

Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Spring General Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Grant Bourree	Eric Chislett	Blaine Richter	Ken Lumbis
Cori Janes	Ken Alton	Ken Perry	Gord Meyers
Marlene Cooper	Carol Cheslock	Claire Richter	Laverne
Doris Gordon			

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting, happy that there is still snow to ski. The skiing had been excellent this morning!

Minutes from Fall AGM – Nov 2, 2005

Motion to accept the minutes by Ken Lumbis, seconded by Ken Alton. Carried.

New Business

- Motion to Adjust Fiscal Year – Blaine. Initially the fiscal year was October 31, and was changed to April 30th in the mid 80's. Currently it makes the most sense fiscally to run the season to September 30th. **Blaine made a special resolution to adjust the by-laws to reflect the fiscal year end of September 30th. Seconded Gord. Carried.** Grant asked Blaine to get a copy of the current by-laws from microfiche so they are available for members.
- Proposed Changes to Executive Structure – Blaine/Cori/Grant. A new executive structure was discussed as distributed. There are 4 executive members and four directors. The outline is based on Cross Country Canada full service structure. This allows a person to be very involved but not necessarily sit on the executive. If too many people are involved in discussions they can become unfocused. Stakeholders can be involved in committee meetings. Blaine thought we needed 6 people for a quorum. Eric felt 6 was a general meeting quorum, from when there were 20-30 club members. There was a suggestion that we function under this structure and then review the by-laws. In the past contentious issues and issues affecting all members came to the general meetings, such as the budget. Currently all executive minutes are available on the web. Members are still welcome at executive meetings. The executive will be elected as distributed. Questions were raised about developing a nominating committee. This year there is no Past President in the executive.

Financial Report

- Blaine presented and distributed a copy of the budget. Currently we are ahead of our projections. We have close to 470 – 480 members this year. We were close to 520 last year, but this was good for such a poor snow year. We have saved money this year by not paying a staff person. We

have also saved money on utilities with the warm winter. The frequent use of the wood stove has also saved on utilities. Eric made note that all the grooming Grant has done has made for good trails. Eric asked that a look at how frequently we groom be brought to the next executive meeting. The second page of Blaine's handout showed our present bank accounts. We are still continuing to use Casino money to supplement our budget.

Director and Coordinator's Reports

- Trail Director – Eric. The trail system has been improving over the past years. There has been a greater usage of the facility. Eric reminded us that we have valuable leases and we'll have to be more vigilant in looking after the area. Eric feels we have the best club trails in Alberta but he hopes to keep improving them. If anyone has any ideas please contact Eric. He will call for a meeting sometime in April.
- Biathlon – Michael. A report submitted by Michael was read. The Biathlon Program continued to be successful this year with planned activities running from September to March, with returning and new athletes and the launch of the Biathlon Bears. The following athletes brought home medals from Calforex Cups of the Alberta Championships: Peter Watson, Penny Thompson, Greg Poirier, James Proudfoot, Rick Watson and Michael Morgan. Ross Scharbach improved through the season and finished with a season high shooting percentage of 70%. Justin, Corey and Kathryn were chosen to be part of the Alberta North Biathlon Team. Peter Watson again made the Alberta team for Nationals and competed in Val Cartier.
- Facility Management – Ken Perry. The eaves trough has been leaking a bit. Ken will look at it in May. There is some touch up painting to be done but nothing major is planned.
- Jackrabbits – Cori. A report was distributed by Cori. The Children's Ski Programming consists of four groups, the Bunny Rabbits, Jackrabbits, Track Attack and new this year, Go Ski. Children from the age of 3 to 15 participated in one of these groups. In all, we had 41 children in the program. Thanks to the great leaders!
- Marketing – Ken Lumbis. Ken has continued to have information in the paper. Carol has heard positive comments about the information in the paper. If we continue the articles, Ken will need articles from us when there is no snow. The paper will likely do weekly trail updates next year. Ken will also contact SUN and CJXX to do trail updates. Ken has been thinking about asking a college student to do a DVD of the club. We need to think of the potential donors to the club and what a match is for their donation.
- Lodge Coordinator – Marlene. The County of Grande Prairie is offering grant money for non-profit organization for operational funds. We need to apply by April 11th.
- Bike and Running Club – Steve. There are 5 races planned for the summer at the trails.

- President – Grant. Grant saved his comments for the evening banquet.

Nominations for Executive

President – Grant Bourree

Vice- President –

Secretary – Doris Gordon'

Treasurer – Blaine Richter

Trails and Facilities – Ken Perry

Athlete and Coach Development-

Event Hosting – Eric Chislett

Marketing and Fundraising – Ken Lumbis

Ken Alton – volunteered for any committee

Cori Janes – Jackrabbits

Marlene Cooper – Lodge

Steve Magusin – Bike Club

Dave Kay has volunteered to serve on the executive.

Gord made a motion to accept the slate of executive as presented, with Dave Kay as a member to be designated. Seconded by Blaine. Carried.

Blaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ken Perry.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.