

Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club - Board Meeting

May 4, 2017 – Forestry Building, Smithers

Board members

Present: Daryl Wilson, Jill Krause, Steve Osborn, James Cuell, Kara Przewczek

Absent: Sara Belanger

Guests: Michelle Sasvari (for her presentation & discussion)

Meeting started at approximately 7:05 pm

1) Minutes of last regular meeting

MOTION by Daryl, second by Jill that the April 12 meeting minutes be accepted as drafted and posted on bvnordic.ca. Motion passed.

2) School ski equipment storage on site (Michelle Sasvari)

- Walnut Park wants to explore the option of storing their skis at the lodge. Muheim has been asked if they are interested in storing their skis as well. No decision yet. Equipment gets beat up when transported in bus. If up in lodge, two schools could share. High School students built Walnut Park's current shelter and could probably build a locker at the lodge.
- Discussion: Ski school is an asset to club. General support for ski storage but the only issues are where and who. There needs to be a location, design and use policy.
ACTION: Michelle will look into further and propose a plan.

3) Directors reports

a) President and Nordic Centre – Daryl (emailed May 4, 2017)

Well the work has begun on the roof of the lodge. Wally started his size up April 24, by opening up the attic and scoping out any damage, rodents, and vents that were plugged. He has gone around the lower part of the roof and removed the plywood, installed more insulation and installed vents between each rafter. When doing this he spotted a vent plugged with paper so with his excellent investigation found it was the vent for the kitchen sink which is tied into the sewer system, it has never been venting to the outside. When the main vent plugs sometimes in the winter, the smell vents through the kitchen vent into the lodge. Wally has lengthened the kitchen vent to the outside, which should stop the smell into the lodge even if the main vent freezes.

The blow in insulation has been down so we will be cozy with R35 rating. Wally has a couple days work left on the lower part of the roof and mid May BV Roofing will start on the removal and installation of the roof and vent system.

Wally and I discussed fixing up the eve troughs while he is working on the roof which will need rental of a man lift and if we do we will change some hard-to-get-at light bulbs. Great Job Wally. I am in discussions with Peter Tweedie on biathlon budget items.

Kevin has informed me on the trail meetings he has had and will have this month yet.

b) Membership – Jill

- Store sales for the season were \$4920.00
- Liz provided lists of members for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. [On May 8, Steve gave Jill those lists.] **ACTION:** Jill will email members asking for feedback from those who didn't renew membership.

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c) **NSDP** – James

- No report.
- **ACTION:** Year end report coming.

d) **Secretary** – Steve

- Worked on financials for grant applications and project administration.

e) **Treasurer/Financial** – Kara

Financials to April 30 emailed to directors

Discussion on current status and the need to develop a budget for next year.

James already provided next year's NSDP budget for our gaming grant application.

ACTION: Steve will draft budgets for Events, Nordic Centre and Membership and make some corrections to how we track our restricted funds.

f) **Communications** – Sara (absent)

4) Other Business

a) **Trails** (Kevin Kriese by email May 2)

- **Logging:** I had a meeting with Silvicon to go over preliminary plans for logging. Depending on the results of the consultation with the community forest society, logging on the upper trails will proceed in July or August and could extend into September or October. Logging on Pine creek will take place on frozen ground and depending on weather should be done before Christmas. They will not treat the 2.5 k or pooch paradise so we will have at least a short loop on pine creek side early in the season. They start logging on the five k loop and then work backwards, to allow us to open more trails as they complete logging. The next step is a meeting with the Community Forest. I am trying to set that up in the next two weeks. The club really needs to get out some information to members that this discussion is underway!
ACTION: Daryl and Kevin will send out communication to club members.
- **Grants:** I have a grant request ready to submit to Wetzin'kwa for trails. Irene and I are also working on an application to Rural Dividend Fund for more trail work (including dog trail expansion), signage, and trail improvements. The rural dividend requires an "engagement review" of our books. If we can get the review done, we will submit the rural application by the end of May. Both Tourism Smithers and Smithers Economic Development have agreed to provide letters of support.
- **Trail works:** We will begin our trail improvements after Wetzinkwa finishes logging, so it's likely we will start in September. Brant has agreed to be the on-site project manager.

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b) Maps and signs (Steve with info from Peter Tweedie)

- Peter obtained rough costs for sign options.
- Using 4x4 posts and 70 signs will cost of about \$4500 but would need a machine to dig holes possibly costing \$2000.
- Using metal Telespar posts for 70 signs will cost about \$6300. The posts would be more durable and can be installed by hand, although it would take longer.

Board discussion supported the metal post option.

- A new map pamphlet is being costed

ACTION: Peter will develop a costed proposal and seek feedback from the train naming committee previously assembled by Steve Howard.

c) Directors recruitment (Daryl)

- Discussion started on directors' intentions for next year. New directors will be needed to replace and/or shadow some positions.
- **ACTION:** Daryl will start recruiting additional people for board or key positions and will set up a Nomination Committee in the fall.

d) Rec Sites & Trails BC reports

- **ACTION:** Daryl will follow-up on reports. Some already submitted.

5) Dates for next meetings

- June 1 at Forestry
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Meeting adjourned approximately 9:00 pm

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