

Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Executive Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Attending:

Michael Morgan	Grant Bourree	Eric Chislett	Gord Meyers
Blaine Richter	Ken Lumbis	Doris Gordon	

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from December, emailed.

Blaine amended minutes to read '4' accounts instead of '3' accounts. Motion to accept as amended by Doris. Seconded Blaine. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

- Nominating Committee- Gord Meyers. Gord presented a document outlining procedures for a Nominating Committee. Greg Gourlay has volunteered to be on the committee. Gord has asked that the executive structure for next year be set in the February meeting. **Eric made a motion that Gord Meyers proceed with developing a Nominating Committee of 2-3 members with the distributed terms of reference. The executive will provide structure of executive for the February meeting. Seconded Ken L. Carried.**
- Lodge Rental Options – distributed by Blaine. Options for rentals were presented, as Marlene is no longer doing Lodge Rentals. The rentals also provide a presence of people here to prevent vandalism in the summer. Ken P. may have someone in mind who would do some rentals.
- Bingos and Programs – Grant. Grant wanted to inform us about Bingos. It may be an option for programs that require extra funds. One question is what level of support do we need or offer the programs? The practice seems to be to offer as much as we can utilizing volunteers. If programs need more funds we could facilitate Bingos. We would need to belong to the Bingo Association and get a license.

New Business

- **May 20th Race – Run/bike – Trevor Clifford – Off Road Duathlon.** Blaine asked about insurance because it doesn't seem to be covered by the Bike Club or the Running Club. Also not covered by CCA. The race could be run if insurance can be found. Blaine will let Trevor know that he cannot get insurance through the club and ask him to check other sources.

Executive Update

- Grant asked the Executive to respond to the following questions – How are things going? What's working for us? What's not working? What's frustrating? What additional help can we provide?

- The following comments were brought forward by the executive:
 - Crawford is doing a great job, he keeps in touch with Grant
 - Skiing has been wonderful this winter
 - Grooming has been good
 - Volunteers help with grooming
 - People are pleased with the Sherpa and the job it does
 - Every week there are more memberships sold
 - Grant is getting positive comments from members – trails, skiing
 - Unable to find weekend staff coverage – Sharon is now covering Saturday's and Sunday's. Michael is helping on busy weekends – doing ski rentals, waxing, ski lessons, etc while Sharon looks after the canteen, memberships, etc. There have been several busy weekends where almost all of the skis have been rented.
 - Frustration - dealing with Pine Beetle and the mess on the trails
 - Executive has been working hard
 - Do we make the jump to the next level? Full time paid staff? Can we afford? – or do we maintain volunteer focus?
 - Frustration with changing structure and maybe the focus of where we are going
 - Need a budget for all programs
 - Need volunteer recognition
 - Should we make races more social?
 - Snow came early and stayed – Yahoo!!
 - Trail improvements are good
 - There has been trouble getting people to the 8-pac races
 - There are 9 Biathlon Bears this year – and 12 – 14 regular Biathlon members, some +50 age – It's good to see the progression and the support. Half of the group are 30+ and committed to training and being out all the time. Michael is getting less time to ski himself. There are good people helping with Biathlon!!
 - The racing program members are young, but keen. They are happy and there is a good atmosphere.
 - Chicks program has had a great year – there are 60+ members signed up with 15-20 women each night!
 - The role of the treasurer is to be the voice of prudence for the club
 - We need to ensure that we abide by our by-laws and insurance requirements – follow good bookkeeping practices
 - Last years audit is still pending
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Grant thanked everyone for their comments.

Director and Coordinator Reports

- Biathlon – Michael. Michael needs a new membership list to get ready for the race. There are 8 members going to Edmonton for a race this

- weekend.
- Treasurer's Report – Blaine. The report was distributed. There are 454 registered members and climbing
 - Marketing – Ken Lumbis. We did not get the Community Foundation Grant – Andy Beal will check out why we didn't. The Rotary Club may have some program funding. Newsletter items to Ken Lumbis.
 - Trails and Facilities – Ken Perry. The sewer, propane and garbage are done. Gary Boyd asked if we could show appreciation to his boss for equipment, fuel, etc. Blaine to look at ordering more Louis Garneau jackets. Ken discussed which lights are out and which ones need to be fixed. The brakes on both skidoos need to be done.
 - President – Grant. Grant thanked everyone for sharing what was on their minds and for discussing the issues. Everyone here wants success for the club and the diverse needs of the members. Thanks for the respect shown to those at the table.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.