

**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Planning Meeting**
September 20th, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
WCCSC Wax Room

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members

Bill Curtis, President Craig THUR, Past President Jonathan Kerr

Club Management

Corinna Warren, Club Manager Jan Polivka, Operations Manager

Regrets

Bengt Pettersson Adam Greenwood Susan Tinevez
Dermot Flynn Marcus Waterreus

1. Call to Order at 7:08 pm

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

The draft agenda was approved without additions.

3. Review and Approval of June, July and August Minutes

The June 21st, 2017, July 19th, and August 28th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes were approved without any changes with the exception of one minor typographical error in the August 28th Minutes.

Discussion and Decision Items and Updates

4. Proposed “Season Opener” Event

The media has made inquiries about the cancellation of the Ski Swap and Corinna Warren has spoken with Dave White of CBC radio and has explained the reasons for ending the event.

Corinna has created a ‘Nordic Buy and Sell’ site that is linked to the WCCSC website as an option for people wishing to change equipment.

Corinna also contacted the owner of the second hand sports equipment store **“Changing Gear”** and has/will suggest this as another option to people wishing to buy and sell equipment.

Bill Curtis will speak with a reporter from the Whitehorse Star during the coming week about the decision to end the Ski Swap and the planned “Season Opener” event.

The “Season Opener” event and free ski day are planned for November 19th, 2017. Coast Mountain Sports will be involved and there will be cross country skiing related demonstrations in the Grey Mountain room (such as waxing and dressing children appropriately).

Note* On November 4th, 2017, CCY is having an event to demonstrate their snow making equipment.

Updates

5. New membership card system

The equipment purchased has arrived. The new assistant manager Ben Pordou will be tasked with setting it up.

6. Harvey's Hut and Upper Valley Hut

Furniture will be built soon by the Youth Achievement Centre folks to furnish Harvey's Hut.

A Harvey's Hut event will be planned for the first 'Easy Like Sunday' ski day of the season.

Jan will send a letter to YTG Lands Branch as a courtesy in advance of putting up the wall tent on Upper Valley Ridge for use during the upcoming season.

7. Homologation

Mike Norton's report has been received and reviewed by Jonathan and Jan. It will be sent to the rest of the board.

In summary:

D level certification is where WCCSC needs to be to host future national or international events. The club currently has **C level certification**.

To achieve D level certification there are obstacles/problems where a solution would have to be found.

One problem is that the area in front of the chalet is not the minimum 12 meter that is required for race starts. If the club decides to use the north trails for races, a retaining wall would have to be constructed in front of the wax room so that the area could be expanded to meet the minimum 12 meter width.

If the club wish to use the ski stadium and the starting/ending area and the south trails for races then a solution will have to be found for the tunnel under Sumanik Drive which is too narrow for a race event. The bridge over Sumanik drive is also an obstacle but it is a lesser obstacle because of the speed racers would likely be travelling at that point in a race.

If the club wishes to use the south trails and start races from the Telemark Hill then a stadium area would have to be created there.

The final option is status quo and therefore not being a club that could host major events.

Several volunteers are working to determine the “high level” conceptual feasibility of the club’s options. The committee will strive to have these options presented to the WCCSC board in January 2018.

CCY is going ahead this fall with the stadium project to expand the width and length of the stadium to meet the needs of their Long Term Athlete Development plan.

8. WCCSC_CoW_MOU

No updates. Jan and Marcus will meet with the city manager this coming week.

As there has not been any action towards the city building a single track biking line from dog parking lot to join the Porcupine Ridge trail the board discussed the possibility of the ski club building such a linkage.

Standing Items

9. Timeline

All is on schedule. Corinna and Craig will meet with Bengt next week as he is returning to Whitehorse after being away since the spring. Bengt will resume secretary duties.

10. Financial Report

Treasurer Adam Greenwood was not present at the meeting however Corinna updated the board that upon review of the year end financials, the ski club would likely break even for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Capital purchases towards the end of the fiscal year (new website design, the new point of sale system, a new Bearcat snowmobile and Harvey’s Hut going over budget) was the reason that the previously anticipated surplus did not result.

11. Club Manager’s Report

An assistant manager has been hired. The person hired has experience in the skiing industry in France.

Hiring has been completed for the Jackrabbit and Lynx programs and the ski school.

Corinna discovered that the City of Whitehorse Recreation grant was not received this past year and she notified the city of their mistake. WCCSC will receive two grants this fiscal year. One in the fall and one in the winter.

Corinna informed the board that the board will have to decide how best to recognize everyone who contributed to the Harvey’s Hut rebuild.

Program registration starts on October 1st.

12. Operations Report

Jan reported that improvements were done in the Mordor area.

Skyline Trail work is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 24th, 2017.

Volunteers having been working on improvements to the Yukon Ski marathon course.

The club's major equipment inventory will be serviced in the next few weeks.

Next Board Meeting:

TBD

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the wax room.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned 08:52 pm