



## WNSC Draft Spring 2022 General Meeting Minutes

**Date** April 30, 2022 @ 1 pm  
**Location** Steve Cooper Lodge and streamed online via zoom  
**Regrets** Gordon, Randy, Lori, Amber, Matt

### Attendance

- **In person:** Michael Morgan, Jasmin Greavett, Christine Rawlins, Theresa Thompson, Ken Atamanchuk, Lynda Atamanchuk, Leonard Scharbach, David Kay, Cam Haris, Greg and Melissa Poirier, Shannon Armstrong, Doris Gordon, Dallal Olver  
- **Online:** Cori, Ken, Andrea, Franco

### 1.0 MEETING OPENING

**Agenda item: Welcome** **Presented by: Michael**

Michael called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

**Agenda item: Approval of Agenda** **Presented by: Michael**

**MOTION by Dave** **To approve with the agenda as presented.** **Seconded by Leonard. Passed.**

**Agenda item: Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes** **Presented by: Michael**

Michael presented the Fall 2021 General Meeting minutes for approval.

**MOTION by Jasmin** **To approve as presented** **Seconded by Dave. Passed.**

### 2.0 Reports

**Agenda Item: Chair's Report** **Presented By: Michael**

Covid presented challenges but also opportunities to improve grooming schedules and staffing. As a result, programs ran as expected. Thank you for great community support.

**Agenda Item: Financial Report** **Presented By: Michael**

Revenue highlights included membership sales, donations and program registration. Less travel than budgeted. Anticipate to stay within budget as approved at fall meeting.  
Reserve fund study completed to ensure long-term sustainability.  
HWY 40 construction impact significantly under budget so far; trail enhancement committee struck to ensure unspent funds are applied to future trail enhancement needs as approved by the board.



Agenda Item:

### Items of Note

**Agenda Item: Operational Coordinator Hired**

**Presented by: Christine**

Operational coordinator hired as per WNSC Business Plan. Implemented as a 1-yr contract, averaging 20 hrs/wk. Welcome to Dallal Olver.

**Agenda Item: Operation Coordinator Report**

**Presented by: Dallal**

Have focused on learning about WNSC through/from existing volunteers. Thank you to those who have helped so far!

Goal to grow volunteerism to help the club grow and capitalize on development opportunities.

**Agenda Item: County Firesmart**

**Presented by: Michael**

Looking at firesmart activities in the WNSC lease area. Have completed survey and First Nations consultations. County has secured funding to conduct deadfall/fire hazard removal this summer. Board will prioritize clearance areas and communicate any anticipated disruptions to membership. June 11<sup>th</sup> – wood chipping at biathlon parking lot 9 am – 5 pm.

**Agenda Item: Bridge Replacement**

**Presented by: Michael**

Will be replaced with steel arch culvert system to mitigate melt and drip onto the trail beneath. Planned for June – Oct timeframe.

**Agenda Item: Lease Renewal**

**Presented by: Michael**

There are 3-4 different leases on the land. WNSC working with AB Lands on plan to consolidate. Board has approved hiring consultant to complete this before the fall. Year-round access to the church lease needs to be developed and maintained.

WNSC will complete a management plan for the whole area as well to clarify the authority levels for activities on the land.

**Agenda Item: 2024 Alberta Winter Games**

**Presented by: Michael**

WNSC has supported City of GP bid to host.

### DIRECTOR AND COORDINATOR REPORTS

**Agenda Item: Jackrabbits**

**Presented by: Theresa**

44 students

6 leaders (2 new)

Loppet well attended

Looking for new leaders next year (2022-23)

**Agenda Item: Biathlon**

**Presented by: Michael**

Maximum participation maintained. Had 5 athletes on the x-country and biathlon development team.

Bears program run by Cori and Davis.

Participated in 2 races in Hinton.

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Chose not to host Calforex Cup due to covid-related concerns.  
Moving to optical target system with a funding commitment from the Viking Cultural Society (shift from air rifles; no projectiles)

**Agenda Item: Cross Country Race Team** **Presented by: Theresa**

Jr. Team – 7 members  
Sr. Team – 15/16 members  
Attended all 5 AB Cups  
2 Athletes went to Nationals. Looking forward to Fort Mac Arctic Winter Games in January 2023

**Agenda Item: Trails** **Presented by: Michael**

Trail enhancement committee a great addition. Thank you to volunteers.  
New geo-reference maps are on the trails. Thank you Doris and Carol!

**Agenda Item: Programs** **Presented by: Theresa**

Chicks on Sticks – ran by Doris & Melissa. Had 93 sign ups. 60 came out at least once. Snowshoed & used ice cleats when weather prevented skiing. Last day of skiing was March 17.  
Held wax event April 4<sup>th</sup>.

School Programs:

- Expanded beyond Celtics to include Peace Wapiti Academy, Home-school groups, High Schools.
- 456 students visited overall
- Spring walk-in-the-forest groups for school that align with science curriculum offered

Adult Lessons

- 55 people took lessons
- 3 new instructors certified

Bike Programs

- 1 session so far
- Recreation program starting next week

Trail Running & Hiking

- Groups starting this summer.
- Flower-themed hiking group starting soon.

Keep an eye on website/FB for updates

**Agenda Item: Marketing & Fundraising** **Presented by: Christine**

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Christine provided stats updates.

E-store enabled drop-in rentals.

Will look into software as a way to centralize online operations.

Developing calendar of available grants. Prioritizing instructor development and replacement of rental skis for funding.

**Agenda Item: Vice President**

**Presented by: -**

Nothing to report.

**Agenda Item: President**

**Presented by: Michael**

Proactively working to identify and address risks with formation of risk management and emergency response sub-committee. If interested, please reach out to join.

Seeking Secretary for the Board. Please reach out if interested.

**ELECTIONS**

**MOTION by Leonard to approve the slate of Directors as presented Seconded by Dave. Passed.**

Thank you for your continued support!

**MOTION by Shannon to adjourn meeting at 2:35 pm. Seconded by Doris. Passed.**