

Whitehorse Nordic Ski Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday January 8th, 2025, 6 PM at the CGC

MINUTES

Attendees:

Jean-Paul Molgat
Leslie Gomm
Jan Downing
Dahria Beatty
Christine McConnell
Moya Painter
Deb Higgins (via phone)

Staff

Jan Polivka
Ben Poudou

Regrets

Tracee Vickerman
Stephanie Coombs
Sarah Aasman

1. Jean-Paul called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 December 9th, 2024. Moved by Leslie and approved by consensus.

Updates

4. Board committee updates
 - Climate Change
 - i. Nothing to report
 - Land Tenure
 - i. Met with Ministers and Mayor about land tenure and functional planning. Point was made that WNSS would like mineral claims issues resolved by the time the park is established. Ministers not certain that this can be accomplished. The committee will get together with other groups that use this area recreationally to discuss strategy.
 - ii. Suggestion from Ministers to use the development of Valleyview South as a potential lever for Nordic Centre development.

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 - i. Met at the beginning of January
 - ii. Communication - make this the role of someone on the board? Speaking on behalf of the board to the membership.
 - iii. If Via Sportis is not a good fit it would still be good to have some additional training (more than just safe sport) - include CCY and biathlon.
 - iv. Ben is going to reach out to CoW about their non-gendered policy
 - v. Stephanie will bring a proposal about how we can make modifications to the wax room with a small budget. i.e. adding signs for changerooms, bathrooms, etc. for skiers who are not as familiar with the area.
 - vi. Next e-news will include board updates section - box with a link to website for more detailed updates.
 - vi.1. Committees to provide brief synopsis of what they are doing
- Human Resources
 - i. Nothing to report.
- Race and competition committee
 - i. Seeking one or two more people from board, or from membership, for more support.

Standing Items

5. Financial Report

- Leslie provided a report prior to the meeting.
- Revenue
 - i. Over budget on seasons passes for revenue because we have more members than anticipated.
 - ii. Marathon and Masters being tracked separately.
 - iii. Everything else trending as it should.
- Expenses
 - i. Trending as expected.
 - ii. CCY fees are up (more membership).
 - iii. Nordiq Canada is on par with budgeted

6. Club Manager Report

- Ben provided a report prior to the meeting
- Ben got an answer from AWG about finding - they are going to meet again in Feb and keep us posted.
- Yukon Nominee Program is opening again - Ben to work on that with staff
- Zone 4 - old crew is mentoring the new crew on timing.
- Rentals - may need to expand fleet as rental availability was slim over Christmas break.

7. Operations Report

- Jan P. provided a report prior to the meeting
- Talked to the City about semi-enclosed space for changing in the changerooms - they subcontracted someone and will set up a more private changing area within the changerooms.
- Lack of new snow - having to shovel snow on some spots on Lower Valley.
- Sent an email to the City about the new operational building
 - i. No concrete response yet.

- Descent
 - i. New descent makes a lot of sense, would extend our network.
 - ii. Will put out YESAB application with the hope of building in summer of 2026.
 - iii. Would ideally be connected to Skyline.
- 8. President's Report
 - Jean-Paul provided a report prior to the meeting
 - See land tenure committee updates and item 11.

Discussion and Decision Items

- 9. Approve SafeSport policies
 - Will go out next week in the e-news.
 - Developed centrally by Nordiq Canada.
 - Need to go through our own policies to see what overlaps and what we want to keep - create a working group to accomplish this (Jean-Paul, Jan D.,...), to complete before the AGM. Will bring this forward at a future meeting.
 - Everyone should be familiar, as well as the safe sport modules
 - Dahria moved to adopt the Safe Sport policies: athlete protection, code of conduct and ethics, discipline and complaints, event discipline procedures, safe sport, screening, social media, and whistleblower as provided by Nordiq Canada. Consensus. Carried.
- 10. Approve Race and Competition Committee Terms of Reference
 - Dahria and Ben provided the ToR prior to the meeting.
 - Chrissy moved to adopt the Race and Competition Committee Terms of Reference. Consensus. Carried.
- 11. Functional Planning next steps
 - Meet with Sport Yukon
 - Meet with KDFN and TKC
 - Meet with the leaders of the other political parties (Kate White and Currie Dixon)
 - Plan will be shared with membership after these meetings take place
 - Meetings will be organized in the next few weeks
- 12. Strategic Plan update
 - Chrissy had a conversation with Jane Keopke, and will meet in the end of January or beginning of February.
- 13. Membership fee structure update
 - Will meet and come up with plan before the March meeting
 - Do some research into other clubs and organizations in and outside of town (other cross country, downhill, etc.) - Leslie
- 14. "Membership" for purpose of insurance
 - People racing who are not a member of WNC or any Nordic Canada Club are not covered by insurance.
 - Includes sanctioned events such as Yukon Ski Marathon and Masters
 - This year Nordic Canada instituted a \$3/day fee to cover insurance
 - We are doing the fee part, but we should also amend our bylaws to cover members who are just participating for the day.
 - Will raise the issue with CCY to amend their bylaws so they all work together and make sense for insurance purposes.

- Moya moved - **Be it resolved that at the next AGM, the WNSS board will put forward an amendment to the WNSS by-laws to include as members for the duration of the race or event, any individuals who are otherwise not members of WNSS or another club under Nordiq Canada but who participate in a divisionally sanctioned race or event.** Consensus. Carried.

Next Board Meeting: February 12th at 6 PM at the CGC boardroom.
Future meetings: March 26, April 16, May 14, June 4.

Adjournment: Jean-Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM