



Wapiti Nordic Ski Club Executive Meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Attending:

Cori Janes
Doris Gordon
Lori Brough

Grant Bourree
Ken Perry
Randy Hopkins

Matt Wild
Christine Rawlins
Liz Tinworth

Regrets: Michael

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

**Cori made a motion to accept the minutes from April 19th, distributed by email.
Seconded Chris. Carried.**

Business

- Update on Biking - Lori applied for a Pursuit of Excellence grant to cover the costs of Ryan, for the Mountain Bike instructors course. There were 50 participants at the first Laughing Squirrel Race - and a fabulous trophy! Kids, parents and coaches participated. There were 13 people for the Instructor course. NCCP didn't have anyone available but Ryan from Canmore did a great job. Mike from Fourward came and did a bike maintenance session. The ladies clinic said "Rain or Shine" and so it was!! Ernie's came out Tuesday and did a clinic for the kids. June 10th and 11th is the River Divide Race. Saturday the race is at Wapiti Nordic and Sunday is at Nitehawk.
- County Operating Grant - We received an operating grant from the County of \$4,600. Thanks to the County! We also received a donation from Westrock Construction for a second year in a row. Thanks Kevin Dueck!
- Celtic Sports Program - Ken and Liz have been in touch with the Celtic Academy who have expressed an interest in using the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club for their school program. They are interested in cross country running, biking, skiing and snowshoeing. There was concern about what level of support the program would require - both in terms of club resources and staffing so that the program would work for the students and the club would be prepared for that number of participants. Ken

was asked to approach the program and ask them to write up a proposal for us to look at prior to our June meeting.

- Snowshoe Trail - Cori is interested in getting a "snowshoe group" to be guardians of the trail and provide feedback to her.
- Proposal from Wolves - Francois send a proposal for 2 GPRC races at the trails next fall.
- DGLW - The race will be held September 10th. Ernie's is providing new numbers for the race.
- Alberta World Cup Cross Country Society - Grant received a notice from the society that they have some additional funds from the races this winter to promote coaching and training, and to support racing.
- Security - Crawford found the chains cut on the north gate, although it appeared there was no access to the trails.

Roundtable

- Trails - Cori - The NAC is interested in continuing some use of the trails for their adventure programming with residential clients. Cori is wondering about the interest in a multi-use trail in the winter. Is there an interest in opening the dog trails to snowshoes and fat bikes? Cori was asked to bring this to an upcoming meeting as an agenda item. Cori feels the use of the lower 5 km trail has gone up this winter. Cori had questions about the Forest Trails. The 3 km loop is the most popular. There is a section with some poplars marked and Cori is wondering about taking them down. The issue is that we need catwork to get the slope corrected.
- Member-at-large - Matt talked about bringing information to us about using fat bikes and snowshoes on the same trails.
- Biathlon - Randy said they are already training! Hill striding is on Mondays at 5:30.
- Marketing/Communication - Christine will bring some templates for the new website for our next meeting.
- Cross Country Team - Although there is no formal training in place Liz said the kids are meeting on their own to run at the trails.
- Financial Statement - Lori distributed the financial statement. There was a decline in annual memberships. Wages are within budget.
- Facilities - Ken has talked to Jubilee about insurance for the old Chalet at the north end. He has the fire permit for the firepit. Ken is working on a policy for rentals for the fire pit and for the old chalet. There may need some work done on the east side deck on the old chalet.
- President - Grant asked everyone to have an idea of any summer projects to the June meeting. Also, a list of summer activities. If you need funding for projects in the fall please bring that as well.

Adjourned .

Next meeting June 21st at 7 pm