

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: December 15, 2008
Time: 6:00 potluck, 6:30 meeting
Location: Grey Mtn Room, Mt. McIntyre

Meeting Attendees: Mike Gladish, Kelly Cooper, Ian Robinson, Derrick Hynes, Tom Ullyett, Jim Gilpin, Doug Knutson, Lorna Hutchinson
Regrets: Craig Thur, Katherine Sandiford, Niki Deneault, Bill Curtis, Sierra Vandermeer

Agenda Item #2: Items 8(a) Mt. Sima Board request and 8(b) Syd Horton added to agenda

Agenda Item #3: Approval of November 15, 2008 Board Meeting minutes

Board Lead: Tom Ullyett

Issue Highlights: Minutes of November 15, 2008 meeting:

Action Item – Jim e-mailed revisions to October minutes to Mike. Mike will have posted on the website.

Action Item – Tom will send a reminder to Sylvie about initiating a ski host program.

Action item – Mike has tried contacting Coyne & Sons with respect to protecting the trail network through more secure land tenure. – Bill will discuss further funding to renovate waxroom at the next meeting.

Action item: Mike has written Dan Reimer advising of WCCSC criteria for ski school in future.

Action item: Tom went to the bank to update signing authority.

Motion to accept minutes: Jim Gilpin. Seconded: Derrick Hynes. Carried.

Action: Lorna will post to website.

Agenda Item #4: Financial Report

Board Lead: Ian Robinson

Membership numbers – over budget

Approximate 1150 members

Ski swap – made more than budgeted

Have a good cash flow – Ian suggests putting \$50,000 into a GIC.

Action item: Ian will send his notes and suggestions to the Board, and his recommendations.

Agenda Item #5: Business Plan Review/Update (only included goals that were reported on)

Goal #2 – Kelly will place a copy of the club’s emergency plan in the waxroom (copy attached).

Goal #3 – all board members to review Jim’s e-mail of November 17, 2008 for discussion at next meeting.

Goal #3: #1 & #3 – Derrick has put ads, re: proposals to develop/review Club’s Business Plan. He is estimating that proposals will come in around \$8,000 to \$10,000. We may approach Lotteries about using some funding (for the lights) that we will not need toward the WCCSC management model study. Lotteries suggested that an alternate project should be lights oriented. It was also discussed whether we could apply for CDF funding. The problem with this is that you have to wait for approval before starting the project. It was discussed that this is a very important project and if the Club has to go in a deficit for one year to get this done, we may have to do that.

MOTION by Tom: that we proceed with Business Plan Review as planned, seeking bids, subject to review at the next meeting when we see what the quotes come in at. Seconded: Jim Gilpin. Carried.

Goal #5 – Jim has ordered several LTO searches. There is a lot more land that needs to be looked at to protect trail network.

Agenda Item #6: E-mail discussion: sponsorship of Jackrabbit snacks by Precision Research Services. Carried. Derrick abstained from discussion and voting on this matter.

Agenda Item #7: Mt. McIntyre to Mt. Sima race

Board Lead: Mike Gladish

Discussion Summary: Mike checked into event insurance. He can get this for approximately \$200.00. There was discussion of any downfalls of supporting this event, and there weren’t any.

MOTION by Derrick: That the Board provide full support for the Mt. McIntyre to Mt. Sima Ski Race. Seconded: Doug. Carried.

Agenda Item #8: Friends of McIntyre Creek

Board Lead: Jim Gilpin

Issue Highlights: Dorothy Bradley (from Friends of McIntyre Creek) would like to make a presentation at our next Board meeting on why the WCCSC should join this consortium.

Discussion Summary: It was decided that we would invite Dorothy Bradley to make a presentation to the Land Tenure committee.

Action: Tom needs to convey to Sue Johnson how the Board feels about joining this consortium.

Agenda Item #8(a): Mt. Sima Board request

Board Lead: Derrick Hynes

Issue Highlights: Jody Woodland has asked for any assistance we can give them in preparing Mt. Sima's strategic plan.

Decision: That we can help them out any way we can.

Agenda Item #8(b): Syd Horton

Board Lead: Mike Gladish

Discussion Summary: We discussed whether we should recognize Syd Horton's contribution to the club.

Action Item: We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Manager's Update (Mike Gladish)

- Membership is at approximately 1150.
- Staff Members – Heather, Mike Kramer, Jessie, Scott, Lee, Michael, Kim Winnicky (programs), Linda Status (hired for peak times), Justine Scheck (over Christmas break). Mike had to hire extra help because November was extremely busy.
- The machine that was on loan to Mt. Sima has been returned
- Mike hasn't contacted Coyne & Sons yet.
- Christmas Pass sales at approximately \$2,400
- Day pass sales are doing well.
- Ski Swap – Mike discussed the fact that the ski swap uses a lot of volunteer time and his staff's time for the amount that is raised. We will discuss alternate ideas at the February meeting.
- The Rail Jam set up for April 5, 2009 has been approved. The Board is in support of this being held with all protection put in place to shield the club from any liability.
- Monitoring jumps in the stadium. Mike has been monitoring this. When a jump appears to be too big or dangerous, Mike has the PB mow it down. We will continue to let Mike use his judgment on this.
- Snowboarding in stadium – this is not allowed. Signs need to be put up. The membership needs to be educated about this. Perhaps put in the next newsletters and on the website. If Board members (or general membership) see someone snowboarding, they should tell them to stop. There was some discussion that perhaps next year we could partition a part of telemark hill off for snowboarding.

Action Item: put this on agenda for future meeting.

- Board ID on trails – perhaps we could get something laminated on the back of our passes.

- Trail between Mt. Mac & CGC – Mike will prepare a letter to the City asking them not to advise people to park at Mt. Mac for events in the CGC, because they then use the trail, which shouldn't be used.
- Poker Rally – this was an event that was organized very quickly to promote the new lights on the trails. The weather is too cold. It will be discussed at the next meeting. Perhaps we need to organize something that will include media, politicians, etc.
Action: we will put this on agenda for January
- CGC fibre-optic connection – Mike says this isn't happening. On hold.

Information items:

Agenda Item #9: Tom will report on ATCO Lease in January.

Agenda Item #10: Trails lights project update – about 5 lights to be fixed.

Agenda Item #11: Trail Lights Hours of Operation

Board Lead: Mike Gladish

Discussion Summary: Over the last couple of weeks the lights have been on 7 nights a week. The improved lights probably use less consumption. If enough people want the lights on on weekend nights, we will re-address.

Decision: we will turn the lights off for Saturday and Sunday nights

Agenda Item #12: Dog Policy

Board Lead: Mike Gladish

Discussion Summary: what the terms of reference would be for the new Dog Committee. Agreed it should be broader than just the issues with the Mt. McIntyre ascent.

Action: Derrick and Tom will draft up rationale for the dog policy and forward to the Board members.

Agenda Item #13: WCCSC History Project

Board Lead: Derrick Hynes

Discussion Highlights: Discussed hiring someone through the STEP program to interview people and write up the project.

Action: Derrick will look into the STEP program and bring a proposal to our March meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2009