

Wapiti Nordic Ski Club

Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

**Attending:**

Grant Bourree	Blaine Richter	Cori Janes	Eric Chislett
Marlene Cooper	Michael Morgan	Ken Lumbis	Ken Perry
Ken Alton	Gord Meyers	Doris Gordon	

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from January (Issued by e-mail)**

Motion to approve minutes from Eric, seconded by Ken L. Carried.

**Business Arising From Minutes**

- Updates on Grants and Sponsors:
  - ◆ Sons Of Norway – Cori made a presentation at the Nordic Hall. She asked for \$1,000 for the regular program and an additional \$2,000 for more skis.
  - ◆ Crape Geomatics – A new company in Grande Prairie. Mr. Crape is a runner so Gord and Laurie have discussed asking for support for the summer running program. The company is interested in sponsoring an event.
  - ◆ County of Grande Prairie – The County has restructured their grants - an operating and capital grant. The capital is 5-50,000 dollars. This is for non-profit groups. *\* For next meeting brainstorm ideas for capital items.*
  - ◆ Clarica – Cori will contact them for funds for extra skis.
  - ◆ Casino Funds – Our revenue from the last casino was \$35,000. A draw will be held in Dec. 2006 to determine when our casino in 2007 will be.
  - ◆ Weyco – They have approved \$1,500 for this year. Grant has also approached the committee who are interested in sponsoring the Walk-in-the-Forest program. Grant has applied for a \$5,000 capital grant to improve the facility for the program (i.e. parking lot).
  - ◆ Cadets – They were here for 2 weekends. They were charged \$500 for the first day, and \$1,200 for the second weekend. A representative was here from Winnipeg looking for a venue for the Cadet Nationals in a few years.
  - ◆ Others – Gord was at a Sunrise Rotary Club meeting. They want to do a project that would have each Rotarian do 10 hours of labour.
- Propane Rebate-We received \$1,300 back from the Remote Heating Grant.
- Rebuild Orange Ski-Doo / Bombi Sale Plan – The orange ski-doo has thrown a rod and bearing. Gary's brother is to come and work on the

Bombi and look at the engine. An alpine is for sale in Edmonton for \$4,450. *Discussion about machines and the state of operation/disrepair they are in.* Ken P. has a contact in Valleyview who might have a machine for us. **Eric Chislett made a motion to give Gary Boyd authorization to purchase the machine in Edmonton (for \$4,450 + GST) if he thinks the machine would be more reliable than a refurbished current machine. Seconded Blaine R. Carried.**

### **New Business**

- Biathlon Race – Feb. 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, Teams will be attending from Yukon, NWT, and several from Alberta. The start will be Sat. at noon, and earlier on Sun. Michael outlined the trails he wanted to use – Biathlon, Big Dipper, Meadow Hill, Sun Dog, Aspen and Sun Puppy. Discussion about what trails to use and where the Jackrabbits would ski. Michael will let us know what trails he will need. Michael is still looking for stopwatches and radios. Steve M. might have the radios. Michael suggested that we make someone responsible for the racing equipment so when it is needed it can be found! HiTech is loaning a computer for the competition,
- Attract and Retain JR leaders – Cori has been a little slim with leaders this year. She requested that next year we waive registration fees for parents if they volunteer for a group. In the past the leaders have received a gift certificate and the junior leaders get some compensation. *Please bring ideas for retaining/attracting leaders to next meeting.*

### **Director's Report**

- Treasurer – Blaine. A current membership list is available – 471 members. So far our income is ahead of our budget, although our insurance will be over budget. Blaine suggested e-mail to members about the 6pac race. Ken P. will e-mail the details to Grant, who will forward.
- Trail Director – Eric. Eric presented a proposal for the Centennial Four Season Challenge – a combination of skiing, cycling, running and hiking. Eric would like to advertise this prior to the loppet. **Eric moved that the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club sanction the concept of the Centennial Four Season Challenge with specifics to follow. Seconded Michael. Carried.**
- Biathlon – Michael. There is a race in Camrose this weekend. The weekend of the loppet there is a provincial race in Peace River. On the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> Michael would like to invite the Jackrabbits and anyone interested to an introduction to Biathlon. There was good coverage of the Cadet biathlon in the newspaper.
- Facility Maintenance – Ken P. There still seems to be a problem with some of the toilets flushing. The answer may be to 'flush and hold'.
- Jackrabbits – Ken and Cori. Things are going great. The Beckie Scott Races went well. A cookie race will be held on Saturday for Family Fun Weekend. For every km you ski you get a cookie! This will be followed by a weiner roast.

- Social Programs- There will be a Moonlight Ski Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Marketing – Ken L. If anyone has any newsletter articles please get them to Ken by **Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Ken also wondered what our official name is. Please have suggestions for our March meeting.
- Lodge Coordinator – Marlene. The Bike Club has requested a rental for the July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend.
- President – Grant. Preparations are underway for the Arctic Winter Games in Kenai next year. A budget has been submitted for qualification races, etc. for cross-country. Biathlon has also applied for funding for development camps and qualification races.

Reminder : Banquet and AGM next month!

### **March Agenda**

1. Capital Grant – County
2. Compensation for Jackrabbit Leaders
3. Proposal for Name – Ken L
4. Annual Meeting Agenda Items

Adjourn 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.