



Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 12th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Outside the Waxroom

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dermot Flynn, President
Craig Thur, Secretary
Marcus Waterreus, Director
Stuart Hamilton, Director

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

Regrets

Adam Greenwood, Treasurer

Pamela Brown, Director

Club Management

Jan Polivka, Operations

Ben Poudou, Club Manager

Guest

Alain Masson from CCY

1. Call to Order

Dermot called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

2. Approval and Additions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda with no additions. All in favour.

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from April 14th

Review and approval of the draft minutes from April 14th 2020 after a few minor corrections were noted and made by Craig. Moved by Jonathan and seconded by Stuart. All in favour.

4. Snowmaking Proposal and Discussion: Alain Masson

Snowmaking at WCCSC is time consuming for CCY staff (primarily Alain) and this coming year Alain may be the only CCY staff member.

An early season snow loop at Mt. Sima is being proposed.

Early November training would be possible at the Mt. Sima location as the location is a north facing area with a colder micro climate than the WCCSC south facing stadium where the ski club currently must make snow. On average the location at Mt. Sima is about 3 to 4 degrees colder in November. Approximately 3 to 4 weeks of early season training could occur at Mt. Sima before similar conditions are ready at WCCSC.

Mt. Sima has a dedicated staff for snowmaking as it is essential to their operation. Mt. Sima also has good equipment and expertise.

A snow loop at Mt. Sima could be made for approximately \$10 000.00.

It is proposed that snow loop passes will be sold for about \$75.00. If 135 passes are sold there will be cost recovery.

The CCY snowmaking equipment would remain at WCCSC for most of the year but be taken to Mt. Sima to supplement Mt. Sima's equipment for the late October or early November cross country loop snowmaking.

It is possible that in future years if the loop is successful that outside cross country ski teams could come to St. Sima to train as some downhill ski teams do.

No YESAB application is required as the proposed loop (at least for this coming season) is on Mt. Sima tenured land.

The WCCSC board was supportive of the proposal and Dermot will write a letter stating so. The letter will also mention that WCCSC does have an interest in a long term snowmaking plan at the Nordic Centre or at another location under the control of WCCSC however WCCSC is not currently ready to undertake this initiative.

Stuart Hamilton mentioned that the Mt. Sima snow loop proposal will be an interesting experiment to determine how much interest there is in an early season snow loop operating with a user pay model.

Updates

5. Major Event Volunteer 'Inventory'

Nothing to report. Jonathan will follow-up with this task.

6. Meeting with CCY_Ski Nationals bid - Dermot

The board was in agreement that enthusiasm for bidding for the 2021 Ski Nationals which Sovereign Lakes has declined to host has been curtailed by COVID-19 concerns and the strong possibility that there will not be a 2021 Ski Nationals.

7. Policy Governance committee - Jonathan

The committee is progressing with its work and Marcus reported that it is reasonable to believe that a policy book will be ready for the start of the 2020-2021 ski season.

8. Strategic Planning committee - Jean Paul

Jean Paul was asked by CDF if the required reporting on the Strategic Planning Funding could be completed by June 30th. Jean Paul inquired with Travis Armour of Strategy North and learned that July 31st was more realistic. Jean Paul communicated this diary date to CDF and it was accepted. The reporting agreement will be amended.

Standing Items

9. Financial Report - Adam

Adam was not present. No written report.

10. Club Manager's Report - Ben

Ben reported that Phil Hoffman will be back with the Ski S'cool in 2020-2021.

Brian Horton will be back with the Lynx and Junior Development Program.

Ben Poudou has signed a new letter of employment to continue as WCCSC manager for an indeterminate period of time.

11. Operations Report - Jan

The Homologation Project will recommence on Monday May 18th with tree cutting work and the trail grading will recommence in August.

Funding has been approved for a (new) electric snowmobile purchase. Energy Solution will be contributing to the cost of the electric snowmobile.

Jan has sold two club snowmobiles and will be selling one more.

The large gas tank and diesel tank in the PB shed are being replaced this spring.

Discussion and Decision Items

12. City of Whitehorse Trail Plan Engagement Meetings

Jan and Marcus will meet with Heidi Redman and represent the interests of WCCSC.

Jan and Marcus will also meet with the City of Whitehorse to review our MOU.

The WCCSC License of occupation for the trails expires in 2024.

Dermot will invite Jeff O'Farrell to the next board meeting.

Adjournment: The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th, 2020