

Minutes

Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC) Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016
Yellowknife Ski Club Chalet 7:00 pm

Present: John Stephenson (President – JS); Chris Joseph (Trails – CJ); Tania Hercun (Grants & Fundraising – TH); Mark Cliffe-Phillips (Registrar – MCP); Richard McIntosh (Communications – RM); Toby Kruger (Secretary – TK); Greg Littlefair (Facilities – GL); Kevin Hodgins (Treasurer – KH)

Regrets: Damian Panayi (Programs – DP)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

No conflicts declared.

a) *Approval of agenda*

Moved: KH – Seconded: TH – Approved

2. Consent Agenda

a) *Approval of November minutes*

Moved: KH – Seconded: TH – Approved

Note there was no December meeting because quorum not reached.

3. Discussion and Decision Items (*Italicized* items carried over from December)

a) *Motion to approve Syrian Dinner silent auction (JS)*

JS put forward a motion to approve a ski club membership to be given as a fundraiser to the Syrian silent dinner auction. Motion required because policy allows for 2 memberships to be given each year without an additional motion, and this was the third (and unexpected) membership donation.

Moved: CJ – Seconded: MCP – Approved

b) *Door Code (RM)*

RM led a discussion on the best way to inform the membership of future changes in the doorcode. As the door code requires annual reprogramming by a third party, with some lead time, the general consensus was to aim to have the doorcode changed in time for snowshow. Members will receive the code by email when they register their membership on Zone 4. Members should be reminded of this procedure in the newsletter. It was also noted that a sign should be placed by the door informing members that they would have received the code in their email.

c) Program Registration (RM)

No discussion on this topic.

d) NUL Banner - motion to approve banners on the light poles (JS)

JS called for a motion to approve the NUL banners on light poles in the stadium. This was endorsed by the Board, and the Board was reminded that other donors of similar magnitude have an opportunity to be given similar recognition.

Moved: CJ – Seconded: RM – Approved

e) Debrief on CWG meeting (JS)

JS reported that the general meeting held on November 18 to seek the membership's endorsement of the Canada Winter Games 2023 did not reach quorum. A general discussion was held regarding where to go from here? It was felt that the failure to reach quorum at the meeting may have been more likely as a result of lack of engagement of the membership, rather than an opposition to the Board's desire to support the CWG. JS indicated that he, as President, would like to publically speak in favour of the CWG on behalf of the YKSC. He also noted that the much of the infrastructure in place at the YKSC is as a result of a legacy from previous big events.

JS reminded the Board that the types of improvements that would be required for CWG are described in a report prepared for the YKSC and the City by Al Maddox, and include the widening of some trails, widening the ski and biathlon stadiums, augmenting the biathlon range, and adding timing towers. The estimated cost of all the upgrades would be in the range of \$1M. It was noted that the Maddox report should be shared with all members.

It was thought that the best way forward would be to provide the general membership with the background information available to the Board, in an effort to explain why the Board thinks this is a good initiative. The membership would also be given notice that the Board plans to vote on a motion to approve the city's bid to host the CWG on behalf of the entire YKSC. Members will be given an opportunity to provide their feedback and ask questions of the Board leading up to and at the meeting, prior to the vote.

Motion: The YKSC formally supports the bid submission for YK to host the CWG in 2023.

Moved: CJ – Seconded: MCP

To be voted on Monday January 18 at 7pm.

f) City of Yellowknife Grant Application (TH)

TH took the Board through the City of Yellowknife grant application, including the proposed budget for future years. Feedback was received and TH will go ahead and make the application of \$80,000 per year for three years.

g) Snowmobile Restoration fund (CJ)

CJ explained that the grooming snow machines are in need of professional attention, and submitted the attached background and proposal. The upshot of the discussion was that CJ would go over the existing

trails budget with KH and determine whether sufficient existing funds can be allocated to this item. This discussion may be revisited in future, particularly when setting next year's budget.

4. Roundtable Updates

Communications (RM) – Reported meetings with Tait regarding designs for more signage.

Facilities (GL) – Reported that progress on the shed will continue this month.

Treasurer (KH) – Will propose a schedule for setting next year's budget.

Registrar (MCP) – Reported that membership so far is 546, near record.

Secretary (TK) – Reported our *Societies Act* filings are up to date. Will order YKSC toques.

Trails (CJ) – Reported that we need more volunteer groomers, perhaps holding another clinic is a good way to train some more people.

Programs (DP) – Sent in a report by email:

- Has requested all Coaches obtain Vulnerable Sector checks from RCMP. Has provided them with letters indicating that it is for volunteer duties so charges should be waived.
- Working with Karen Johnson to arrange CCC training for coaches. Tentative dates are Jan 20-24 or Feb 17-21, waiting for confirmation from coaches on which works better.
- Has started Loppet planning. Prep is underway to make chili, and will be ordering new trail signs and event swag.
- Frostbite 50 registration is open on Zone 4, event will be on March 19.

President (JS) – Informed Board of \$5000 Terra X grant to be given at community presentation on January 13. TK will accept grant on behalf of club. JS also discussed a proposal to allow fatbikes on the trail under certain conditions (perhaps the day before grooming), but it was felt that the proposal warrants further discussion before a decision can be made.

5. Schedule Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 1.

6. Adjourn

Schedule – Snowmobile Restoration Fund Proposal

Lead: Chris Joseph (Trails)

Background

The club's fleet of snowmobiles have fallen into significant disrepair. In-kind mechanical support has not been successful in maintaining the equipment this season. The lack of reliable snowmobiles now threatens volunteer safety and the ability of the Grooming Coordinator to maintain the trails during the ski season.

The Grooming Coordinator has sourced replacement engines for the older snowmobiles that will require additional funds to purchase and install. The two new snowmobiles also require professional servicing.

The current budget of \$1,500 will continue to be consumed on smaller routine maintenance to the snowmobiles.

Policy or Strategic Plan Alignment

(1) **Obligation to ensure safety of volunteers**

(2) **Timely and effective grooming of trails are essential to the success of the club's events and activities**