

**Wapiti Nordic Ski Club  
Fall General Meeting  
November 2, 2005**

**Attending:**

Kim Alexander	Claire Richter	Michael Morgan	Marlene Cooper
Blaine Richter	James Proudfoot	Ken Alton	Ken Perry
Cori Janes	Grant Bourree	Gord Meyers	Eric Chislett
Chris Burrough	Blair Burrough	Doris Gordon	

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Welcome**

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Club is set for an exciting season with snow promising soon! There are great programs such as Jackrabbits and Chicks returning, and Biathlon and Cross Country getting ready for the Arctic and Alberta Winter Games.

**Review of Agenda**

**Minutes from Spring AGM – April 2, 2005.**

Blair made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Michael. Carried.

**New Business**

- Arctic and Alberta Winter Games - The Arctic Winter Games are being held in Kenai. The X-C venue is at a school with the trails at the school. The Alberta Winter Games will be in Hinton.
- Alberta Cup X-C Race and AWG Qualifier - The Alberta Cup Race has been accepted. The race is scheduled for January 7 & 8. It will be a qualifier for the Arctic Winter Games and the European Tour.
- Officials Clinic – Cross County Alberta is hosting an Official's Clinic at the Lodge Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be Level I and II and a Level II refresher course. Grants and donations have been received to cover the cost of the program.

**Financial Report – Blaine**

Blaine reviewed the distributed budget. Currently there is \$90,022 in the bank account (joint fundraising, casino and chequing account). There is still 2/3 of the casino money to be spent over the next 2 years. Staffing has not been shown on this year's budget. The capital items wish list includes more grooming equipment. The orange Alpine has been rebuilt over the summer.

**Cori Janes made a motion to accept the budget with an amendment to include the cost of staffing starting November. Seconded James Proudfoot. Carried.**

## Director and Coordinator Reports

- Trails – Eric. This summer's projects were the biggest since the Canada Winter Games and the planning has been going on for many years. Eric thanked the many people who provided input into the planning. The costs for the improvements would have been approximately \$75,000, but with support from businesses and grants the cost was \$10,000. At the last meeting a motion was passed to offer a membership to those who had helped with equipment for the projects. Thanks to Gary Boyd who is the person behind arranging most of the labour and machinery! Thanks to the club members who volunteered, especially Franco Carlacci and Ken Alton. Grant thanked Eric for organizing the trail improvements.
- Equipment and Maintenance – Ken Alton. Ken Perry arranged for the new engine to go in the orange skidoo. If you have any concerns please email Ken.
- Biathlon –Michael Morgan. The program started in mid-September with dryland training. There are 12 returnees from age 13-50+. All the air rifles are being utilized. Packages are ready for the Biathlon Bears in November/December. A clinic will be held next weekend for Biathlon Bears. A race won't be hosted this year. A team is being put together for Arctic and Alberta Winter Games. The Cadets are holding their regional race here this weekend.
- Facilities – Ken Perry. There are ongoing things that are being looked after. A few things are left to do, but nothing major. The old chalet received a new roof this summer. Thanks to Ken and Cori.
- Jackrabbits – Cori Janes. Cori distributed a report. One highlight was the Canada Day Parade. Jackrabbits, Bunny Rabbits and Adult lessons are all Saturday morning, and start January 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet for adult lessons in the lodge. The Beckie Scott Sprints will be February 11<sup>th</sup>. Cross-Country Alberta has initiated a Go Girl Initiative - a non-competitive program. We have received another grant from the Sons of Norway to purchase additional skis. Complimentary ski rentals can be extended! Cori will be selling dog bone wreaths for \$10 as a fundraiser.
- Track Attack – Blaine and Claire. They started dryland training a few weeks ago, and will go Tues. and Thurs. when there is snow. There are 14 athletes, some from Tumbler Ridge. The Arctic Winter Games will be the main focus. The qualifier race is the GP race. February they are going to St. Albert. The November long weekend is the early snow camp in Lake Louise. Blaine is working on a day trip to Tumbler. The Christmas camp is the 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, with the 29<sup>th</sup> being a qualifier race for Zones. Twenty to thirty people are coming from High Level. Claire will be mission staff for the Arctic's. Blaine has set up a tentative 6-pac schedule but he is looking for organizers. Email Blaine if you want to help. Chicks on Sticks will start this Monday. They will be walking or running until snow. Mon. and Thurs. at 6:30 (wax), 7 (technique) and 7:30 ski. Walk at 7:30.
- Marketing – Ken has the Season Opener set for November 27<sup>th</sup>. The radio station has been booked; the ski swap is on as well as other

activities.

- Lodge Coordinator – Marlene Cooper. The lodge has been rented for 25 events, with over \$8,000 in rental. These have ranged from meetings to family gathering to weddings.
- President – Grant Bourree. Grant thanked our sponsors including Weyerhaeuser (\$4,000 for trails), Pursuit of Excellence (\$1,500 for coach training) and Sons of Norway (Jackrabbits). Thanks to all the volunteers who come out and make all the programs work! Proposals for the canteen are to be presented at the next executive meeting.

Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Gord.  
Carried.