



Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held at Race Hut

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Jean Paul Molgat, President
Jan Downing, Vice President
Moya Painter, Secretary
Tracee Vickerman, Director
Sarah Aasman, Director
Brian Terry, Director

Regrets

Chad Walasek, Director
Leslie Gomm, Treasurer
Deb Higgins, Director
Lorrie Lech, Director

Club Management Present

Ben Poudou, Club Manager
Jan Polivka, Operations Manager

1. Call to Order

Jean Paul called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Jan Downing moved to approve the Agenda and all board members present were in favour. Carried.

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from October 18th, 2023

Two spelling changes to be made to previous minutes.

Sarah moved to approve the draft Minutes from October 18th. All in favour. Approved by consensus. Carried.

Updates

4. Board Committee Updates

READI Committee (Jan Downing, Deb Higgins, Heather O-Mara and Ben Poudou)

READI committee has hired Teresa Earle and Mary Binsted for new logo development and communication around re-imaging. Jan D., Deb, Heather O'Mara and Ben had meeting with both who brought up that there are two audiences (ski club members/users and larger community) and the interest in re-imaging will be different between the two audiences. Teresa suggested sending out a special enews with the background/rationale for the name and include pictures which represent what we are wanting to put forward. This would create an opportunity for feedback from members but important to state, for the purposes of the board, that this project has already begun.

Ben sent out enews about the change of trail name from New Trail to Shakuni. He received a few emails in response with positive feedback. Talked about making an additional sign with bio information on who Mike Smith was to provide more detail to users of the trail. Pursuing having the trail acknowledgment by KDFN through the Youth Council.

Climate Change Committee (Jean Paul Molgat, Leslie Gomm)

Nothing to report.

Human Resources Committee (Jean Paul Molgat, Chad Walasek, Leslie Gomm)

Nothing to report.

Land Tenure Committee (Jean Paul Molgat, Jan Polivka)

Jan P. and Jean Pail met with Sarah Chan at the Department of Environment with YG about the proposal to make the land around the ski trails a territorial park. This should include the parcel owned by ATCO. This proposal to make a park has not advanced very much over the last few years. Jean Paul re-stated our interest in being involved in the creation of the park and for it to be done as quickly as possible. Will try to set up a meeting with Richard Mostyn (Minister of Community Services) in the next few months.

Committee should start connecting with Yukon Conservation Society, CPAWS, Taan, KDFN, and other community groups regarding the park proposal.

Yukon Conservation Society notified committee that Gladiator Metals will be doing work closer to the ski trails this winter. Jean Paul talked to Paul Inglis at EMR who said that area they will be exploring is at the corner of Copper Haul Road and Mclean Lake Road. Class 1 exploration in old gravel quarries will include drilling. Second area of exploration is south of Mt Sima and outside of the ski trail boundary. Class 1 license states that the company has to notify FN on which traditional territory the work is happening, but this is not public. Committee will contact KDFN to request communication on this work. Jan P. will follow up with Gladiator Metals and Jean Paul will follow up with KDFN.

Jan P. has been in touch with the City of Whitehorse about MOU on single track trails crossing ski trails in the winter. There is currently nothing in place but the city will follow up and MOU needs to be signed.

Major Competitions and Events Committee

Nothing to report.

Cross Country Yukon Board Meeting

Tracee and Jan D. attended the last CCY board meeting and provided a written report prior to the WCCSC meeting. CCY is trying to get a non-binary category for races. They are also upgrading the website and hopefully minutes will be posted there in the future. Deficit budget of \$25,000, will go over books in Feb/March to try to make CCY more sustainable.

CCY is updating risk management policy for squad only, not for CCY as a whole. Sarah raised point about if it is a squad policy does that include athletes travelling with squad that are not a part of the program (ie. JDP athletes).

Inner Logic evidence based assessment platform suggested - benefit for assessing culture in sport?

