**Minutes**

**Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC)**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, January 4, 2021

Yellowknife Ski Club Chalet 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair**
   1. Approval of Agenda – moved by Kerry, seconded by Mark (approved)
   2. Declaration of Conflicts
2. **Consent Agenda**
   1. Approval of December Minutes – moved by Tania, seconded by Kerry (approved)
3. **Information Items**
   1. **Financials update** (see attachment) (Tania, 5 min): On financial documents it looks like membership went down between this and last stmt. - that is because Tania reallocated membership fees that were under ‘membership’ to the appropriate programs.

John: asked what has impact of pandemic been. Tania: fewer events, but net is 65 to the plus – we are making up for rental loss through gains in membership. Also, school bookings are coming in the spring, heating issues were addressed (so heating costs less). Insurance cost has gone up (so has insurance everywhere) - paying $12,520 (commercial insurance for building, and comprehensive/liability for snow machines). And city grant money will be coming in next couple weeks. Overall in great shape financially.

* 1. **Trails update** (Chris, 5 min): Equipment running well. Snow for a couple spots would be good. Need to pick date for grooming workshop – some new people expressed interest. - Strategic plan has two action items re trails (numbers 8 and 9) that will work on. Report from pre-Canada Games has good trail improvement tips.

**-** Heather mentioned some complaints re grooming. Chris gave overview of why groomers groom when they do: can’t go too often when not much snow or make it chunky. **ACTION ITEM:** Sara will include this info in newsletter for info to members.

**-** Icy overflow area – **ACTION ITEM:** need to put up caution sign.

**- ACTION ITEM:** Chris will get a sandwich board made saying to public that tracks are being set, and asking skiers to give groomers right of way and to not follow - mon, thurs, fri is when groomers out

* 1. **Events update** (Kerry, 10 min): SKIGO cards coming in – people have enjoyed it – John approached Blatchford who usually do annual donation to club – we will team up with Blatchford and offer trip for two as grand prize for SKIGO. Jan 17 is last day. **ACTION ITEM:** will put this info on FB and newsletter.

**-**Will be another round of SKIGO in spring – prizes will be spending spree at Overlander, and prizes at Can tire for juniors.

-World snow day free ski: normally have rentals but can’t this year because COVID . There will be trail snacks at trailhead for people to take along the way. **ACTION ITEM:** Sara will add a call out for volunteers in newsletter

- Loaned skis over break at Sissons. People were enthusiastic – maybe will do again at March break. - Races: March 20/21

1. **Discussion Items**
2. **Biathlon programming (Doug Lockhart),** 10 min: Doug Lockhart attended to provide an overview of what he has been organizing with biathlon programming. Doug is keen to start coordinating the program. So far there are 4 coaches (not biathlon certified); 7 athletes (most days get 4/5 come). Meet wed and thurs 19:00-20:30 and sat 1-3. Equipment: 18 riffles (2 broken, 2 left handed ones), of remaining 14, 2 are missing bolts, which are in Hay River. Therefore, there are 14 serviceable right-hand rifles (junior to adult size) – they are in good shape (cost $80 each typically).

-There is space to take 4-6 more athletes who match the size of the remaining rifles.

-The possibility of doing a camp/coaching clinic was discussed.

-Biathlon range is pretty good. Some painting maintenance could be done in summer

-Tania mentioned that there are funds for the biathlon program, which she will send to Doug (around $2000/yr.)

-John asked about insurance. Doug explained the participants are registered with Biathlon Canada. The kids can register as individuals because they are not competing.

The club itself has to be registered with Biathlon Canada, and each athlete has to be registered as well. There was discussion of asking Cross Country NWT to connect with Biathlon Canada.

**ACTION ITEM** (Heather): follow up with NWT Biathlon on above items; and sort out insurance requirements.

John discussed that if we are going to hold a training event, the board should approve that event; and because the event would be using our trails, we would need to notify Cross Country NWT. **ACTION ITEM:** Kerry volunteered to work with Doug on the biathlon events side (determining/seeking relevant approvals etc.).

Kerry also raised the possibility that the TSC may have grant program, and suggested asking Cross Country NWT to assist in getting that info

1. **Loppet** (Alyssa, 15 min): we still have the swag from last year so will take less planning on that front. We discussed how the loppet will need to be modified because of COVID. Discussed that there will likely no gathering in the chalet after. Snacks/support on route will likely look different. People cannot be gathering for food in the wall tent. We discussed that perhaps the shorter (15 K) loop with staggered start times would work well. It was also suggested that we could use a route that ends back at the club. In terms of snacks, cookies could be provided in baggies; water should also be available. People could also print out their own bibs. The possibility of using chips was also raised (instead of bibs). This could decrease the number of volunteers required. If chips were used, we would need to have a drop off location in town in case people got off the trail during the race. The date will remain March 28

- **ACTION ITEM:** John suggested creating volunteer committee to help with planning, and offered to be on the committee. Sara will also send a call-out to get volunteers around 6 weeks before – and Alyssa will look for people to help (John and Mark offered)

1. **Programming and Chalet rentals** (see attached email) (Credence, 15 min): track attack, tues and thurs 5:30-6:30 – had two scheduling conflicts with the cleaners after chalet rentals – They wanted to be in the chalet as it is cold, but couldn’t be because of COVID plan. They are worried it could impact amt. of programming that could be offered and suggested options to address it. – We discussed that rental times vary, so hard to say if will be issue going forward. Committee (COVID sub-committee) will address this and keep eye on schedule. **ACTION ITEM:** Credence will follow-up.
2. **Insurance** (Tania/Mikaela), 10 min

-Snowmobile insurance is paid for now – includes comprehensive (in case of theft etc.) and liability. This is in addition to the liability coverage through Nordiq Canada.

1. **Decision Items**
   1. Motion to add Mikaela Robertson and Diep Duong as signing authorities for the Yellowknife Ski Club (moved by John, seconded by Kerry; approved).
2. **Schedule Next Meeting –** Feb 1, 2021.
3. **Adjourn. -** Moved by Tania, seconded by Alyssa; Approved.