



**Wapiti Nordic Ski Club
Fall General Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
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Welcome and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

21 members in attendance.

Grant welcomed everyone, and noted that the snow had started in time.

Review of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from Spring General Meeting - April, 2017

Grant reviewed the minutes from April, 2017. J.P. Beilech made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded Cori Janes. Carried.

New Business

- Summer Programs and Races - Lori - The Alberta Summer Games will be this summer with WNSC hosting Mountain Biking. The details are just being working out. Twelve leaders took a leader in training program for mountain biking. There was an increase in the number of participants this year and some very positive feedback. This October Lori helped host a Fast and Female session, the first in Grande Prairie. There were over 100 participants with many WNSC skiers and bikers. The annual Don't Get Lost in the Woods race had 130 participants. The bike race was held in July, with lots of positive comment. Davis helped with the two GPRC events this fall. The Wandering Wolves race was a 20, 10 and 5 km race to support the Wolves Running team. The Wolves hosted an ACAC college race here (Steve Burgess Race). Thanks for helping Davis.
- Banff Mountain Film Fest - Jodi - This is the 19th year that the BMFF will be held in Grande Prairie, with WNSC hosting it for the 6th time. Jodi is leaving tomorrow to attend the festival in Banff, usually watching about 60 hours of film! This year the BMFF will be January 14, 15, and 16th. Please like the GPBMFF page on Facebook for news - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1523198514638235/?ref=bookmarks> Tickets are available at Revolution Place or at the Season Opener.

- New Website - Christine - The website has just been launched. Christine says it will be easier to add events and change the website. If you have any ideas or questions please let Christine know. Christine still needs to add the logos of sponsors. Some sections are not quite finished. Thanks for all your work Christine!
- Wapiti Recreation Open House - Christine - The Open House will be held at the Entrec Centre at 6:30, Nov. 2nd. The plans to the proposed "Wapiti Recreation area" will be examined. The area is 130 hectares, across highway 40, which is the old gravel lease area. The area would be developed in 2 phases, over 10 years. The Open House is an opportunity to provide input to the county.

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- Fundraising - Grant = A brief review of our fundraising over the year was presented by Grant which included: Casino; Banff Mountain Film Fest, County of Grande Prairie, IPaper, Calforex Cup, Westrock Construction and donations from memberships.
- Staffing for 2017-2018 - Crawford will continue with grooming and maintenance. Sharon provides book keeping and weekend staffing.

Financial Report

- 2017-16 Financial Statement - Lori reviewed last years budget. We had some major fundraising events including the Banff Mountain Film Fest, a Casino in July and \$9,000 in donations, with a major donation from one of our members. Our memberships were down a little. We have \$88,000 in our accounts, with \$15,000 left in our casino account. We are still not sure how much we will receive from July's casino. Lori presented some information about insurance. This year members will have the option to opt out of paying the Cross Country Canada/ Cross Country Alberta fee. Lori said the club strives to be fiscally responsible.

Director and Coordinator Reports

- Treasurer - Lori - The Alberta Summer Games will be this summer with WNSC hosting Mountain Biking. The details are just being working out. Twelve leaders took a leader in training program for mountain biking. There was an increase in the number of participants this year and some very positive feedback. This October Lori helped host a Fast and Female session, the first in Grande Prairie. There were over 100 participants with many WNSC skiers and bikers. The annual Don't Get Lost in the Woods race had 130 participants. The bike race was held in July, with lots of positive comment.
- Biathlon - Randy - The team has already been practicing throughout the summer with hill striding, roller skiing and shooting. The senior program is 15 athletes and 2 coaches. The team is looking forward to competing in Calforex Cup races in Canmore, Edmonton, Camrose and Hinton, as well as the Alberta Winter Games and Arctic Winter Games. The Biathlon Bears program starts this Saturday with the great pumpkin shootout.
- Cross Country Race Team - Liz - The season starts in 3 weeks in Canmore. Claire continues to coach the Senior Team while Caroline is doing the Junior Team. Practicing started in September.

- Trails - Cori - If you have any questions or concerns about trails please contact Cori. Her focus right now is getting new signage up on the lower competition trails. Crawford has been out working on clearing trails.
- Jackrabbits - Dan - Registration is open for Jackrabbits and Bunnies. Dan is looking for some new leaders. A returning parent has agreed to look after the canteen.
- Chicks - Melissa - The program will be starting when we have enough snow, and will run on Monday and Thursday.
- Adult Lessons - Connie - Weekend lessons will run as in past years. If anyone is interested in teaching lessons please contact Connie. Connie is also going to try an 8 week session. Technique lessons each class and then a ski! Registration will be on Zone 4.
- CANSI course - Doris - We will be holding a level 1 CANSI course the weekend of Dec 1,2,3. A recert will be held Sunday Dec. 3rd. Please contact Doris if you are interested.

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- Member at Large - Matt - Mountain Biking - Fourward has proposed a bike park in the Bunny Hop Loop. They will build and supply the materials! At least 75% of the ski trails are now on TrailForks. There is a link on the new website. Thanks for your work with Fourward Matt!
- Facilities Maintenance - Ken - The Celtics Sports program has been bringing out students for biking, orienteering, skiing, snowshoeing and running. They bring specific classes out for the activities.
- Meeting with Nitehawk - We have been meeting with representatives from Nitehawk to discuss how they run their school programs - particularly in terms of insurance, liability and who is able to instruct. We appreciate their input and are developing some guidelines for school programs.
- Vice President - Michael - The club is having occasional visits from Nathan Smith, who skis for the Canadian National Biathlon Team. Michael commented on what an inspiration it is for all the skiers to have him using the facility and being able to watch him ski and shoot.

Grant thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Motion to adjourn by Randy, seconded Michael.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm