



MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st – Clark, 2nd – Sam, all in favour
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st – Megan, 2nd – Sam, all in favour
3. Administrator
 - Grant submission is coming up – brainstorm ideas for applications and send to Jen – discussion surrounding ideas about what would happen to Galloway land when Bud is no longer with us; funding for grooming
 - Megan has requested another \$25,000 from Bill Bennett – he should be **invited to the Kootenay Cup** to see how the previous donation has been spent (and why we need more!!!)
 - Donation/sponsor levels should be on window of EVNC hut to show people levels of recognition
 - Signs – ordering a few more, let Jen know if you know of any outstanding signs that would be useful on the trails (by the end of the week)
 - Board position descriptions – these have been reviewed by board – other committees have been addressed or added, for example inventory, website, etc (as they currently fall under other peoples roles); any changes – send to Jen – Johnny's trail role will be amended, and **Megan will discuss with Jen** the correct terminology for head coach, director of coaching, etc to match that of CCBC
 - Free Press is doing a winter publication in Feb highlighting Nordic skiing in Fernie
 - Starbucks has donated hot chocolate for weekly lessons – **Nancy** will pick-up ojn Saturdays
 - EVNC map to be confirmed to be printed – sell these by donation in hut? Possibility of rip-off pad of paper hanging? On the back – where your money goes? Semi-waterproof paper, add QR code to map
 - Multi-use map – the FTA discussed the map not being ready until mid-Feb, and it will be outdated by next year, with new trails being added, including TransCanada Trail. At this point, Claris will finish the work to date, and then add new trails/finalize for next year, and it will be ready to sell before the winter season.
 - Policy reviews – three policies were sent out to the board – Travel & Expenses Reimbursement; Paid Coaching for Adult Lessons; & Coach Development and Training – to be reviewed by board – a starting point to add accountability and consistency within our growing club – these are a starting point, and the person will still have to be approved by the board if looking for this funding
4. Budget Update
 - Roof still needs to be paid for - \$ to Birdhouse Renovations
 - Update from Matthieu *** fill in
 - CCBC fees – the \$20 per person fee paid to CCBC has cost FNS \$12,500 out of \$17,000 collected – looking into whether or not CCBC is a requirement, or a way to acquire private insurance to avoid this high fee
5. Programming and Membership
 - Membership – we currently have 646 members = \$12,920 (CCBC fees @ \$20 pp)
 - Community Race (January 24th) – online registration now available – this race will be groomed the same as the Kootenay Cup - Can a night groom be done the night prior?
 - Kootenay Cup (February 13th) – race notice is out – Clark has temporary posts for the bridge for the races, then they will come down, also some snow fencing – can we keep the fencing? PA system is being borrowed from FAST; BBQ afterwards; volunteers looking for sponsors/prizes
 - Kootenay Cup will be mentioned in Feb Fernie Fix
 - Moonlight Ski – Saturday January 23rd @ 7-10 pm – poster is ready;

need to be off course by 8:30 pm – Clark - make sure that this is ok for grooming with Mick for grooming prior to Community Race

- Winter Wheezer – Megan is going to ask that the \$5 charged be given back directly to FNS to cover additional grooming cost for that event
- Racing Rocks – Clark will order prizes, date TBD

6. Trails/Infrastructure

Warming hut – big thanks required for volunteers who are getting the hut done and presentable (Johnny – thank you for organizing volunteers and all of the hours you have put in)

- Wood Stove – donation has been found to cover the rest of the cost of the stove – discussion surrounding whether or not this should be used for stove or for other items that need \$ (roof, siding, benches) as current donated fireplace works for heat – hard to go back on Cranbrook Fireplace, as they have already donated some in kind
- Free Shed – has arrived, needs base
- Insulation & painting – insulation is almost all covered – Monday next week, three painters (Tarah, Shannon & Sally) are painting for free with leftover paint, and John Merritt has donated primer
- Electrical – Todd has donated the wire – he is wiring for now, and will leave a wire out to connect to generator – next Monday, Dave Hus will install electrical box
- Hearth has to be painted black

≡ Trails – anything needed specifically for races? – snow fencing?

- Clark to connect with Mick about needs for grooming for race

7. Communications Update

- Storefront – partnering with Snow Valley Motel – they are doing a reno, and FNS can have some storefront for memberships as well as selling gear and branded items

8. Open discussion

- Intro to Skate Skiing Session should be booked ASAP
- Grooming updates on Twitter – they will link directly to facebook and feeds that people subscribe to
- Credit Union – they are highlighting Cheers to Charity through Fernie Brewing Company, and on January 25-26 they are looking for about 12 people to ski at the EVNC, and then Megan will be interviewed in the hut – the same people are required to “après” on Tuesday at FBC in Nordic gear

9. Adjourn @ 9:30 pm 1st – Annie, 2nd – Clark, all in favour

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday February 10th @ 7:30 – location TBD