

Meeting minutes

Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC) Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020
Yellowknife Ski Club Chalet 7:00 pm

Present: Heather Scott, Chris Rose, Tania Hercun, Diep Duong, Bernadette Knox, Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Chris Hotson, Alyssa Titus, Mikaela Robertson (guest), Kerry Wheler, John Stephenson

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair

1.1. Approval of Agenda

-motion to approve agenda (Diep D.), seconded (Mark C-P); motion approved

1.2. Declaration of Conflicts

-none declared

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Approval of September Minutes

-motion to approve September 14, 2020 meeting minutes (Tania H.); seconded (Chris R.); motion approved

3. Information Items

3.1. Purchase of new skis and ski rentals (Diep, 10 mins)

-talked to Bill at Overlander re buying skis for rentals; Overlander did not jump at idea of us taking over their rental service; potential issue is high demand for skis right now and Bill couldn't guarantee getting any; could order, but may not get them for this year; Overlander has a range of sizes, but not all (e.g. kids); each set would be \$300 (kids), \$500 (adult); some companies may have past year models and willing to make deals for this sort of thing; let's park this discussion for now; COVID sanitizing etc might make it unrealistic this season; should promote Overlander rentals = free trails too; could also facilitate loaning through Facebook pages;

3.2. Grants update (Diep, 10 mins)

-have applied for GNWT seed funding; should hear back in a few weeks; CCNWT funding application due end of November; put application in to ITI (\$15K) for a staff person; Canadian Tire Jump Start program may be another funder (e.g. skis);

3.3. Ski uniform order (Diep, 5 mins)

-Garneau club still exists, but need to follow up about ordering; still interest in uniforms from members, so will work with Mark on order

Action item: Diep to work with Mark on ordering uniforms

3.4. Trails update (Chris H., 10 mins)

-re-jigged trail (snowflake and wolverine); see new trail map; ~1000 for new signage; summer trail crew is done for the season, and now starting calls for brushing volunteers; will send a blurb for newsletter re trail clearing; damage from city that was servicing

wells, and working with them to repair trails (ruts); city will contact Chris in future (so we've recommended) before accessing site in future;

3.5. Snowmobile insurance (Chris R., 5 mins)

-check Nordiq Canada/CCNWT (Ollie) re liability coverage; Nordiq Canada insurance covers liability for our machines; will get an updated quote for comprehensive (theft, vandalism, etc) for our more valuable machines

3.6. Multisport club seacan (Chris H, 5 mins)

-yellow grooming shed used for groomers storage, etc.; grey shed is used by Multisport club, and loppet stuff; grey shed is falling apart, so looking in to getting seacans (\$4500) and tear down grey shed; can install shelving etc.; this would allow Multisport club stuff to be separate from loppet/YKSC stuff;

3.7. Events Update (Kerry, 10 mins)

-snow show a no-go; have been in touch with HP re fundraising (silent auction is off), but will do waxing; idea to have a few ambassadors available to be contacted to coordinate (new) members' questions; swap page linked on YKSC Facebook page – like and spread please!; membership registration online is up already; rest of the years' events up in the air for now; free trails will be offered, maybe bring a buddy days; more ideas welcome!; more “non-loppet” loppet events (e.g. complete your own x, passport/bingo to complete different loops); frostbite bootcamp (training) idea;

3.8. Land Tenure update (Heather, 5 mins)

-talked to Ryland, who talked to Lands; unless things change with the land withdrawal by 2026, our lease will be renewed; next step to talk to Rebecca Alty;

4. Discussion Items

4.1. YKSC COVID-19 Safety Plan (Bernadette, 20 mins)

-6 copies for whomever wants them; not a final plan; this plan will cover programs, membership chalet use; will keep updating plan (living document) monthly and have tried to future-proof it (e.g. current public health orders); will keep members updated when there are revisions; we can apply for exemption for chalet, but can manage outdoor programming using coaching “zones”; will create a few more trails access points (e.g. by shed, path to biathlon range); creating a set of guidelines for us to follow (e.g programs, operations);

Action item: Mark will forward Multisport Club safety plan to Bernadette

Action item: Tania will share plan with Kevin Durkee (HP coach)

4.2. School skiing info sessions (Bernadette, 10 mins)

-have talked to some people about doing an afternoon info sessions at schools; can also send resources/materials to teachers; not sure what age(s) we'd want to target; could have a few day events (e.g. intro, loppet) and volunteer coaches; most schools have skis, and this seems like an easy way to promote the club and start em young!; can look into funding opportunities, and will talk to Ashley Deavu, others re costs; tricky with times available for students to participate in this;

Action item: Kerry and Bernadette to work on this together...

4.3. Purchase more groomers (Tania, 5 mins)

-maybe 2 or 3 in the shed; guerrilla groomers could use more to borrow; wondering how many we had and if we should buy more; have an original that can be copied (by Kimberlite Center) and bought for a few hundred dollars; have one loner currently...

4.4. Purchase wall tent from Sissons (Tania, 5 mins)

-we can borrow it for the time being; will have to control use re COVID; great idea to have a destination/warming tent; will have to have occupancy rules, etc.

Action item: Chris H., Steve Reitsma to figure out location of tent

5. Decision Items

5.1. Motion to approve Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (John S.); seconded (Chris R.); approved

5.2. Motion to allow the Yellowknife Multisport Club to store and use a seacan on the YKSC site, in accordance with the Fees and Charges Policy and MOU (John S.); seconded (Chris H.); approved

5.3. Motion to appoint Mikaela Robertson as YKSC Secretary for the remainder of the 2020-21 season, effective November 2, 2020 (Bernadette K.); seconded (Chris R.); approved

6. Schedule Next Meeting

-Monday, Nov.2

7. Adjourn