

Minutes

Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC) Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 14th, 2018
Yellowknife Ski Club Chalet 7:00 pm

Present: Tania Hercun, Heather Scott, Diep Duong, Kerry Wheler, Toby Kruger, Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Chris Hotson, Alyssa Titus, Chris Rose

Meeting Chair: Heather Scott (President)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair

1.1. Approval of Agenda

MCP; Kerry

1.2. Declaration of Conflicts

- Kerry - teaches at K'alemi Dene School

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Approval of December Minutes

- Toby; Chris H.
- Chris R. to post minutes on website; Toby to send Chris R. June minutes

3. Information Items

3.1. TerraX sponsorship (Loppet, hot water tank, YkDFN partnership, potentially YK Ski Races) (Alyssa/Diep, 20 mins)

- David Connelly wants us to consolidate our asks in one request (letter); should come up with a list of contributions, and what we would credit them for - based on our sponsorship policy;
- Are we comfortable with having their name on everything they sponsor?; name is Yellowknife City Gold Project (not TerraX)
- encourage us to up our Loppet sponsorship by \$500/year (\$6000 last year)
- John has quotes from 2 plumbers for hot water tank, waiting to hear from electrician
- Diep has an offer from carpenter to do the work for free; need to have plumber in first; need to get a quote for full amount (even though it will be no charge)
- TerraX wants to pay for instructors for K'alemi Dene School lessons (see item 5.1)
- TerraX wants to sponsor Yellowknife ski races day too; we don't have many costs for this event, but could ask for \$1000?; could ask them to sponsor race infrastructure instead (e.g. underground timing wire routing - name on timing shed)?; could easily list them as a sponsor
- what about \$1000 for race suits?;
- indigenous use part of our mandate

Action item -> Toby/John to draft letter to TerraX re all sponsorship requests

3.2. YK Ultimate Club presentation re disc golf course 7:30 pm (20 mins)

- have been thinking about a disc golf course for some time; involves setting up goals; required minimal upkeep or human resources; 700m to 1.5km loop total for course; would be good to expose ski club members to sport; other benefits include usage of trails in off-season; looking to start with 3-hole pilot course and possible expansion to 9-hole course; have scouted potential areas; would involve installing signage (including safety), goals; would not be installing other infrastructure (e.g tee boxes), so to fit with surroundings; confirmed their own insurance would cover YK Ultimate Club events; would like commitment from ski club and to begin installing goals this summer (2019); semi-pro circuit might be interested in coming to the far north!;
- why ski club?; want open space to be safer, and picturesque setting;
- have you reached out to Whitehorse disc golf club re relationship with ski club?; no, but Heather will contact Whitehorse ski club (and cc Eli)
- would you apply for a grant for infrastructure?; yes (\$3-5K)
- insurance for just playing (not events)?; yes would like be used (mostly by YK ultimate members) outside of 2 yearly events, so would need to indicate use at own risk on signage (like a waiver); need to limit risk through policies, signage etc
- could have trail use fees; to discuss
- signage would be permanent?; yes, but could cover seasonally or take down in fall
- baskets would be off trails;
- all dependant on grant applications, so will know in the next couple months; if no grant, would see if the club could afford it without a grant
- would ski club be interested in partnering as a sponsor
- John S.: would need a formal user agreement re use of trails, chalet, insurance, etc.; also needs to be a benefit (e.g. labor in kind, fees);
- would you consider having portable goals and only hosting events?; not ideally
- could Club do some more research into arrangements/relationships in other cities?
- Chris H. as primary contact
- to discuss...

3.3. Events - World Snow Day (Kerry, 5 mins)

- 10-3pm; free trails for the day (Get Active sponsor)
- pancake breakfast
- ski/snowshoe rentals (Overlander/Sissons sponsor)
- need some help downstairs, outside (bindings, ski trail suggestions)
- Action item** -> please contact Kerry if you can help out this weekend

3.4. Events - Sunday Lunches (Kerry, 5 mins)

- been hard to get every weekend commitments
- not much interest from Farmers Market vendors
- could use it as a fundraising opportunity for us or other non-profits to fill gaps
- \$125 fee for vendors; could we waive fee to get more uptake from vendors?; maybe for non-profits, but not vendors?;no complaints about fee, so seems reasonable; would like to have someone for Feb 24th weekend races;
- Action item** -> Kerry will survey vendors to find out if fee is a barrier

3.5. Trails update (Chris H., 5 mins)

- cold temps making it hard to groom (no new snow)
- grooming workshop last weekend went well - 7 or 8 new groomers

