



MINUTES

Present: Megan, Johnny, Sam, Jeff, Matthieu, Jen, Clark, Annie

1. **Approval of Agenda** - 1st Clark, 2nd Johnny, all if favour
2. **Approval of Minutes** - tabled until next meeting (November 11, 2015)
3. **Communications Update**
 - a. Pumpkin Hunt
 - Scheduled for October 24. Independent Grocer is donating a crate of pumpkins plus some smaller ones. Anticipating about 80 in all.
 - Starbucks doing hot chocolate
 - Grow donating some prizes for an online contest after. Participants will take photo of their decorated pumpkins and add to FNS facebook page, tagging Grow
 - There are still some left over prizes from last season that Johnny and Megan will gather, too.
 - TBD if race team will help hiding pumpkins in the morning
 - **Sam** will email event volunteers to see who can help at decorating table, sell memberships, etc
 - b. Newsletter
 - Draft to be ready by next meeting, printed before Christmas craft fair (Nov 20)
 - topics will include: Kootenay Cup info, call for volunteers especially coaches and event (KC), grooming explained (cost, goals, etc), Racing Rocks/Winter Weezer Feb 21, list of adult lessons and how to sign up
4. **Administrator Update**
 - a. Directional Signage
 - Vanessa has created most the signs just need to be edited and printed
 - Need to collect cedar poles that are on the trails and bring them to the warming hut to be stripped by volunteers. These will be the sign posts.
 - When installed signs should be at minimum 5'6" off the ground
 - **Megan** will connect with Mick about bringing excavator out to dig holes. Spots just need to be signed. **Jen** will pull together map detailing where posts should go and at Sunday work party can go through putting stakes and flag out
 - Funds for this project will be drawn from RMI grant
 - b. Interpretive Signage



- Jen outlined the Project theme - “Legacies of our Valley” and subthemes: Legacies of the distant past; Legacies of the Human Past, Legacies of the Natural Past; Legacies of Industrial Past; What will our Legacy be?
- This project will be funded from 2015 CBT CI grant (\$5,000)

5. Trails/Infrastructure

a. Warming Hut

- Roof update: Clark has sent email to Martin about roof. Martin indicated roof can be in by mid-November.
- **Agreement** that it is imperative the roof gets installed before December, so at least need a quote of cost to have contractor install it. **Clark** will call Larsen & Walen just to get a quote for roof installation.
- Windows update: they should arrive next week and volunteers will be needed to install so they aren't laying around during pumpkin hunt!
- Stove update: Megan and Jen are making a trip to Cranbrook so worth a try to bring a sponsor letter to Cranbrook Fireplace re: possible donation
- Megan is drafting a letter to Bill Bennett requesting \$40,000 - \$20,000 to expand bridge and \$20,000 to finish Hut. It will highlight that his initial injection of funds was the catalyst for additional funding/partnerships and infrastructure development

b. Work Parties/Trails

- Priority is to burn slash piles and salvage wood for stove. **Johnny** will ask to use splitter again for Sunday 18th work party. **Megan** will ask Mick to move and pull apart slash piles and cherry pick good wood. Ideally keeping things reasonably tidy for Pumpkin Hunt
- Will finish painting rafters on 18th
- Need to advertise this party more - it will go on Facebook, and Matthieu will send a message via website.
- If we get enough volunteers Johnny will drive trails to collect cedar poles

6. Programming and Membership

a. Status on Coaching and programs

- over 25 kids registered in bunnyrabbits. Annie suggested we consider updating coach structure for the 3 year old groups: 1 coach with more parent involvement, therefore larger groups.
- Clark will be meeting with Nancy about the proposed coaches weekend. it may be more feasible to have an afternoon event.
- ICC-Sparwood is trying to get coaches into ICC, **Clark** will contact Nelson about coordinating a 2nd ICC clinic in Fernie in November since many coaches in Fernie cannot commit to first date.



- b. Membership Update: About 110 memberships so far.
 - The CCBC/zone 4 process is very complicated, moreso with updates this year. Annie will call CCBC to express concerns that the process is way too cumbersome and confusing for a small volunteer organization to manage.
- c. Race team
 - 14 kids confirmed with a good mix of boys and girls
 - 2 dryland days have been completed and are now every Friday at 4:30pm
 - this weekend potentially taking older kids to kikomun to work on roller skis
 - Straight Line offering equipment packages for racers and there is a possibility the deal can be offered to coaches, too. Jeff will confirm
 - December 5th - On snow camp in Golden
 - Parent night next Thursday 22nd at ISL
 - Jeff will finish report to CBT for last year's money

7. Budget - Update from Matthieu

- collected \$10,000 for memberships (includes CCBC \$19), rentals, race team
- Current bank balance of \$77,883; \$35,000 is allocated to grants and next year's budget, \$30,400 is reserved for cheques that have been written but not processed by bank; therefore \$9,500 left, of which \$3,900 will go to windows

8. Open Discussion

- a. Adult Lesson - We were undercharging last year. Should see what FAR charges and use perhaps 65% of that amount. People can register online for group lessons up to 5 or 6 people, but if they want private they can contact FNS
 - Consensus that a Saturday / Sunday package with about 2 or 3 hours per day would be a good schedule
 - Coach and FNS split fees
 - Idea for coaches to get one free session - i.e., intro to skate
- b. City Discretionary Fund
 - Jen will submit to have enhanced grooming and parking maintenance for Kootenay cup race

- 9. **Adjourn @ 9:30pm** - 1st Sam, 2nd Annie; all in favour

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH @ 7:30PM , ISL BOARDROOM