



**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting**
Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, 6:30PM
Canada Games Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dermot Flynn, President
Marcus Waterreus, Director
Jean-Paul Molgat, Director

Jonathan Kerr, VP
Craig Thur, Secretary
Stuart Hamilton, Director

Club Management

Jan Polivka, Operations

Ben Poudou, Club Manager

Regrets

Julie McVicar, Director
Pamela Brown, Director

Adam Greenwood, Treasurer

Guests

Alain Masson, CCY

Dominic Bradford, CCY

1. Call to Order

Dermot called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Additions to Agenda:

Item #7A _Atco Lease and #12_Snowmaking

Approval of Agenda with the addition moved by Jonathan and seconded by Stuart. All in favour.

3. Meeting with CCY_Ski Nationals Bid

In 2019 the WCCSC board committed to submitting a bid for the 2022 Ski Nationals.

WCCSC board members, Alain Masson and Dominic Bradford discussed the following:

There is currently a great deal of experience within WCCSC in hosting events however the volunteer cadre is mostly comprised of ski club members who no longer have children involved in racing. There is a need to pass this experience along to a younger generation of volunteers so that WCCSC will be able to host large events in future years.

Two experienced, capable and committed volunteers for the roles of Chief of Event and Chief of Race are absolutely necessary and must be identified prior to submitting a bid to host an event such as Ski Nationals.

Dominic Bradford suggested to the ski club board to ask why WCCSC wants to host such an event and if there is sufficient motivation to do so.

Canvassing previous volunteers is necessary in order to identify who is willing and capable of successfully filling the roles that will need to be filled for an event such as Ski Nationals to be successful.

Alain Masson said that ski clubs in large population centres often partner resources to host large events. For Whitehorse this is more challenging but still possible.

Hiring Zone 4 to run timing is becoming more necessary.

Jonathan and Jean-Paul will meet with Claude Chabot and Scott Puskas to identify existing local volunteer gaps for hosting a large event.

After Alain and Dominic departed for their own scheduled board meeting the WCCSC board continued the discussion of volunteer commitment and there was agreement that providing and training race event volunteers needed to be championed by CCY.

4. Review and Approval of the draft Minutes from January 21st, 2020

Approval for the January 21st, 2020 Minutes as prepared was moved by Stuart and seconded by Jean-Paul.

Updates

5. Special AGM_Combpliance with Societies Registrar

The Special AGM was held on February 12th, 2020 and the 2019-2020 fiscal year financials were presented and filed with Societies the following day. WCCSC is back in good standing with the Registrar of Societies. WCCSC can now receive Lotteries funding.

6. Policy Governance committee

Jonathan informed board and staff that the Committee is planning to meet again on February 26th, 2020.

7. Strategic Planning committee

Jean-Paul reported that CDF funding has been approved to hire a consultant and Travis Armour of Strategy North Inc. will be hired.

Strategic Planning Committee will meet again after Adam Greenwood returns to Whitehorse.

6. Atco Lease

Dermot reported that he engaged with Atco in Calgary to renew WCCSC's lease of the Atco owned land for \$1.00 per year for another 5 years.

In the agreement with Atco, "the lands" are to be considered strictly the footprint of the trails.

Atco should be considered a corporate sponsor.

Standing Items

8. Financial Report

Recent financials were presented on February 12th and the Special AGM.

The board discussed having Adam obtain advice from an accountant as to how much WCCSC should dedicate to an asset reserve and how this reserve should be set up.

Request that Adam determine if the non-profit tax position of the ski club changes with the accumulation of assets.

9. Club Manager's Report

Ben was present however no written report this month.

Membership is currently at 1352.

Day pass sales on line are selling well.

Programs are running later than usual due to the cold weather in January.

The "low key" fun race events have gone well. Food helps this events be successful and Ben encouraged that the club plan and budget for this for future small events. For example, next year it is recommended there will be full meals at each hut in the Hut to Hut event.

Ben suggested planning a future "Beer Fest" event based on eh same model as the Hut to Hut.

The Air North Challenge has been popular again this year.

The Yukon Ski Marathon is on track.

10. Operations Report

Jan was present at the meeting. No written report this month.

The Pisten Bully cost \$3000.00 to repair this month.

A concrete footing was installed for the bridge over Sumanik Drive and a new bridge will essentially be built. The new bridge will be 35.5 cms wider and 40 cms higher than the old one.

Discussion and Decision Items

11. Reply to Richard Legner's letter

Dermot will write a letter to Richard thanking him for his narrative and informing him of the ongoing Strategic Planning and invite him to participate in the process with other members.

12. Snowmaking

The snowmaking reports written the last two years by Alain and then Jan will be posted on the board page.

What are the next steps for future snowmaking?

2019/2020 was a trial year for snowmaking for WCCSC.

The strategic planning meetings should include membership involvement and thoughts about snowmaking.

Jonathan suggested that June 30th, 2020 be the decision deadline for snowmaking by WCCSC for the 2020-2021 ski season.

Jan's snowmaking report should be considered specifically around the aspects of health and safety.

The snowmaking equipment is not currently insured because without a storage facility, CCY cannot afford to insure it.

Summer maintenance of trails also plays a role in the snowmaking discussion.

Adjournment: the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 at 7:00pm (location undecided).