



Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Executive Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 27, 2004

Attending:

Sibylle Acton	Melissa England	Greg Poirier
Laurie Remple	Ken Lyle	Greg Gourlay
Ken Perry	Blaine Richter	Eric Chislett
Ken Lumbis	Grant Bourree	Peter Boutilier
Gord Meyers	Blair Burrough	Chris Burrough
Marlene Cooper	Pamela Chislett	Garry Stone
Steve Magusin	Shirley Olson	Doris Gordon

Meeting called to order at 4:13 p.m.

Grant called the meeting to order. This was a good season for the club. There were a record number of participants, and at least 400 newsletters have been sent out. Members of the club participated in both the Arctic and Alberta Winter Games!

Minutes from Fall AGM

Gord Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 29th 2003 AGM. Seconded Eric Chislett. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- There is no new business at this time. The fee increase is attached to the agenda. The increase in utilities and insurance has prompted the fee increase. The executive feels the operating cost need to be covered by membership fees. An early bird discount will still be offered.

Financial Report – Gord Meyers

- The budget is presented as distributed. Not included in the budget were a grant of \$3,000 from the Sons of Norway and \$1,500 from Weyerhaeuser. It is expected that the final income will be \$40,000 and the expenses \$50,000. Gord presented the utility costs for the last few years. (attached to budget) The propane bill appears to be more expensive than the power. *Should the new executive consider natural gas as an option? The new executive should also review the light schedule.*
- **Blaine Richter made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Greg Pourier. Carried.**

Director's Reports

Trails – Eric Chislett

- There were significant improvements in Blue Moon and the Burgess Course this year. The 2 trails got high ratings this year. A snowshoe trail was opened. There is more work to be done at the north end trails. Right now the trail committee is working on plans for around the stadium – lodge, parking lot, stadium. There have lots of suggestions to improve the area. Please fill out the form that is in the newsletter asking for input for trail improvements. The trail committee is always looking for volunteers for work parties.



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Equipment Maintenance/ Trail Grooming

- There has been excellent trail grooming this year. Thanks to Greg, Eric, Blain, Steve, Ken, Shirley and Don and all the other volunteers.

Biathlon

- Biathlon had a good year. There were 16 athletes this year who participated in numerous events.(Arctics, Alberta Winter Games, Provincials)

Technical Director - Blaine

- The junior skiers were busy this year. They attended camps in Lake Louise and Hinton, hosted a Christmas camp, (19 skiers and 5 coaches) and a level Coaching Course. In January they traveled to Athabasca to qualify for the Arctics. Three athletes achieved their personal best in Fort Mac at the Arctics.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Due to the weather both the Biathlon Race and Loppett were cancelled.

Facility and Lodge Coordination – Ken Perry and Marlene Cooper

- There have been over \$3000 in lodge rentals this year. Already there are a lot of rentals for the summer. There may be a need to purchase some more comfortable chairs. The blinds will be fixed. The propane tank has been straightened. The new light pole for the parking lot will be fixed.

Ski Development – Shirley Olson

- Adult lessons were very busy with 4 instructors! Dave Lincoln had about 50 jackrabbits and 9 instructors. The income exceeded the expenses. The skiers had skis for the winter. Next year they will be going to the level system. It was a very successful year!

Social Programs

- There was a good turnout at the moonlight skis. Weyerhaeuser provided funding for these events.

Marketing – Ken Lumbis

- It was great to have snow at the season opener! There may be a few more expenses to come in – there is an ad highlighting the trails for summer use. Suggestions came from members to update the website and use it more. Suggestions were also given to use email and electronically sent the newsletter rather than mail.
- Liability signs have been completed and posted. There are concerns about liability for summer casual users.
- How can we get more coverage on the radio? Nighthawk seems to get coverage.
- The new membership cards were a good idea but they didn't really get the usage. Blaine had hoped that we could get a record of the trail usage. Some money will be coming in through the sponsorship of the card. *The new executive should consider how to best use these cards.*

Fund Raising

- We were successful in getting grants from the Sons of Norway and Weyerhaeuser. Funding was received for the Christmas Camp and the coaching clinic. The cheque



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from Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife (\$1,000) was used for buying new skis.

Member at Large – Steve Magusin

- The newsletter for the bike club is out. The Bike Club AGM is March 31st. Steve has detailed maps of the trails.

Past President – Gord Meyers

- The 'Keeper of the Plan' report was presented by Gord. This year the staff position focused on program development. There continues to be a focus on Multi-Season participation.
- The club is trying to increase partnership with other in the community. (i.e. Bike Club) The partnership with stores in town could be improved. Valhalla Pure has promoted the showshoe group and a Monday night ski group. Ernie's has considered giving a map, coupon and membership form to people buying skis. The new Sports Traders is interested in promoting the club.
- The parking lot needs a lot of gravel on the top.
- There is an issue of lodge and trail security if the gates are open in the summer.
- *Check into the Scouts approval to widen their road this summer.*

Grant thanked all of the executive and volunteers who have made this such a successful year. We are now the largest cross country ski club in Alberta.

Pam Chislett made a motion to accept the Director's Reports as presented.

Seconded by Blaine Richter. Carried.

Nominations for New Executive

Grant clarified that the Directors are part of the executive and help with the governance, while the program coordinators are not on the executive but operate the programs.

Nominations

Trail Director	Eric Chislett
Biathlon	Michael Morgan
Technical Director	Blaine Richter
Facility Manager	Ken Perry
Ski Development	Shirley Olson
Marketing	Ken Lumbis
Lodge Coordinator	Marlene Cooper
Bike Club	Steve Magusin
Volunteer Coordinator	Jocelyn Morgan
Past President	Gord Meyers
President	Grant Bourree
Secretary	Doris Gordon
Jackrabbits	Cory James
	Ken Alton
Social Programs	Sibylle Acton

Pam Chislett made a motion to accept these nominations. Seconded Greg Pourier Carried.



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The following positions still need to be filled. If anyone is interested or knows someone interested please contact the executive.

Treasurer
Equipment Maintenance/Trial Grooming
Fundraising
Vice President

Fundraising – Blair and Chris are considering this.

Laurie Remple – will be the Wapiti Strider representative.

Sub-Committees: Peter Boutilier would like to be on the Trail Committee. Ken Elton and Shirley Olson would like to do a Racing Rabbits program.

Auditors: Two volunteers are needed to go through the books with Colin. Greg Gourlay and Garry Stone volunteered.

A question was raised regarding summer memberships. The memberships are a result of liability issues. Members would be covered by our insurance.

There was discussion around the idea of a Grande Prairie outdoor club. Our focus now continues to be the WNSC but we want to recognize the connections to other clubs that use our facility.

Grant called for a motion to adjourn.

Blaine made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Lumbis. Carried.