



**Wapiti Nordic Ski Club General Meeting
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, November 7th, 2018**

Attending

Daniel Martin	Christine Rawlins	James Proudfoot
Liz Tinworth	Liam Tinworth	Leonard Scharbach
Matt Wild	Brad Tomlinson	Shannon Armstrong
Theresa Thompson	Jasmin Greavett	Jodi Goldhawk
Michael Morgan	Grant Bourree	Gord Meyers
Doris Gordon	Lori Brough	

Welcome and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting. Shannon and Theresa had been out skiing just before the meeting! More grooming will take place tomorrow.

Review of Agenda

Grant reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from Spring General Meeting - April 2018

Grant reviewed the minutes from April. Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by James. Carried.

New Business

- Calforex Cup Race 2019 - Michael reported that the club will host a Calforex Cup January 12 and 13th. To host the event approximately 70 volunteers are needed.
- Arctic Winter Games Bid for 2022 - An Alberta community will host in 2020. Monty Haughian is putting a bit together for Grande Prairie, although Fort McMurray is also bidding for the games.
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- Banff Mountain Film Fest 2019, January 12,13 and 14th - Jodi has hosted the BMFF through the WNSC for 10 years, and in Grande Prairie for 20 years. This will be Jodi's

last year with the BMFF, and we are pleased that Christine and Geo Rawlins will take over as hosts. Over the 3 days in GP at least 57 films are shown. Jodi works hard to select films from the World Tour that are of interest to our community. The WNSC usually can raise \$11,000 in funding. Christine is asking for pictures to create a slide show to present prior to the films.

- Multi-Use Trail - This year the club will be piloting multi-use trails. Matt brought along the new signs that will be displayed where the multi-use trails cross the ski trails. The trail etiquette is on the sign; snowshoes always have access, while bikes do not have access if they are sinking in. Thanks for the new signs Matt!
- Summer Programs and Races - Lori reported that the biking program is growing. Over 70 athletes were in the children's mountain biking program. There were 12 youth in the competitive program and they attended 2 Alberta Cup Races. A full compliment of 9 athletes from WNSC participated in the Alberta Summer Games, and they biked away with 8 medals. The competitive group also attended competitions in Bragg Creek the September long weekend. The WNSC athletes were 10% of the registrants. The Ladies Mountain Bike group had 20 registrants. During the summer 14 coaches went through training. The Don't Get Lost in the Woods, sponsored by Ernie's, had over 200 participants. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the training runs prior to the race. Chip timing was used for the first time, and there were issues with the timing (from the folks who had the contract).
- Alberta Summer Games 2018 - Lori, Cori and Christine reported that the Mountain Biking at the WNSC went very well. The rainy weather wasn't welcomed, but there was positive feedback from the other coaches.

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- Ski Swap - The swap was held last weekend, in conjunction with Nitehawk. Although not many skis were sold it was felt it was good for promoting the club.
- Website - The new website is now a year old. Thanks for all your work Christine. The most popular spots are the membership page and the trail conditions page.
- Season Opener November 18th - The opener will be held on the 18th. Matt is doing a presentation on using Trail Forks, there will be a waxing demo, and there will be information on the snowshoe trails.
- Update on Fund Raising - The Banff Mountain Film Fest continues to be our major fundraiser. Our last casino was held in July 2017, and they are usually every 3 years. Other funding came from the Calforex Cup, employee grants from Weyerhauser, and individual donations. New gravel was courtesy of the Summer Games!
- Staffing for 2017-18 - Crawford will continue as groomer and general maintenance. Sharon will work as book keeper, registration and weekend lodge worker.

Financial Report

- Lori presented the 2017-2018 Financial Statement. As of September 30th there were 701 members. There were no unusual expenses during the year. Due to the longer winter there were more staff expenses. The budget was fairly consistent with our other years. The contract with the Celtics provided additional revenue. **Liz Tinworth**

made a motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented, seconded Michael Morgan. Carried.

- Budget Review - Lori presented the 2018-19 budget. **Shannon Armstrong made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by James Proudfoot.**

Director and Coordinator Reports

- Jackrabbits - Dan is presently talking to leaders about returning. Registration has opened on Zone 4. The program will run from Jan 5 until sometime in March.
- Biathlon - Randy sends his regrets. The program has been going most of the fall. The Bears and the main group have started, about 15-17 athletes. There is a very wide span in age, from 9 up to those in their 60's. Biathlon is an activity that keeps you going! Randy and Michael went to a coaching clinic. There was information on new waxing, nutrition, and gun smithing. The group will be on snow tomorrow.
- Cross Country Ski Team - There are quite a few athletes that have moved on from the Race Team. Makenna is on the Alberta Development Team, starting in August. Most of the athletes were in the biking program this summer. Some of the members went to the Jasper camp in September, and some are going to the Lake Louise Camp this weekend. The team is trying various fundraisers. Carolyn will start coaching the Junior Race Team in January. This year there is a development team for older athletes who are starting with the team.

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- Trails - Matt has been meeting with with folks from Lands. At present we have 2 leases, one around the old chalet and one around the lodge. There is a Lease of Occupation (LOC) for some of the trails. Some of the area is still Crown Land. Matt thinks we should try to secure a lease for the whole area, and he has been in consultation with the county. There are pressures on the land. At present we would need to do a survey, that may cost up to \$50,000.
- Facilities - Cori has been working closely with Sharon. Cori is looking into fixing the tiles by the wood stove. The Celtics have asked for storage space for their equipment.
- Programs - Adult Lessons: Connie is setting up the lessons on Zone 4 again. She will be having instructors teach on the weekends and on some evenings. Chicks: Emails have been sent out and when there is enough snow the program will start. Tanks: Ken, Darryl and Dave will be organizing the program again this year.
- Marketing - Christine reported good use of the web site and Facebook. There are 78 followers on Twitter. Ads have been placed in the Community Connections booklets. Christine has plans for an electronic newsletter for the upcoming season. Thanks Christine!

Adjournment

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Grant. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

