

Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Fall General Meeting

Wednesday, October 25,2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Attending:

Cliff Turner	Greg Poirier	Tim Brown	Cori Janes
Garry Stone	Ken Lumbis	Geoff Atkinson	David Phillips
Blair Burrough	Mike Townsend	Laurie Lyle	Chris Burrough
Duretta Bradfield	Eric Chislett	Pam Chislett	Ken Perry
Brenda Coppens	Patrick Coppens	Len Scharbach	Ross Scharbach
Grant Bourree	Steve Magusin	Ken Alton	Doris Gordon
Mort Timmenson	Mike Maximchuck		

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting. Just a reminder that a contingent from the Arctic Winter Games will be visiting Grande Prairie November 7th.

Minutes from Spring AGM – March 25, 2006. (distributed) Motion to accept by Blaine Richter, seconded Greg Poirier. Carried.

Business Arising – None

New Business

- Mountain Pine Beetle Survey and Control Program – Mike Maximchuck Regional Forest Health Specialist, Mort Timmenson, Geoff Atkinson. A presentation was given on the Mountain Pine Beetle. It has been restricted by -40 weather previously. The insects at the WNC have likely come from Prince George. They over winter in the larvae stage. The typical host is Lodgepole pine, but also Jack and others. MPB carry Blue Stain Fungus that stops the water transport in tree. Takes about 1 year for the tree to turn colour. Previous outbreaks in 40's,70's,80's. The current outbreak is more extensive and more destructive – due to warm winters and an abundance of suitable hosts. The MPB gets taken up into the high altitude winds and gets transported. The Beetle hotlines are - 310-BUGS, and 1-877-927-BUGS. It is in most of Western Alberta now. The cut and burn is the most effective control. Infected trees on private land are the responsibility of the municipality. The current strategy is for single tree treatments for dispersed trees and where there is good road access some trees can be harvested. Geoff Atkinson answered questions about the work being done at the WNC. The surveys have been started and up to 200 trees have been marked. The intent is to cut and burn the infected trees. Trees are marked by pink flagging and orange spray paint. There are very few pitch tubes because of the drought – they are being identified by the sawdust. They would like to start burning as early as tomorrow to get as much done as possible before the snow. Geoff and

Mort will be in touch with Grant for future plans. Grant thanked the presenters for the great response from Alberta Sustainable Development. Thanks to Mike and Geoff for their presentation.

- Update on the Highway Bypass – Grant. Grant reviewed the bypass options that called for a road through the WNSC. Thanks to everyone who wrote, sent emails, and talked to representatives – it was effective. The Open House that was to happen in September didn't. Grant called and there will be more info in November and we will be advised of future meetings as a stakeholder. Grant warned us to be ready to respond if needed!!
- Fire Year Planning - Cori et al. Cori reviewed the 5 year planning process. A sub-committee of 4 people met in the summer. There was an Open Forum September 27th, and from this the committee took the comments to put together a document to take to the executive. The presentations were made in September and the priorities were made by the approximately 30 people at the forum. Cori presented the 5 Year Plan and distributed it to those present. Anyone interested in serving on committees please let Cori know. Cori asked for questions of clarification. The job description for the paid manager will have to be developed. Some items may be more of a time priority than others. There is money in the budget for a paid staff position. Grant thanked Cori and the members of her group for their work. **Cori made a motion to accept the 5 Year Plan as distributed. Seconded Greg. Carried.**

Financial Report – Blaine

Blaine sent his regrets and two spreadsheets! Grant reviewed the Financial Year End as of September 30, 2006 and the Proposed Budget for 2006/2007. Grant reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report submitted by Blaine. Blaine gave notice that he will be resigning next spring from the Treasurer's position to focus on coaching. Anyone interested in Treasurer's position let executive know! The intent of the budget is to be conservative in the cost of memberships in case of poor snow conditions. **Greg made a motion to accept the financial report and budget as presented. Seconded Chris. Carried.**

Call for Auditors

Grant called for two volunteers to serve as auditors to go over the books with Blaine. Blair Burrough and Len Scharbach volunteered.

Director and Coordinator Reports

- Trails and Facilities – Ken Perry. Eric reported on trail work this summer. The emphasis has been on the 2km spectator course. Thanks to Steve Magusin for the top corner. Cat work wasn't done because a volunteer cat couldn't be found this fall. New lights and poles were done. All the trails have been mowed. Thanks Steve! There was a lot of seeding done, but due to weather not much has

taken. The Half Moon course was widened.

- Event Hosting – Eric. Events are listed in the Newsletter. There were duplicate organizers in the 8 Pac races so if anyone want to organize one let Eric know!
- Biathlon – Michael. The program is off and running with about 9-15 people attending. The competitions are listed in the calendar.
- Jackrabbit Report – Cori. Cori wants to offer both competitive and instructional programs. The program will continue with complimentary skis. The 'Advent Dog Bone Wreath' fundraiser is back!!
- Junior Racing – Blaine. Program has started.
- Marketing and Fundraising – Ken Lumbis. Ken is starting articles in the DHT. Anything about equipment, programs, techniques – please submit to Ken. Ken is desperate for articles. Pam suggested that each executive member write an article. The Open House will have a Ski Swap although the last few years there have been few skis. This year Fast Trax and Ernie's will have equipment on sale. Ken has asked a few oil companies for funding but has been turned down, likely because the request has not come from an employee. If anyone works for a company that may want to sponsor something please let Ken know.
- President – Grant. We have recently purchased a new Sherpa for grooming. The Alpines are no longer made or are parts made by Bombardier. The Alpina Sherpa will eventually replace the Alpine.

Grant thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Thanks to Cori for bringing food.

Len made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Alton. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.