



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 21st, 2022
WCCSC Wax Room and via virtual attendance

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Jean Paul Molgat, President and Chair of this meeting, welcomed members attending the AGM. Ten (10) ski club members were in attendance physically including 3 of 7 board members and both managers. Five (5) members, including board member (Treasurer) Leslie Gomm were in attendance virtually via Zoom.

The Monique Waterreus Award was announced by Alain Masson. The Monique Waterreus Award is an award given to a Junior skier (or Junior skiers) who competed at the national or International level the previous season. Derek Deuling and Sasha Masson were co-recipients of this award for their achievements in 2021-2022. Derek is currently skiing at the University of Alaska and Sasha is training in Quebec.

AGM Agenda

1. Call To Order

Jean Paul Molgat called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of AGM Agenda

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) agenda was presented by Jean Paul Molgat.

Ski club member Grant Abbott requested that a Question and Answer period be added to the Agenda. It was added to the Agenda as item 7.

Motion: "That the AGM agenda be adopted."

Moved by Deb Higgins, seconded by Kirk Potter. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Jean Paul Molgat presented the draft minutes from the 2021 AGM.

No changes were requested.

Motion: "That the minutes of the October 13th, 2021 AGM be accepted as presented."

Moved by Sue Meikle, seconded by Mattias Purdon. **CARRIED**



4. Financial Report (Leslie Gomm, Treasurer)

4.1 2021/2022 Financial Report

Leslie Gomm was out of the Territory however she presented the Club's Financial Report for the 2021/2022 fiscal year remotely via Zoom. Leslie stated that financially the ski club is "doing really well".

A page titled Historical Financial Summary provided historical financial information dating back to the 2012/2013 season which showed the club has had surpluses eight (8) of the last ten (10) years and every year since 2016 when the club last hosted the Ski Nationals. The Operating Surplus for the 2021/2022 season was \$59 233.42.

Printed Copies of the draft Financial Statement as prepared by Ordish & Ordish (received on 2022-09-21) were distributed and discussed and given the capital assets valuation system used by accountants Ordish and Ordish a \$14,480 net surplus for 2021/22.22 was reported.

4.2 Motion to Waive Financial Review

Jean Paul Molgat introduced a motion to request waiving the review of the Club's financial statements, ending June 30th, 2023.

Motion: " That the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club requests the Registrar to waive the requirement set out in 9.(3) of the Societies act Regulations that the financial statement of the club for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2023 be reviewed and signed by a professional accountant.

Moved by Sue Meikle, seconded by Deb Higgins. All in favour. **CARRIED**

4.3 Motion to appoint Ben Robinson as the WCCSC accountant for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Jean Paul Molgat explained to the members in attendance that the board had decided to change accountants and had chosen to hire Ben Robinson based on his work and positive review from other Societies such as Cross Country Yukon.

Mattias Purdon recommended the motion "to appoint Ben Robinson as the WCCSC accountant for the 2022-2-23 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Deb Higgins. All in favour. **Carried.**



4.4 The 2022/2023 Operating and Capital Budget

Leslie Gomm presented the Club's Operating and Capital Budget for 2022/2023.

Printed copies of 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget were available for members to review.

After Capital Expenditures a Net Deficit of \$46 400.00 (-\$46 400.00) is projected.

5. Reports

5.1 President's Report

Jean Paul Molgat prepared a written report, copies of which were available for member to read.

Reading from his prepared report Jean Paul informed the membership of the following highlights of the 2022/2023 season:

- Jean Paul thanked departing board of directors members Stu Hamilton and Sue Johnson;
- Jean Paul thanked staff and volunteers who contributed to another successful year during which most of the core services were maintained despite some Covid-19 pandemic restrictions;
- The board focused on advancing objectives from the club's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan including the following;
- **Improving security of our land tenure:** the land tenure sub-committee met with Yukon government to discuss a more secure form of land tenure than our current License of Occupation. A lease over our trail network is desired. The board wrote to Whitehorse City Council in support of an extension of the mining claim moratorium and was pleased to see that it was extended for another 5 years until July 19th, 2027. The sub-committee also expressed the club's interest in being involved as a stakeholder in the future development of the McIntyre Creek Park which would encompass most of the existing trail network. The sub-committee has also had discussions with the Atco company which owns the land on which the Pierre Harvey trails sit about moving from our current lease of the trails to a more secure arrangement when the current leasing agreement ends in a few years. The sub-committee has also provided input on the Whitehorse Official Community Plan and the Fish Lake Land use Plan;
- **Maintaining and building partnerships with government and other organizations:** the board and management have been engaged with the City of Whitehorse regarding upgrades to the Mt. McIntyre building scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023. Stadium and outbuilding upgrades have been part



of the discussion and the club will be exploring the possibility of having a Functional Plan prepared to assess the operational needs of WCCSC. Board representatives and managers were also engaged with the Canadian Ski Patrol to come to discuss changes to the patrolling agreement however an agreement was not reached and the City of Whitehorse Fire Department will be providing 24/7 rescue service over the trail network for the 2022-2023 ski season. The Ski Patrol may still be involved with specific events.

