one person from the board test the training out before having multiple counterparts take it (CCY, Biathlon, etc.)
 - ii.2. Might be able to have a "social" get together with CCY to build more of a relationship between WNSS and CCY
 - ii.2.a. Could be a brainstorming session on READI, and invite any members from CCY who are interested
- Human Resources
 - i. Nothing to report.
- Race and competition committee
 - i. Had first committee meeting, interest from a couple of WNSS members to be a part of the committee
 - ii. Looking at trail closure policies for events in order develop one for WNSS

Standing Items

6. Financial Report

- Leslie provided a report prior to the meeting
- Still largest club in Canada
- Over budget for memberships, programs/lessons, rentals
- On track for rest of revenue and spending

7. Manager's Report

- Ben provided a report prior to the meeting
- Working with Nwstel to renew sponsorship agreement for jackrabbit and snowshoe hares
- Advertising for new staff
- Organizing of events, volunteer party, etc.
 - Beginning to track cost of grooming and rental of timing equipment for events
- Looking at other options for lockers, maybe lockers that members can bring their own locks for
- Hiring an artist to make two paintings of the trails to use for future advertisements.

8. Operations Report

- Jan P. provided a report prior to the meeting
- Issues with the PBs, one has been fixed under warranty, the other has also been fixed.

Maybe buy extended warranty?

- Got a first aid toboggan from biathlon

President's Report

- Jean-Paul provided a report prior to the meeting
- Jan P., Dahria, Toni and Jean-Paul met with CoW. Recreational infrastructure deficit in all of Whitehorse. Agreed with strategy.
- Jan P. and Jean-Paul met with Kate White and Currie Dixon.
- Meeting set up with Lotteries and Brendan Hanley
- Jean-Paul and Peter Sandiforth will be working on amendments of Bylaws for "membership" problem
- Trying to coordinate meeting with KDFN

Discussion and Decision Items

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9. CoW Volunteer of the Year nomination

- Nomination for Beth Hawkings
- Stephanie moved to nominate Beth Hawkings as volunteer of the year for 2024. Consensus. Carried

10. Approval of climate change ToR

- Moved by Dahria. Approved.

Next Board Meeting: March 26th at 6 PM at the CGC boardroom.

Adjournment: Jean-Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM