



Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Executive Meeting

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Attending:

Grant Bourree	Blaine Richter	Ken Alton	Cori Janes
Claire Dulac	Eric Chislet	Ken Lumbis	Marlene Cooper
Laurie Rempel	Doris Gordon		

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Summer Programs – Claire and Cori

Cori and Claire have prepared a pamphlet and asked for suggestions and ideas. If signs are posted that the trails are for members then we should be ok for liability issues. The organized groups are:

- Mountain Bike Group (Steve)
- Valhalla Hiking (Duretta/Phyllis M/W)
- Running Group (Laurie T/TH)

Claire has contacts with groups and will ask leaders to get members of the organized groups to apply for summer memberships. The question of these groups using the lodge was discussed. Marlene already has many nights rented out. Could the group leaders open the lodge? Would there be enough income to consider a paid summer position? Could we consider a few nights to always have open? Could we set up metal boxes for fees? Blaine has agreed to collect the mail and send out membership cards. Cori has a sample of a newsletter she would send out to summer members. The water for now will be turned off except for rentals. Cori will post membership pamphlets at the 3 entrances. How will we get memberships? Should we consider a one day event – selling memberships, hot dogs, free passes – to sell memberships? We should consider having the lodge open M/T/W evenings, coordinated with Marlene so we don't interfere with rentals. Ken A. will look at getting a lock box. **Cori nominated Claire to be the Summer Coordinator, seconded by Ken A. Carried.**

Approval of Minutes from March (issued by e-mail)

Motion to approve minutes by Ken Lumbis, seconded Ken Alton. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

- Trail Upgrade Plan/ Summer work – Eric. The emphasis will be on the stadium area. Eric highlighted 5 priorities (out of 30). The .7 Jackrabbit trail has been cleared.
 - Underpass – this may involve a 2nd roof to collect water and silt from the road, also drainage.
 - Sun Dog – some problems at the corner, and slumping. It will require moving 2 lights to level this out.



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- Stadium - needs some leveling, some ditches for drainage, a few culverts, also a ditch draining from the upslope.
- Parking Lot- move gate to the edge of the parking lot, fence around the parking lot, need a route out for the pump out truck, and the slope is also an issue.
- Need a better exit from the basement to the stadium area,
- Entry to stadium for races needs to be moved.

If we hire someone to do these things it will be prohibitive. Gary Boyd has volunteered to use a CAT for a few days. So far Eric has no cost estimate. Marlene reminded us that there are weddings booked for July and August and that white dresses and mud do not go together! Grant has received a grant from Weyerhaeuser for \$4,000 for the Forest Trails. Eric presented a map with our lease and LOC areas. Eric wondered if we should try and extend out lease. The area is designated recreation but it seems the County/Province has regulations that further recreation leases won't be given. Eric will follow up with Lands about the lease agreement. Eric wants to check North Blue to see where the line is and if a formal survey is needed. Eric asked members to check out a possible trail in the meadow to the west of Big Dipper. This could have potential for a classic trail in the future. Work party this Saturday, April 23rd, 8:30-10:30.

New Business

- GIC's – Blaine. Blaine suggested the money in the fund raising account be put in 3 different \$5,000 cashable GIC's. **Blaine made a motion to consolidate the fundraising account to the chequing account, putting money in GIC's, with ½ - 1/3 of the budget remaining as cash. Seconded Ken Alton. Carried.**
- Insurance – Blaine. Our city policy costs \$2,900 for our liability, but we are covered under CCA. The insurance agent Blaine checked with said the CCA coverage was good. **Blaine made a motion to cancel our city liability insurance and use only the CCA liability. Ken Alton seconded. Carried.** Blaine will look for new insurance for Lodge, shop and other buildings.
- Consideration for a Ski-doo Elite – Grant. There is a big demand on grooming and keeping the trails in good shape. Mike Head might bring his Elite out next year so we can see how it works. Would want to see how well the Elite steers under load. The Bombi seems to be working well now. No action at this time.

Director's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Blaine. The rebuild cost on the Alpine could be \$1,000-\$1,200.
- Equipment Maintenance – Ken A. Ken will investigate the rebuild.
- Facility - The water is fixed, but the water in the men's toilet is still running. Shingles for the chalet should be in the maintenance budget. Ken and Cori will shingle the old chalet this summer.



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- Marketing – Ken L. Ken still wants to do an end of season/summer column in the paper. Ken wants to know how we recognize those who provide donation or services.
- Lodge – Marlene. We need a thank you to Sibylle for cooking the meat, getting Blackman's to donate it and to her business for supplying the wine. Also to Slumberger for their donations. Marlene will hire someone to do the summer cleaning for the lodge. Duretta is organizing a June 25 Summer Solstice event. There will be no cost to the club.
- President – Grant. Weyerhaeuser has donated \$1,500 through a local grant and \$4,000 through a corporate grant for the Forest Trails. Gord and his group will be looking after the biffy in the next few weeks.

Adjournment 9:11 p.m.