

Minutes of the Yellowknife Ski Club (YSC)
Board of Directors Meeting
held Tuesday November 1, 2011 at YSC Building

Attendance: Tim Mercer (President), John Stephenson (Vice President), Dave McCann (Treasurer), Kevin Hodgins (Past President), Brett Wheler (Trails), Karin Clark (Programs), Greg Littlefair (Building), Suzanne Carrière (Communications), Damian Panayi (Registrar), Matt Young (Director at Large), Steve Schwarz (Director at Large), Eve Petersen (Secretary – minutes)

Regrets: Mindy Willett (Events), Sarah Heaton (Volunteers)

1. Opening remarks by the Chair

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

The President welcomed Damian Panayi, Matt Young and Steve Schwarz to the meeting.

The Board appoints to the Board Damian Panayi as Registrar, and Matt Young and Steve Schwarz as Directors at Large.

Moved: DM/KH

Approved

2. Routine business

2.1 Approval of agenda

Moved: KH/KC

Approved

2.2 Approval of minutes from previous meeting: October, 2011

Moved: DM/KC

Approved

2.3 Key correspondence to/from the YSC

Request from NWT Disability Council for Silent Auction (Nov 18) item

The Board will give a gift certificate for a YSC adult membership for 2011/12 to the above silent auction.

Moved: BW/KC

Approved

3. Old business

3.1 Business arising from the minutes

TM and GL are continuing their talks with the City of Yellowknife re YSC Building bookings and rentals.

TM submitted a YSC guest column to The Yellowknifer [was in Nov 11 issue].

4. New business

4.1 Tour by Board of YSC Building led by GL.

4.2 Strategic Plan follow-up – general discussion of list of flip chart headings from the Strategic Plan document - led by TM and JS.

The new mission statement from the Strategic Plan session will be taken to the membership at the General Election Meeting to be held in the Spring.

Moved: DM/GL

Approved

Action items from Strategic Plan discussion:

1. Full Board

All Board members – are to continue to canvas for new Board members.

JS – will compile a binder for all Board members (may be in electronic form).

EP – will do a consolidation of the YSC bylaws and distribute to Board.

Note: the January meeting of the Board will plan the GEM.

2. Paid Staff

KC – will ask past Board Secretary, Rhonda Buckland what information she gathered on the issue of paid YSC staff.

KH – will gather information on how other clubs in town and in Whitehorse approach the issue of paid staff.

3. Fee Model

Deferred.

4. Communications Plan

A Communications Planning Committee was formed: TM (chair), DP, SS, SC, Sandra Mann (email coordinator) and Dot Van Vliet (NWT Ski Division) to be invited.

DP and SS will examine current website and investigate possibility of making website smaller and possibility of automating email and report same to the CPC.

5. Strengthen YSC

The Board discussed a Reserve Fund and priorities needed for: building maintenance, trails equipment and maintenance, a fund for big infrastructure construction and funds for program development.

MY and DM – will look into hiring a consultant for a capital reserve fund study.

6. Programs

KC – summarised where YSC is at for Programs and will report back on further developments.

7. Trails

BW led a discussion of: the state of the ravine, succession planning for groomers and the machines, features of the old and new machines (the new Sherpa is well suited to the YSC site and for the Northwestel Loppet), a 5 year horizon to replace the 3 Alpine machines.

JS reported on discussions with Ryfan who are still working on pre-season preparation of the lighting.

BW – will continue to work on a trails plan for the January Board meeting.

8. Facilities

GL led a discussion on making the downstairs area a members space with change rooms and lockers.

High Performance has their own space but Track Attack does not and this group is growing.

GL – will work on a prioritization plan of capital projects for the December Board meeting.

4.3 Biathlon Cadets

JS – reported on the Cadets Biathlon MOU. The Cadets have their own insurance and will be practising on a schedule as per previous years. The MOU has been signed off by Trails and the YSC will need an invoice.

5. Updates – included above – no separate reports for this meeting

6. Open discussion

The Board supports Thomson D’Hont to the same level as in previous ski seasons for his national team training: \$1,000.00.

BW/GL

Approved

The Board agrees to a request for a Sparks “sleepover at the YSC” event. Note: they have their own insurance.

BW/GL

Approved

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday December 6, 2011 @ Tim’s 7 pm to 10 pm

Note: meeting time extended for the December meeting only – 7 pm to 10 pm to allow for seasonal socializing.