

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: December 14, 2009: Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 64 Logan Road, Whitehorse
MINUTES

Meeting Attendees: Mike Gladish, Doug Knutson, Lorna Hutchinson, Bill Curtis, Craig Thur, Ian Robinson. Pippa Lawson, Tom Ullyett, Anne Kennedy
Regrets: Sue Meikle

Call to Order (Tom) 7:00 p.m

Standing Items:

Previous Minutes (Tom)

Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION** to accept minutes: Bill Curtis. Seconded: Pippa Lawson. Carried. **Action Item** - Lorna will post to website.

Financial Report (Ian)

- Ian presented the financial statements. We seem to be on budget. Memberships are a bit over-budget. Sales are a bit ahead of the last year.

2010 Nationals – (Bill Curtis) Nationals are running on budget. Volunteer jackets have left Quebec and should be here in about 10 days.

Land Tenure Committee (Pippa) At a special meeting of the Ski Club Executive held on December 2, 2009, the general consensus was that the Club would like to make the trails a parkland. We prefer to call it a recreation area rather than a parkland. We discussed who would be the spokesperson for the Land Tenure Committee. If Derrick Hynes is still willing to be spokesperson, we are happy with that. Craig Beatty and Lenore Morris are interested in sitting on the Land Tenure Committee. **Action Item:** Tom will talk to Derrick about continuing to be the spokesperson for the Land Tenure Committee.

Volunteer Yukon - Volunteer Yukon has approached us about making their organization more useful to our club. We have used their services on a few different occasions, but do not feel they have anything to suggest to Volunteer Yukon right now.

Ski Industry Award - The Ski Club has been approached by the Ski Patrol to nominate them for a ski industry award. The Club decided to not award the Ski Patrol this year. This award is a territory-wide award and Mount Sima has also been approached.

Day Pass / Races – it was suggested that we put signs up stating that a race is in progress. People buying day passes may not be aware of this and may prefer to come later when the race is over. A sign may help. Of course, the trails are open during race times, but some skiers may want to avoid the trails that are being used for the races. **Action Item:** Mike will get a sign made up.

Yukon Chamber of Mines – Tom had a meeting with the Executive Director of the Chamber – Scott Kent. Tom and Scott discussed staking on the trails. **Action Item:** Tom will write a letter to the Chamber setting out our position on staking on the trails. He will tell them that right now we are working through the OCP.

Decision / Discussion Items

Creation of Communications Committee & Social Committee – Sue Meikle has not been able to draw up the terms of reference. We will put this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Board Member Liability – Lorna has talked with the Co-operators about this. We are getting a quote on this. Someone from Community Guard (Alberta) will be in the Yukon next month to give a presentation on this insurance. We will put on next meeting's agenda.

Waxroom Expansion – Bill has two quotes on the waxroom expansion. The quote with a basement is \$820,000 and without a basement is \$709,000. The waxroom committee will need to meet to discuss the club's needs for the expansion.

Dog Complaint – the Club has received a written complaint about two dogs that were in the stadium showing aggressive behaviour toward a family. Mike spoke with the owner of the dogs and the complainant. According to the Ski Club's guidelines for addressing aggressive dog behaviour, we have given the dog owner a warning (1st warning). This incident was reported to City By-law and By-law was in touch with the dog owner (2nd warning). Mike will put it on the website that dogs must be leashed in the stadium area. He will also put it out on the website when the stadium is busy – Jackrabbits, children's programs, race days – there should be no dogs in the stadium during these busy times.

Ski Club Liability in Off Season – Grant Macdonald gave us a brief opinion on this subject. Basically we are covered from October 1 – May 1 on our trails. We are also covered in the summertime for ski training. We need to know more specifics about our liability in off-season activities. **Action Item** – Mike and Ian will approach Grant Macdonald to get more specifics about this liability.

Special Ski Club Passes – the Ski Club received a request from a Raven's Ridge resident that the Club have special day passes for Raven's Ridge residents so they can purchase the passes ahead of time so they don't have to drive to the Ski Base to buy day passes, when they can access the trails out their backdoor. This was discussed. We decided we would not create a new form of day passes. Mike will pass this on to that person.

Christmas Day Pass Booklets – the club received a request from a member asking if we could extend the expiry date on the Christmas Day Pass Booklets. This was discussed and we agreed not to change the expiry date. We discussed how the Club is able to assist people who can't afford the passes. Mike explained that we do give a number of ski passes out to groups. Tom will discuss this issue with some anti-poverty groups.

Manager's Report – nothing new to report other than above items.

Program Director's Report (Craig) Dan Reimer has shown proof that his Cansi Level 2 is up to date.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Mt. McIntyre Rec Centre.