

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board Meeting – Mon., November 17, 2008 6:30 pm
Minutes

Present: Tom Ullyett, Jim Gilpin, Craig Thur, Niki Deneault, Sierra VandeMeer, Mike Gladish, Bill Curtis, Ian Robinson, Kelly Cooper

Absent: Doug Knutson, Derrick Hynes, Katherine Sandiford

Recording Secretary: Susan Tinevez

1) Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

2) Agenda amended to include Information Item 15a – CCY Education update

3) Minutes of Oct. 20/08 meeting reviewed and revised as follows:

Item 8 – 2010 Nationals – “Budget needs to be revised” – omit “up”

Item 10a – Coyne & Sons – add note that Coyne & Sons do not want any media coverage.

Motion to accept minutes: Craig Thur Seconded: Bill Curtis Carried.

Action: **Jim Gilpin to email revisions. Mike Gladish to post on website.**

4) Financial Report (Ian Robinson):

Membership total now exceeds 1,000 members. Revenue from membership on target.

Ski swap revenue will be available for December meeting.

Special projects – Arcrite staying within budget for lighting project.

Discussion of Lotteries funding to offset WCCSC costs for lighting project.

5) Business Plan Review/Update: (have only included goals that were reported on)

Goal #1 To maintain high quality ski trails and facilities:

Wax room: Bill met with George White, City of Whitehorse - there are no plans for the facility this year.

Action: **Bill will pursue funding from other agencies and report back.**

Compatible Use Guidelines – deferred to next month (Jim Gilpin).

Risk Management: Kelly and Craig have reviewed present policy, and will discuss their questions with Mike.

Enhance engagement with City of Whitehorse – Mike reported concerns about access to Canada Games Centre, specifically safety for CGC patrons, and disruption of ski trails.

Goal #3 To ensure the continuing existence and economic viability of the club:

Initiate ski host program

Action: **Tom will send reminder to Sylvie.**

Goal #4 To balance the needs of recreational and competitive skiers:

2010 Nationals – Some trail revisions will be necessary. Bill will report on this at Dec. meeting.

Goal #5 To protect the trail network through more secure land tenure.

Main areas of concern identified: prohibit mineral staking; pending claims denied; existing claims not renewed

Three letters circulated and reviewed for approval from board. Letters were approved.

Action: **Derrick will send out letters with these requests to YTG Lands; Energy, Mines & Resources; City of Whitehorse.**

Action: **Mike will contact Coyne & Sons, notifying them of the content of the letters.**

6) Review of email discussions/votes:

a) Exchange program for young skiers – Board agrees to support ski exchange between Club skiers 11 – 13 years old, and Canmore group. This will be a WCCSC exchange, and the decision regarding chaperones for the exchange will be made at the club level.

b) Kwanlin Dun membership – Board agreed to support the Kwanlin Dun joint membership, (\$20 junior; \$100 family)

Action: Add the Kwanlin Dun membership discussion to the fee schedule, for annual review.

7) Dog Policy on McIntyre Loop:

Discussion around concerns of skiers with dogs using McIntyre Loop early in the season, when ski membership relies on those trails (before other trails have been set and tracked). Discussion included general concerns around dog complaints and the possible need for an ongoing committee. At present, there is no ongoing Dog Committee. All complaints are handled by Mike, as per the conditions set out in the Dog Policy.

Recommendation from Mike that all employees and board members must follow conditions set out in the Dog Policy.

Motion to revisit Dog Policy in regards to the McIntyre Loop – Bill Curtis. Seconded by Sierra Vandermeer. Carried.

Action: Craig will start a Dog Committee, to revisit policy and provide recommendations to Board.

8) Sponsorship Policy:

- no concerns from anyone.

Motion that Board accepts sponsorship policy: Jim Gilpin. Seconded: Bill Curtis. Carried. Copy of policy attached.

9) Performance Ski School application:

Concern expressed over insurance issues with this application. To be covered under CANSI insurance, instructor certification must be current. This instructor needs to update CANSI certification (will be done this year).

Board agreed to support this ski school this year, but request that instructor provide his own insurance next year, and provide more information on all future application forms to WCCSC.

Action: Mike will draft letter to Dan Reimer, advising him of WCCSC criteria for ski school support in future years. Craig Thur will sign and deliver letter to Dan.

10) Ski Play Time – new program:

Mike proposed new program aimed at 4-14 year olds, to get kids on skis, in an unstructured, supervised environment. The group would use the stadium area. All details TBD.

Proposal approved by Board.

11) Mt. Mac to Mt. Sima Ski Race:

Proposal from Sue Deforest and Jeannie Burke, to encourage interplay between downhill and x-c skiers. Proposed date is Feb. 15th. Skiers would start at Mt Mac, ski to Mt Sima, and radio to downhill skiers waiting on top of Sima.

Board expressed concern over insurance issues – neither organization is able to cover skiers offsite. Separate event insurance would be mandatory.

Action: Mike to talk to event organizers regarding need for separate event insurance, if WCCSC is going to sanction this event.

12) Board ID on ski trails:

Suggestion from Mike. Tom encouraged board members to see Mike if they want to be more visible to membership, while on ski trails. Discussion tabled to future meeting.

13) Trail lights project update:

Dog/Copper loop is working. North loop and Stadium should be working within the coming week.

City of Whitehorse crews will be coming on to ski trails to install fibre-optic line from CGC to Valleyview reservoir.

14) Signing Authority:

Action: Tom to visit bank to update his signing authority.

15) Ski Base shift for Board members:

Mike encouraged all Board members to spend 15 mins – 1 hour at Ski Base, as part of orientation, to become more familiar with what is going on at the ski club. Emphasis is on observation – no training involved.

15a) CCY Education update:

Mike presented a chart explaining Cross Country Canada, Cross Country Yukon, and the membership groups of CCY. Explanation included discussion of Haywood funding awarded to Yukon, to provide financial support for an Assistant Sports Coordinator. (BC and Alta were the only other provinces that received this funding).

16) ATCO Lease – Final Vote:

Discussion and request for clarification of the following items on lease agreement:

Taxes – should find out in advance what these will end up costing us, before signing agreement.

Provision that trails be restricted to ski use only – would this eliminate trail biking use?

Not registered in land titles office – why is this provision in agreement?

Dates – 5 year, not 6 year.

Action: Tom to follow up on clarification for all items listed above.

17) LTC History project and possible new reserve fund:

Motion that Board approve setting aside funds to establish a Land Tenure Fund: Jim Gilpin. Seconded: Ian Robinson Carried.

History project – tabled.

18) WCCSC Business Model Study: Budgeting

Derrick has exhausted funding possibilities, and is requesting that WCCSC provide funds for this project from its general funds. Projected revenue item of \$10,000 will be struck from budget, and club will absorb this as an expense.

Action: Derrick to provide Terms of Reference for this study, and board will make a decision then.

19) Directors' Reports:

Communications (Kelly): permanent plaque in CGC, thanking volunteers for the CWG, is missing some ski club volunteers' names.

Action: Kelly will look into this and report back to Board.

Social (Niki): next Wax and Wine will feature Marcus Waterreus, who will offer waxing tips for tricky conditions. He will keep it simple. People will be encouraged to bring their skis, and offered hands-on help with waxing.

Action: Niki to put up posters and send out email to club members.

20) Next meeting date:

Monday, Dec. 15th – Grey Mtn room, Mt Mac

6 – 6:30 pm: Pot luck Christmas gathering

6:30 – 8:30 pm: Board meeting

21) Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm