

## **WNSC July Board Meeting – Modified Summer Agenda (for three time sensitive items)**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Attending: Michael, Cam, Cori, Randy, Amanda, Christine, Eric

Regrets: Geo, Ken,

Called to Order @ 7:08pm with Quorum achieved.

### **1: Equipment Sub Committee Update:**

- Need to replace the Club's tractor.
- Subcommittee has met and is recommending that the Club should purchase a new tractor for snow clearing and mowing operations, specifically a mid size utility tractor. Have sourced a quote for a John Deere 5075 Cab Utility tractor with a PTO. Has climate-controlled cab in the winter. The quote includes the tractor, loader, snow blade and standard bucket, plus could add pallet forks in the future if desired.
- Subcommittee has concluded that John Deere has better parts and service support than rivals and also has a Not-For-Profit discount program. They also sourced Kubota pricing too.
- When the tractor arrives, operators will be trained and go through competency tests.
- Discussion on funding options. Idea is to sell current tractor and use funds to purchase new larger mower.
- **MOTION # 2025.07.09.01 - That the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club Board accepts the recommendation of the Equipment Sub Committee to purchase the 2025 JD 5075E Cab Utility Tractor, Loader and Snow Push for \$93,598 as quoted. Moved by - Michael, seconded by Matt – CARRIED (7-0).**
- **MOTION #2025.07.09.02 - That Wapiti Nordic Ski Club apply for the 2026 County of Grande Prairie Capital grant program to offset the cost of the tractor purchase. Moved by Michael, seconded by Randy – CARRIED (7-0)**
- Broader scope of equipment – the Club is in a good place for grooming equipment and moving away from Sherpas – the next piece of grooming equipment in the future will likely be a tracked side by side.
- Grooming team would like to purchase a packing roller – need quotes / will bring to another Board meeting in time for this meeting.

## 2: Logo Sub Committee:

- Christine and Amanda advised that Nine10 has provided a final color Storyboard as the required deliverable for the logo refresh/rebrand project, and a color copy was shared with those present.
- Christine read input from Davis Alton, one of the Logo Sub Committee members who could not be present.
- Some discussion on the use of word “Divisions” to represent the subgroups (identities) within WNSC and a request to change it to avoid the perception that there are truly divisions within. Christine to bring back to Nine10 and request name change to” Sub Groups” (DONE).
- Discussion on the background images presented and a request to seek a summer version of the trail going into the woods (PENDING).
- 2025.07.09.03 - That the Board accept the recommendation from the Logo Sub Committee to adopt the new Wapiti Nordic logo as presented, effective immediately based on the sub committee’s recommended implementation plan. Moved by Christine, seconded by Cori – CARRIED (7-0)
- Christine will work on a roll out / implementation plan with goal of September 1, 2025 and draft a basic Visual Identity Guide to provide parameters on use of the logo.
- Christine to look into options for online swag store to sell WN merchandise without Club having to carry inventory.
- The future Operations Coordinator to be the “keeper” / coordinator for the logo digital files so that Sub Groups can contact them for relevant copies when they need branding materials or swag created.

## 3: Summer Nordic Trail Maintenance Work:

- Michael presented a list of identified improvements for Summer / Fall 2025. The list was created from input provided in the end of season member ski survey, feedback from the key grooming personnel, feedback from Eric and Ken as well as the results of surveys by Geo, Cam and Michael.
  - Brush and small tree cut back in order to accommodate a full skate lane and classic track without contact with branches and skate lane renovation without contact with the classic track:
    - Blue moon, half moon, south blue, centre blue, wolf, sections of Burgess
    - Competition trails
  - Remove individual or clumps of trees that now result in disturbing the best line or limit the use of wider implements:

- Forest trails, lit loop descent to highway 40, north blue
  - Fill and grade areas of erosion:
    - Forest trails, competition trails and other areas as inspections dictate
  - Rework Antler Junction:
    - Provide a better downhill line in the transition from south to centre blue
    - Provide enough space for skate lane grooming without contact with the classic track in the transition from south to centre blue
    - Widen the section from the Boy Scout Road to just beyond Antler
    - Provide a better transition for the dog trail onto centre blue
    - Smooth the first left hand corner on centre blue
  - Rework the Camelback Hills:
    - Widen, fill and grade from the bottom of the first climb to the bottom of the final descent
    - Consider using erosion matting strategically to stabilize the slope and promote some vegetation growth
  - Consider working the Meadow Trail:
    - Make the meadow machine and implement friendly
    - Provide better access directly to and from Penny Lane
- The largest project involves improvements to (a) Antler Junction and (b) Camelbacks, with a combined estimated cost of \$15,000 for dirt work.
  - **MOTION #2025.07.09.04 – That the Board approve up to \$15,000 to engage Alder Bros to complete Antler and Camelback trail improvements in September 2025 using funds from Cash Reserves. Moved by Michael, seconded by Amanda – CARRIED (7-0)**
  - Meadow Trail option is still a question mark and needs more pre-work on the proposal before it is presented to the Board.
  - As part of regular trail maintenance, the plan is to bring mulcher in this Fall too + Matt may have some work for the mulcher too.

#### **Roundtable:**

- (Matt) – The first new approved single track multipurpose trail has been cut on the North section and a second trail is pending. Has drafted a Fat bike rental proposal that will be presented at the next Board meeting. Also has some ideas about future expansion of the Dog Trails – further information pending.
- (Cam) New mower has arrived and is working well
- (Eric) – Chalet is secured now and work progressing.
- (Christine) – Will meet with Cori before July 28<sup>th</sup> for Secretary role hand over

- (Michael) – Received invoice for a lump sum lease renewal from GOA – Matt to confirm amount is correct.
- (Michael) - Some minor grading issues will be dealt with this Summer.

**Next Meeting: August 6 @ 7:00pm with key topics:**

- Budget 2025-2026
- Insurance
- Membership Fees

**Adjourned at 8:10pm**