



**Wapiti Nordic Ski Club Executive Meeting  
MINUTES  
Executive Meeting August 19, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm**

**Attendance:** Lori, Randy, Matt, Dan, Liz, Doris

**Regrets -** Christine, Michael , JoAnn, Cori, Theresa,

**Welcome**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes - July (distributed by email) Randy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded Matt. Carried.**

**Governance**

- Highway 40 impact update - The access to the gravel pit has been surveyed and flagged. The blue flags are the right of way, the orange ribbons are trees that are going to be removed. The old road will be gone. There will be a major impact on Sun Dog, Aspen D and Highway 40. There will be the loss of 10 - 12 light posts. There are things that the club would be asking for in return to the impact on the trails. (upgrade lights, change trails). Matt also is worried about the dust coming from the road and the treatments that would be applied. The week of September 7th Matt and Michael will meet again with the representatives. The members of the executive brought up many reasons for highways to reduce the impact: many people use the area for summer and winter recreation; during pandemic outside recreational activities are preferred; it is the one area in the region dedicated to cross country skiing; and it is only one of 5 clubs in Canada with trails that have homologation of the trails to host a National event.
- Secure the land - lease updates - At present the cost to survey the area would be about \$65,000. Matt is suggesting that we not pursue the lease due to cost.
- Church camp update - The church camp is asking for access to the camp in the winter.
- Capital Projects - We have a grant from the county, which can be used for capital projects. Suggested capital projects : lights for the Biathlon range, matts for biathlon, a new Sherpa. We would need 3 quotes and have a request in by December.
- Biathlon Canada Waiver / Nordiq Waiver - Biathlon Canada and Nordiq Canada have come up with more comprehensive waivers in light of COVID. They are recommending that clubs use this waiver and we would also need a programs checklist for COVID. Link to Nordiq Canada COVID information - <https://nordiqcanada.ca/nordiq-canada-covid-protocol/>

**Operations**

- Program Status - Cross Country team has been having Zoom work outs 2x a week since April. Biathlon have been going all summer, 3x a week. There have been strict protocols due to COVID: everyone

takes their own gun and rack; distancing between participants; 1 person collects the targets. Lori may look at a fall bike session as most schools will not be having any extra-curricular activities.

- Upcoming Events -
  - DGLW - The race will be an actual (not virtual) run, with staggered start times over 3 days ( Friday, Sat. and Sunday, Sept 11 - 13). Lori has already had comments about how folks are excited to go. There will be no water stations and Lori and Doris will volunteer. Bags with snacks, bibs and finishing medals will be available at the race.
  - Lodge Rentals - There are a couple of rentals coming up, one just for the trails.
- Off the Grid Race - Matt/Doris - Had a phone meeting with Nitehawk, but the event did not go ahead.
- Celtic Academy - Liz - Kelsi has been in contact with Liz and they are scheduled for biking, skiing and snowshoe sessions this year. Questions were raised about the lodge use and cleaning required. The contract may need to be revised based on new requirements.
- Liability Insurance - County Info - The County has voted to pay for liability insurance for all non-profit groups within the county. This will help us! When we first started allowing people to chose whether to pay for the Nordiq Canada insurance, it was recognized that some groups pay their own additional fees (such as biathlon), while other fees are paid from the membership fees. There needs to be a consistent plan for programs to be responsible for these costs. It could come out of the program costs (Jackrabbits) or could be added to fees.
- Ski Team Registration Platform - The registration for the Ski Team needs to be set up on Zone 4, as the ski team is the first group needing to register. Lori asked about Biathlon also doing Program Registration on Zone 4. Lori also asked about creating a consistent way for program users (who do get grooming for program time, extra admin time) to compensate for the additional costs. For example money from Chicks returns to club.
- Swan City Rotary Grant to Ski Team - The ski team has received \$2,700 from Rotary.
- Grant applications - It was decided that Lori and Michael would be key contacts for anyone applying for Grants. That way we wouldn't double up. Michael has also sent out a link for available grants.  
<https://www.alberta.ca/culture-multiculturalism-and-status-of-women-grants.aspx>
- Women In Sport Leadership - Lori has shared a link to a video recapping her participation in the Women in Sports Leadership program. WNSC was the only club to receive funding, other recipients were from provincial sports bodies. The information will be shared on the website. Great work Lori!!

### **Director and Coordinator Reports**

- ◆ Treasurer – Lori - At present there is \$217,000 available cash.
- ◆ Trails – Matt - Due to the storm Tuesday there are many trees down- mainly on Blue Moon and the Forest Trails. Matt has had a lot of positive feedback on the bike courses set up this summer. Matt would like some more signs for next year.
- ◆ Facilities Maintenance – Cori
- ◆ Biathlon - Randy - Biathlon Canada has been providing professional development regularly since March. They have been offering innovative ways to run races and social distance. They have really stepped up their professional development for clubs and parents.
- ◆ Jackrabbits - Dan - There are many questions about how Jackrabbits will operate this year. Dan feels parents enjoy the social aspects as do the children. Questions about numbers, staggered start times, hot dogs, etc. There should be an instructor course this year also.
- ◆ Cross-Country Ski Team – JoAnn
- ◆ Marketing – Christine
- ◆ Programs – Theresa
- ◆ Member at Large – Liz - Trip to Norway has been postponed.
- ◆ Secretary – Doris -

- ◆ Vice President - Christine
- ◆ President – Michael
- ◆ Past President - Grant

Next Meeting September 16th