



Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Alberta Cup Wrap-up Wednesday, Jan 16, 2008

- AB Cup 3&4 Wrap-up / Critique
 - Positive comments from coaches/parents/athletes – We're becoming famous for our hospitality. It was a great chance to showcase the place
 - Grant went over volunteer jobs/roles
 - Technical Delegate – needed a written plan
 - Expectations for Arctic winter games – our job to host the race – not our job to do the support stuff
 - 1st aid station should be available – or have a designated room inside – dealing mostly with hypothermia
 - Facility – cleared out tables – leave lots of floor space – 150 people in the lodge was manageable – set up tables on the deck instead
 - Medal awards outside was a good idea
 - Great response from County to help with road conditions – scarified the road – cleared the parking lot – thanks should go to them
 - Sewer Pumpout – had been addressed for this race – and for the influx of lodge users
 - Donations were outstanding – Safeway – Northern bottling, Starbucks need to send thank you's – sold \$530 in Canteen. Organizers did a good job.
 - Banquet – good comments – happy to have a good fast turn-around – ran out of food but caterers credited back \$300 facility fee (Elks Hall)
 - Technical – Timing was smashing success – Linden was a huge help – instantaneous results were another factor that made for an enjoyable race

 - Purchasing toys like these would amount to \$9000 worth of timing equipment – (we rented from XC Alberta) This is something we could purchase thru Arctic winter games funding- train as many people as we can to use it.

 - Finish line steward/referee –
 - Starters – start wands worked well –
 - Announcer – Mike did a good job – needed phonetic pronunciation help with names – difficult job – could have used a "spotter"
 - Instant results could have been given with a second computer – maybe a color person could do this
 - On course hospitality - will have to do ski marking next race – will require 2 more people. Clothing bag system went well, but pens did not write on bags very well –
 - Arctic winter games will require janitorial service
- 7 contingents of 24 people will be coming
i.e.: Xc morning/biathlon evening
- Grooming – good comments – especially with little bit of snow –
- For Arctics we should have plan if it snows at last minute – will likely need a team of 6 groomers just for the week
- We can design our course to minimize cross-over – or have fore-runners go out



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Course and stadium –

Well laid out – Saturday was ideal, walking/warmup lane worked

Don't have enough space for a mass/skating start – will have return trail as warmup area next time

At Arctics the mass start will be a free technique race –

Arctics we'll be dealing with more people in each category – more be more closely matched

People liked the mix of up and down on course

Course Marking – nobody got lost – good signage – colorblind skiers? They pay attention to numbers too.

Course Controllers - Chief Course controller – timing tower needs to contact chief controller to find bib's. All officials need to practice or learn protocol – We needed more people than expected because of procedure around intersections – need to clarify roles. Must have everyone read the official manual pertaining to their role. Having an officials course just before race would be ideal – it's a 1 day course

Profile maps will be needed – have to determine which courses we'll use