



**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting**
Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Teleconference

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dermot Flynn, President
Adam Greenwood, Treasurer
Marcus Waterreus, Director
Stuart Hamilton, Director

Jonathan Kerr, VP
Jean Paul Molgat, Director
Julie McVicar, Director

Regrets

Craig Thur, Secretary

Pamela Brown, Director

Club Management

Jan Polivka, Operations

Ben Poudou, Club Manager

1. Call to Order

Dermot called the meeting to order at 8:22pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda with no additions moved by Jean Paul and seconded by Stuart. All in favour.

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from March 17th and 24th, 2020

Review and approval of the draft minutes from March 17th and 24th, 2020 moved by Stuart and seconded by Jonathan. All in favour.

4. Brian Horton_presentation_30 minutes

This was done before the meeting started. Brian Horton and Maciej Stetkiewicz gave a presentation called Whitehorse Climate Futures from the Yukon College Research Centre. Alain Masson and Dominic Bradford from CCY were also present.

Updates

5. COVID-19_social distancing messaging - Dermot

A board member stated this issue was adequately dealt with and perhaps Ben could send out one more message to members. Another board member stated that persistence is good and he encourages messages to be kind and respectful.

Another board member stated it would be important to add information about trail reports as the conditions are rapidly changing. It would also be good to thank members in their efforts to practice social distancing while on the trails.

6. Meeting with CCY_Ski Nationals bid - Dermot

This item was not discussed.

7. Major event volunteer 'inventory' - Jonathan

This is still on the "to do" list. Jonathan needs to talk to Scott Puskas and Claude. A board member mentioned that Nationals are already determined for next year and the year after, so we may be able to bid for 2023. Julie said Sovereign Lake who was supposed to host this year is not actually hosting next year, so there is the possibility of bidding for next year for Nationals 2021.

8. Policy Governance committee - Jonathan

Jean Paul will send something to the committee and the committee will meet to talk. He will invite Fraser.

Marcus is working on a policy paper – more the priority policies. This is on hold for now.

9. Strategic Planning committee - Jean Paul

They are having a meeting tomorrow night with Travis. Travis will engage with members and stakeholders which will inform the strategic plan. He was going to reach out to Scandinavian clubs as part of the engagement. All engagement will be done by phone. He will outline questions and pose some questions to the club. Member engagement will be in the spring.

Standing Items

10. Financial Report - Adam

Adam wants to bounce a few things off Ben (projections), such as wages. An in depth review is warranted and will be done in the upcoming month.

It will take some time to go through the projections. Adam will also touch base with Corinna.
Expenses are falling off.
Trail improvement coming up in the summer.

11. Club Manager's Report

- Ben

Trails are in good shape.

Lots of positive feedback from Brian's JDP group, Lynx and Jackrabbits.

Brian and Jan had a meeting and he is willing to come back next year.

Lynx program for next year – they are thinking about having 2 different programs. Some of the kids are just learning to ski and some kids have a skiing background. They are brainstorming how to make it more enjoyable for coaches and kids.

The coaching course by Steven (from Quebec) was appreciated.

Ben said doing his job + the Jackrabbit program is too much. For next year, they will either have someone help in the office or take over the Jackrabbit program.

The club used to have an assistant manager.

Dermot said he sat in on a Lynx session and it was impressive. He wanted to sit in on a JDP session but wasn't able to because covid came.

They've sold 560 day passes online for a net income of 7,800. Since March 18th, 200 people have bought a pass online for an income of 2,000. A lot of people are buying passes online.

12. Operations Report

- Jan

Conditions are changing day by day. There is now water on some of the trails. Dog and sundog parking lots is flooded. He's going to groom early tomorrow and he hopes to continue grooming to the weekend. He is not planning to groom skyline this year as it is 6 hours of grooming for a window of 2 hours of good skiing. He has started to close some trails and has a grooming loop that has a mix of green, blue and black trails.

Board member said great work to Jan and Ben on the trails. Lots of positive comments from members.

Jan said we have had 7 months of skiing this year as the first day of grooming was October 6. They would have stayed operational in the same way regardless of covid in terms of the trail grooming.

Discussion and Decision Items

13. Snowmaking

A board member said it would be great to have a discussion about this with CCY and when thinking about 2020-2021 season. Would be important to have long term thinking and partnership with CCY, Sima, and Biathlon.

Adjournment: The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020