- noticing condition of trails and need to make better trail maintenance effort in off-season (e.g. overhanging branches/trees could be cut in spring)
- need to consider annual budget for trail work; could at least add to a fund yearly and plan work every few years
- Greg Littlefair has use of trail machine (?) from Neils Konge

3.6. Sign update (Chris H., 5 mins)

Front Entrance Sign

- mockup entrance sign circulated at meeting
- still want to see alternate fonts

Action item -> Kerry will ask Myka Jones

- sign cost is ~\$1000

Chalet Sign

- needs to recognize Elks Club Youth Center
- a few options for where to put sign on front of chalet (as big as 8' X 8')
- could have just a ski club sign and honor Elks Club Youth Center with a smaller (e.g. brass) sign outside and poster inside w/partnership details

Action item -> John S. will look in his files for partnership agreement for details re recognizing the Elks Club Youth center

3.7. City of YK Grant application (Diep, 5 mins)

- almost done, due at the end of the month
- asking for \$40k/year for 3 years
- need to present to city of YK grants committee
- possibility of applying for Municipal Recreation Facility Funding too (could Grant White for pros/cons)

Action items -> Toby K. to send scanned financials to Diep

Diep will send copy/proof of application to Heather S.

John S. will look up records for information on Municipal Recreation Facility funding

3.8. Ski Club Uniforms (Diep, 5 mins)

- not going with Swix anymore, Craft Canada instead
- have demo uniforms to try out

Action items -> Diep will check with Steve R. before placing order

Diep will start applying for grants/sponsorship from potential corporate sponsors

3.9. Ski Lessons in Fort Simpson (Kerry, 5 mins)

- CC Canada wants to send someone to instruct (i.e. Kerry)

4. Discussion Items

4.1. Dogs on trails (Alyssa, 10 mins)

- recurrent discussion item
- lots of issues (e.g. liability)
- have looked at site for possible areas where it would be appropriate (John S. knows history)

Action item -> Alyssa T. to do some research on what other clubs have done (e..g Silverstar, Whitehorse, Sun Peaks)

4.2. First Aid kit for the chalet (Alyssa, 5 mins)

- member could not find one last weekend
- there are a few in kitchen upstairs, but may need to buy more

Action item -> Tania will ask Sara Beattie (?)

4.3. Drop-in sign w/fees (Alyssa, 5 mins)

- need to update fees on sign outside chalet
- should also have waiver "use at your own risk" on sign
- could have an e-waiver and e-payment through zone4
- CC Canada has e-waiver language we can use/adapt

Action item -> Mark C-P will set up zone4 trail drop in e-payment

4.4. Jackrabbits fees for late registrations (Kerry, 10 mins)

- want to have late fees as a deterrent to late registrants
- late registrants are hard to process, can complicate programming
- could also have firm cutoff date for registration

Action item -> Kerry will talk to instructors to see what option to go with

4.5. NWTRPA Community Leaders Retreat (Kerry, 5 mins)

- idea of supporting a Board member to go (Feb 27-Mar 1)
- Kerry interested

Action item -> Kerry to email blurb + link to info and we can vote over email
Kerry to also look into whether YK1 would sponsor her to go

4.6. Snow machines (Chris H., 10 mins)

- currently we have 2 Alpina Sherpas, 2 Alpines and a bearcat for grooming
- the Sherpas are really the go-to machines; Alpines are hard to service and coming to the end of their life; bear cat doesn't really have the suspension for grooming
- Chris H. has found some machines (DEW) on auction that we could try to surplus from GNWT as a non-profit

Action item -> Chris H. to contact Conrad (JTFN) for any leads

5. Decision Items

5.1. Ski lessons with K'alemi Dene School (sponsored by TerraX)

- principal has offered to bus the kids to the club
- TerraX has offered \$500
- Kerry would want to be paid to instruct, rather than volunteer
- Ski Club needs to decide what to do with money; should go to her instructors; could ask school to pay Kerry to instruct, and \$500 toward trail fees; we could ask TerraX to offer to KDS to pay for it; all users have to sign a trail user agreement (to cover insurance) (which means we should technically have a use at own risk sign)
- for similar events, we've usually asked them to rent chalet and very nominal trail use fee, but this is difficult for a short 1.5 hour event...

-want this to be Ski Club sponsored event (which could lead to members down the road); should still have a booking in the calendar (might have conflicts) and just waive the fee; hourly rental fee?;

Action item -> no decision to make, but Toby and John (?) will add this (sponsorship for \$500) to the letter for TerraX re all sponsorship requests, and we will work out details for ski lessons after

6. Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting: Feb 11th

7. Adjourn