



## WAPITI NORDIC

# WNSC Fall General Meeting Minutes - *DRAFT*

Date Sunday November 23rd, 2025 @ 1 pm  
Location Steve Cooper Lodge  
Attending M Morgan, C Janes, T Brown, C Harris, S Stone, D Alton, M Stone, K Chambers, G Rawlins, C Richter, B Tomlinson, A Gundersen, L Tinworth, T Thompson, B Tinworth, A Langlois, M Wild, Nils Anderson, D Martin, L Scharbach, K Perry, E Chislett, G Henry

### 1.0 MEETING OPENING

- 1.1 Welcome Michael
- ➔ Call to order at 3:05 pm
  - ➔ Land Acknowledgement
  - ➔ Province acknowledgement for renewing the land lease and entrusting the WNSC with its stewardship.
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda Michael
- ➔ *Moved by Leonard Scharbach, seconded by Davis Alton*
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes from the Spring GM 2025 Michael
- ➔ *Moved by Geo Rawlins, seconded by Greg Henry*

### 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 2.1 Multi Use Trail Plan Development Matt
- ➔ Update given of both Phase #1 & Phase #2 multi-use trail work.
  - ➔ Phase #1 anticipated to take 3 - 5 years, accomplished this past summer. Present focus on trail signage & gates to protect the nordic trails and reduce possible user conflict. Over 1,200 volunteers hours significantly reduced the project cost. Feedback: Received over 500 positive comments.
  - ➔ Phase #2 will commence in 2026 with a focus on merging the single track trails to the south into one continuous trail and minimizing crossing ski trails.
  - ➔ Re-iterated that the WNSC is committed to the Recreational Lease and to the use of the land all year long. Highlighted the importance of demonstrating more than a niche Nordic market with recreational activities like Mountain Biking, Snowshoeing, Hiking & Walking.
- 2.2 End of Season Survey Michael
- ➔ 60 responses from the membership, survey results available on the website. Emphasis on off-season trail maintenance and grooming plans.



### 3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Operations Coordinator Hiring	Michael
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Welcome extended to Ashleigh Gundersen. Overview of Operations Coordinator responsibilities given.</li></ul>	
3.2 Off Season Work	Cam, Michael
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Work plan created based on survey input and previously identified trail concerns.</li><li>➔ Trail improvements focused on the north section of the lease to enhance both the classic &amp; skate skiing experience. Many volunteer hours required to widen the trails for optimal grooming efficiency.</li></ul>	
3.3 Logo Refresh	Michael for Christine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Logo updated to reflect multi-season use.</li><li>➔ Brand book created with guidelines for logo use. The club is slowly converting to the new logo (signage, website, merchandise).</li><li>➔ Thanks to committee members Christine, Davis &amp; Amanda.</li></ul>	
3.4 Grooming Plan	Cam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Cam is the grooming director. Patrick will manage day to day grooming &amp; coordinating members of the grooming team with a focus on efficiency &amp; safety.</li><li>➔ Establishing a regular communication channel for the membership to the grooming director is in development.</li><li>➔ Nordic Pulse, as a means to communicate grooming updates to the membership, briefly discussed.</li></ul>	



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### 3.5 Winter Program / Event Update

Michael Et al

- ➔ Biathlon Bears & Ecoaims. Davis updated, there are 3 sessions on Saturdays, 3 Ecoaim rifles, and 21 participants.
- ➔ Chicks on Sticks. Doris updated. Program will run Monday & Thursday evenings.
- ➔ School programs. Doris updated. Celtics back, mostly in January & February. Other school programs have booked in, at times can anticipate 80 - 100 school children on the trails.
- ➔ Cross Country Skiing Development, "race team". Claire updated. Program runs from the end of August to the end of March. The race team is away most weekends this winter.
- ➔ Children's Learn to Ski program, "Jackrabbits". Nils updated. Registrations close December 15. Ski Playground briefly discussed.
- ➔ Biathlon Development. Michael updated. All team members have returned. Some training during the summer, presently back to regular schedule. Recent training camp in Edmonton with Ptarmigan Nordic, Red Deer & Edmonton athletes.
- ➔ Calforex Race Jan 10 & 11 at the WNSC. Michael updated. As per Biathlon Alberta initiative, our facility is very development focused. Our Calforex races will be the selection event for the Arctic Winter Games.
- ➔ Loppet. Cam updated. Date set for February 8, alternate date March 22, more information to follow.
- ➔ Lessons. Ashleigh will reach out to previous instructors and develop a schedule based on their availability.

