**MINUTES**

**Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC)**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday March 7, 2022

Virtually at 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair**

**Present: John Stephenson, Heather Scott, Diep Duong, Kerry Wheeler, Chris Hotson, Bernadette Knox, Ashley Janes, Yvonne Pike, Aida Nciro, Mark Cliffe-Philips**

**Also present – Jenn Stranart**

1. **Consent Agenda – Kerry, Second Ashley**

2.1 **Approval of February 8, 2022 Minutes –**

1. **Information Items**

3.1 Adult Ski Lessons – (Jen Stranart) – Certified instructor for private lessons. Originally ski club was not part of the lessons plan but as there was funding through the ski club has been reaching out to the ski club to see what club wants from Jen for funding. Still do not have clarity. Happy to do independently or with ski club.

Heather – Are we open to Jen giving lessons at the ski club independently?

Kerry – Evolution of ski lessons has been over the last few years based on the people available to teach. Two possibilities – 1. Ski club expands offering and includes Jen 2. Jen does it independently, this would require some sort of agreement. – Function of the chalet is not for businesses to benefit monetarily, necessarily.

John – over the years interest in lessons has always exceeded ability of club to deliver. If there are other formats for ski lessons that would be welcome.

Kerry – If Jen is interested in being the coordinator for lessons the Zone 4 software could be a way to streamline the process.

Mark – In terms of Zone 4, we use this because it links insurance and trail fees to the registration.

Jenn – Have not been putting a lot of word of mouth out but there is lots of demand.

Ashley – comms is receiving lots of emails from people seeking lessons.

Heather – We will continue the conversation and get back to you.

* Jenn departs –

- Yvonne – it is important that if she does offer lessons with the ski club she takes on some of the coordination

-Heather – these lessons are quite different, they will be more expensive for example

-Diep – we could try it as a pilot project for a year

-John – We venture into a new sort of relationship with people when we start to pay people. These discussions should probably be in-camera. This should be in place for next season, my preference would be to expand the available options for the club.

-Mark – it might be worth reaching out to Whitehorse to see how they manage their private lessons. It is helpful that Jenn has her own insurance so our association can be fairly loose.

-Heather – it is a big paradigm shift if the ski club allows someone to provide paid lessons on the trails independently. The club can benefit, though, from the people who would be attracted to the club.

-Mark – We should be careful about creating an employment relationship because we need to be concerned about EI, WSCC etc. The difference between and employee and an independent contractor is relevant.

-Discussion regarding how much is required of Jenn because she received funding for instructor course

Kerry – maybe we should say she no longer needs to volunteer

Diep – supports deciding that Jenn has done her time.

John – these details should be ironed out at the outset of these arrangements. We should document whatever we do for Jenn.

3.2 Events Update – Standing Item (Kerry)

- cold weather in March is potentially going to cause problems

- Looking at coming weekends we have “Paths?” in Hay River

Alyssa – could move to weekend of April 8th/9th

3.3 Loppet Update – (Alyssa)

-coming together decently, Sarah Beatty is co-coordinating, volunteers are coming together. Back to traditional Vee Lake course. Opted not to do the chili lunch.

-Encouraging people to eat local but no sit down eating events.

1. **Discussion Items**

4.1 Ski Club Gear– (Diep) – is $100 too much to ask as a deposit for ski racing suits?

Kerry -We don’t have enough suits to give them out for the year. It worked well for events to have someone in charge of distribution and collection. This should be a parent volunteer job.

Heather – programs can work the system for sign-out out.

Diep – touques and headbands are in. Does the board need to make a decision about how much to sell them for?

Heather – We probably do not need a motion for this. We talked about $25-$30 before.

4.2 COVID 19 Protocol for Remainder of Year – (Bernadette) - There are no longer any public health measures other than mask wearing. Currently proof of vaccination and covid-exposure plan. 3 options:

1. Maintain current rules until end of snow season

2. Remove exposure plan for building +/- removing vaccination policy

3. Some blend of 1 and 2.

-Alyssa – we should follow what the city and rest of country are doing. Vaccination does not seem to reduce transmission. We should informally continue to have programs run as they are.

-John – preference to keep things as they are vaccinations/masks etc. Has not interfered with programs overly. Still believe that vaccinations make it safer for everyone involved.

-Kerry – removing the vaccination requirement will not harm the ski club and we are at the part of the season where we want to be outside anyway. The only piece we are looking at is removing the proof of vaccination policy

-Alyssa – removing the vaccination mandate is not going to change much anyway. The important part is to not have huge gatherings.

4.3 Board Continuity – (Heather)

4.4 Would the YKSC support the ski at school program to pay the cost of chalet rental as in kind if our outstanding grant applications are not approved? – (Kerry)

- John – how many days of Chalet use?

-Kerry – April 4th to 8th but details still need to be worked out

-Yvonne – there are conflicting bookings

-Kerry – we probably will not need the chalet

1. **Decision Items**

5.1 Ski Club Gear – (Diep) – no motion necessary

5.2 Alyssa – motion that we allow Jenn Stranart to offer Adult lessons privately for the remainder of the season. She will be able to access the chalet and trails. All users will be required to pay daily trail fees for each day of use or be a YKSC member. She will be in charge of all determining the value & collection of all registration fees, insurance, waivers, etc. Seconded Kerry - motion passes. John opposing

-Significant discussion regarding the details related to provision of ski lessons.

-Concern from John regarding lack of detail

-Original motion contained contract and fees but eliminated for the purposes of a pilot project

5.3 Alyssa – Motion to rescind vaccination mandate and to follow all other public health guidelines. Aida- second

-John motions to postpone motion to April meeting Second Mark -passed

5.4 John Motion to waive chalet and trail fees for purposes of school program – Kerry Second – motion passed

1. **Schedule Next Meeting – April 4th**

1. **Adjourn - Aida Motion to adjourn, Bernadette Second**