At the next CCY board meeting, the WCCSC board agreed to bring forward the following items:

- Policy around in camera sessions - everyone on the board should be informed before meeting to ensure there is no confusion about who should stay and who should leave.
- When CCY receives invitations to events from outside organizations and parties it should go out to all relevant programs/people and not only squad members.
- Clarification around who risk management policy will cover.

WCCSC rotating members should attend two CCY board meetings in a row so there is overlap between a new member. Next CCY meeting is Nov. 27. Tracee and Deb (or Jean Paul if Deb cannot) will attend. It is helpful for all to have a written report from WCCSC to the CCY board (this is provided to the secretary to ensure the discussion is captured in the minutes), and after the meeting a short report is prepared for the WCCSC board to hear at the next meeting. Both documents are uploaded to the WCCSC Gdrive.

Standing Items

5. Financial Reporting

Leslie Gomm

Currently 1740 ski club members registered. Revenue from membership close to \$400,000. Membership registrations are a little bit below the last two years but not unusual, and generally there are at least 200 people signing up after early bird prices + spring memberships.

There is money coming in with the programs and not a lot of expenses so far.

Jackets for athletes and coaches have been ordered. Jackets will be rotated between athletes year to year and be kept by coaches once they have done two years.

Moving from First Nation Bank to BMO. Motion moved by Jan Downing to transfer \$126,340.34 from FN Bank of Canada into the club's business builder account at BMO.

6. Manager's Report

Ben Poudou

Ben provided a written report in advance of the meeting.

Initiated WCCSC taking over control of the races that were organized by CCY in the past. Ben is hoping that there will be help from CCY and their past volunteers. There will likely need to be an operational race organizing committee created and the need to build a new crew for races. This year will be a transition year from CCY to WCCSC, some details already organized by CCY for this year. Ben stated that this will not be priority for him and after this year might need to hire someone new or a volunteer to take on some of the organization of races. Races are Don Sumaniks and Yukon Championships.

Otherwise things are starting to line up at the ski club, getting busy, more skiers are out.

7. Operations Manager's Report

Jan Polivka

Jan P. provided a written report in advance of the meeting.

Everything going well. Received new Pisten Bully and should receive payment from lotteries soon.

Electric snowmobile from energy solutions promised for the last 4 years and needs to be pushed to make sure we are being treated as equally as other organizations.

8. President's Report

Jean Paul

Jean Paul met with Dianne Billingsly who suggested a joint sub committee between CCY and WCCSC to set up calendar for the major events we are targeting in the next 7 years. The sub

committee would make a recommendation about which major events we are targeting so we can plan ahead of time. In 2025 Westerns, 2026 Arctics, 2027 Nationals. Dianne has information from Nordiq Canada to share with sub committee. There would therefore be a separate organizing committee for large events and local events.

Discussion and Decision Items

9. Donation Policy

Do we want to be making monetary donations at all? In kind donations are different. The food bank donation is still a monetary donation. In future years Ben would have to come to the board beforehand to get any monetary donation approved.

The food bank donation will be decided next meeting. Need to decide if we continue to donate to the food bank or change the recipient of donation (ie. Yukon Care). Could also be in kind donations like free pass for all volunteers at the food bank.

Motion to approve Donation Policy by Tracee. Carried.

10. Banking Change

Motion regarding taking money out of First Nation Bank of Canada and putting it into checking account at BMO.

Motion approved by consensus. All in favour. Carried

11. Committee Roles

Deferred to next meeting.

12. Motion for Lotteries

Jan Downing moved motion for application for Yukon Lotteries Opportunity Fund in amount of \$7500 for WCCSC rebranding outreach campaign.

Motion approved by consensus. All in favour. Carried

13. Annual meeting schedule

Set dates for board members to plan around and post on website for public members who want to attend. Will circulate email about moving time of meetings until 6 and meeting room at CGC.

Jan suggested having the next board meeting as a Christmas potluck at Jonathan's.

Adjournment: The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm

Next Meeting: December 13th, 2023 (holiday Potluck and meeting location TBA)