- **Creating a welcoming environment for a wider diversity of people:** a sub-committee of the board and our manager has been involved in developing an action plan and capturing member demographics. The club is working to establish partnerships with various community organizations to encourage a welcoming of greater diversity within the club and to better recognize the partnership we have with our Kwanlin Dun First Nation neighbour.
- **Addressing Climate Change:** a sub-committee of the board has recruited ski club members who have an interest and expertise with climate change initiatives. The club has committed to tracking our emissions as step towards ultimately reducing emissions where possible.
- **What's next?:** the club's Strategic Plan is due for renewal and the board will begin to prepare a 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The board will also have an increased focus on the objective of preparing the club to host major events such as the 2026 National Ski Championships and the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

5.2 Club Manager's Report

Club manager Ben Poudou prepared a written report and spoke about the changes the club had to make during 2022/2023 ski season to adhere to Covid-19 mitigation.

Highlights included:

2186 memberships were purchased;

Less day passes were purchased than the previous year however daily rental packages increased.

The club employed 6 part time staff in the pro shop and 3 part time trail groomers;

Christine Prescott coordinated the Bunny and Jackrabbit children's programs for 4 to 8 year olds and she also coordinated adult programming;

Fran Nyman coordinated the Lynx and learn to ski program for 9 to 12 year olds;



Brian Horton coordinated the Junior Development Program for 12 to 18 years;

The Ski S'cool program was run once again by Phil Hoffman;

The Free Ski Day was full with a capped limit of 100 pre-registered skiers

The Free Ski Day and Hut to Hut events were canceled due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

The Yukon Ski Marathon took place with 85 adult racers and 60 young skiers.

The Air North Manager's Challenge occurred in February with a return to real orienteering flags and punch cards.

Four (4) Nightspeed races took place.

Ben thanked WCCSC sponsors who contributed a combined sponsorship valued at approximately \$20 000.00:

- Air North (Air North Manager's Challenge)
- Chieftain Energy (Pisten Bully Fuel)
- Northwestel (Jackrabbit programs),
- Morrison Herschfield (Lynx Program),
- EDI Environmental Dynamics (Hut to Hut event),
- Coast Mountain Sports),
- Vector Research (Ski S'cool),
- Icycle Sports (CKRW trail report),
- Dan Shier (snow clearing of the dog parking lot),
- The Wayfarer Oyster House.

Inclusivity efforts involved ordering 2 sit skis in different sizes which will be made available to anyone wants to use them and an event will be held to introduce them to potential users.

Rental prices were lowered for certain program and individual participants and a 21% discount was offered over the Christmas Break and free rental were offered for skiers under 18 during March break.

Approximately \$2000.00 was donated to the Whitehorse Food Bank from Christmas day pass and rental revenue

5.3 Operation Manager's Report

Jan Polivka provided a written Operations' Manager's Report:



Highlights included:

- The purchase of a 2nd Pisten Bully in large part to funding received from Lotteries Yukon;
- The club now has two (2) Pisten Bullys and 5 snowmobiles for grooming however the older Pisten Bully was out of service for part of last season due to mechanical issues so the new Pisten Bully was primarily used after there was sufficient snow around Christmas time;
- 550 hours were spent grooming and grooming ended in late April;
- Widening of the Ascent Trail occurred last fall and other trails were widened to accommodate the wider new Pisten Bully;
- Ten (10) overhead trail lights were upgraded;
- The huts were again closed during the 2021-2022 season for Covid-19 mitigation reasons however it is expected they will be open for use during the upcoming season;
- This September work began on a new 2.5 km long trail between Best Chance Corner and the Gravel Pit that crosses Copper Trail at the mid-way point creating two loops. This ski trail will be dog friendly. This trail will replace the regular grooming of Copper Haul Road which was not an efficient use of grooming resources due to it being a multi-use (motorized) trail;
- Partnership (at the current stage mostly in the form of discussions) continues with the City of Whitehorse to improve the stadium area and outbuildings;
- Renovations for the primary purpose of increasing energy efficiency of the Mt. McIntyre building are planned for the spring of 2023 through the fall of 2024;
- A thank-you to the Community Development Fund, Lotteries Yukon, the City of Whitehorse, Energy North, Contagious Mountain Biking Club, Cross Country Yukon and all of the many ski club volunteers.

6. Approval of new Bylaws

Jean Paul Molgat explained that all Yukon Societies must transition to new Bylaws compliant with the new Societies Act. A committee of the board therefore has prepared new Bylaws that must be adopted at the AGM and then submitted to the Registrar of Societies for approval. At present the club is still operating under our current Bylaws. The new Bylaws, if approved, will be in effect after our current fiscal year ends on June 30th, 2023.

In August 2022 the new Bylaws were announced via e-news with changes explained and copies of the new Bylaws were available at the AGM.



The motion to adopt the new draft Bylaws and submit them for approval to the Registrar of Societies was proposed by Brian Terry and seconded by Kirk Potter. All in favour.
Carried.

7. Election of Executive & Directors

There were no elections necessary since, at present, no one has put their name forward to sit on the board.

The following nominations were approved by nomination and acclamation for the 2021/2022 year:

President	Jean Paul Molgat (nominated by Deb Higgins)
Vice-President	Sarah Murray (nominated by Sue Meikle)
Treasurer	Leslie Gomm (nominated by Kirk Potter)
Secretary	Vacant
Directors	Jan Downing (nominated by Leslie Gomm) Deb Higgins (nominated by Jean Paul Molgat)

8. Questions and Answers

Grant Abbott asked about progress made towards hosting the Canada Winter Games.

Jean Paul informed Grant and the members present that WCCSC vice-president Sarah Murray is working with Cross Country Yukon to recruit and train volunteers and this will have to continue especially if WCCSC wishes to submit a bid to host the 2026 Ski Nationals.

9. Adjournment of AGM

Jean Paul Molgat moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 pm.