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### 3.6 Fundraising

Doris, Geo, Liz

- ➔ Casino January 11 & 12. Liz updated. Almost all volunteer positions filled.
- ➔ Banff Mountain Film Festival January 9, 10 & 11. Geo updated. Tickets for the 28th showing of the BMFF available on the Bonnets Energy website and via a link on the WNSC website. Event at the Douglas J Cardinal theatre. Thanked local sponsors Trekkers, Nitehawk & Grainbin.

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### 3.7 Equipment Subcommittee

Cam

- ➔ Acquisition of John Deere tractor with, in part, the grant received from the County Capitol grant.
  - ➔ Packing Roller. The grooming team is exploring the acquisition of this implement to allow for efficient grooming & finishing of the trails.
  - ➔ Levelling device, used. The grooming team is exploring the acquisition of this implement to allow for managing freeze-thaw events & ice on the trails.
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| 3.8 Proposals seeking membership perspective   | Michael |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Membership input sought to consider two questions.</li><li>1. Should the WNSC create an annual membership that doesn't include a nordic membership.</li><li>2. Should the WNSC expand the dog trail network to either include option #1, the Camelback hills, or to include option #2, South Blue. Significant number of members ski with their dogs, and make a financial donation to the club.</li></ul> |         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ No further clarification from the membership offered at this time.</li></ul>   |         |
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### 4.0 FINANCIALS

### Responsibility

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| 4.1 Financial Report and 2025-2026 Budget  | Michael for Serge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Budget presented with apologies to the membership. The board was unable to have a completed budget at this time.</li><li>➔ Hurdles &amp; discrepancies to providing a completed budget explained to the membership. Overall, the budget is very close to completion. Areas to be clarified for the budget include differentiating between program fees &amp; memberships, wording (land rental?), &amp; allocation of cash reserves.</li><li>➔ Prudent use of funds from the Highway 40 impact on the club's lease was highlighted and is reflected in the budget.</li></ul> |                   |
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### 5.0 DIRECTOR & COORDINATOR REPORTS

### Responsibility

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| 5.1 Marketing / Communications  | Michael for Christine |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Christine continues to manage the club's marketing and communications. Transitioning some of this work to Ashleigh.</li><li>➔ The monthly newsletter reaches more than 700 addresses with an opening rate of 71%. The surveys are being used effectively and the club continues to have a strong social media presence on Facebook.</li></ul> |                       |
| 5.2 Vice President  | Cam                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Nothing more to report.</li></ul>   |                       |



### 5.3 President

Michael

- ➔ The Board will be seeking a new chair at the spring AGM. Those interested in the position were encouraged to speak with Michael.
- ➔ Acknowledgment & thanks extended to the many volunteers who help the club in a variety of ways.
  - Firewood & splitting crew.
  - All the volunteers Doris has organized for trail maintenance.
  - Trail, Lodge & Maintenance shed light replacement with energy efficient fixtures.
  - Replacement of the manual trail lights timer with an electric, easily programmable, timer.
  - Cooper Equipment Rentals provided a complementary lift to complete the light replacement project.
  - The tireless crew responsible for building the north bike trail loops.
- ➔ Noted the December 5th Bypass meeting at the Design Works Centre, expected to impact the north parking lot. The club will ensure our presence at the meeting.
- ➔ Closing thanks to the engagement of ski club members.

Adjournment at 3:10 pm.

- ➔ *Moved by Leonard Scharbach, seconded by Greg Henry.*

Next Meeting; Spring General Meeting, Date TBD