



MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Clark, 2nd Johnny, all in favour
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Annie, 2nd Jeff, all in favour
3. Administrator
 - ≡ Donor recognition wall – Stephanie's Glass will be doing the slate for fireplace plaque; need to look into Graceland block re: inkind donation from HH account
 - A policy needs to be developed to ensure that there is a set amount to stay permanently on wall... or is this an annual change? To consider further, as amounts are varied
 - ≡ Signage – directional and interpretive
 - Need a NO TOBAGGANING sign on trails, but do need a designated tobogganing area for Saturday lessons? Coaches to discuss
 - Annie will pick-up directional signage at Wolfpack on Friday
 - Some posts need to be repaired
 - Interpretive signs look fantastic – close to completion, printing will take 1-2 weeks
 - ≡ Policy reviews
 - Rental of Warming Hut – need a policy outlining rental agreement/space – when will it be ready to rent?
 - ≡ CBT Infrastructure Grant
 - Recreation grant – Megan is looking for a letter of support from City of Fernie and RDEK
 - ≡ Possible grant from Bill Bennett – Megan has been asking, but is redirected to CBT grant – will see him at a meeting and will remind him of this chance to make an impact!
4. Budget Update
 - ≡ Outstanding \$3000 from Summit Fund still pending
 - ≡ No invoices for Foothills, so most cash will be left for grooming
 - ≡ Chimney will be repaired by Cranbrook Fireplace for cost of equipment (at discount)
 - ≡ Need to explore options for smaller scale fundraisers (ex. Moonlight ski, end of year party, etc.)
5. Programming and Membership
 - ≡ Membership
 - currently have 730 members
 - ≡ Chief of Race report
 - Kootenay Cup had 87 registrants, 82 racers, event went well overall, volunteer appreciation on Friday 19th
 - KC photos on facebook from Jamie Hide for purchase
 - Follow-up – survey monkey to be sent out including some basic questions re: hotel, restaurant, XC in Fernie, will you return? (Jen)
 - Georgia from CCBC asked about 16/17 date for Alberta Family Day wknd, but not possible because hotels are full; possibility of BC family day? Over two days?
 - FNS currently has 531 points, received 269 after Fernie race
 - ≡ Racing Rocks
 - Sat. Feb 20th @ 11:30 am – scavenger hunt, fun race (Johnny has asked Happy Cow for ice cream cake to raffle off – like bike race – every lap around track will get your name in raffle for cake)
 - Buff for every participant
 - Sign up on the day of the event, schools have been notified
 - Jamie Hide for photos?
 - Nancy will have an attendance list to check off participants for reporting

- ≡ Intro to Race Team – March 4th
 - Naomi & Jeff will host a 9+ intro to race team session @ 4:30 pm @ EVNC – this will be classic skiing – **send note to Nancy with text to forward to jackrabbits**
- ≡ Enhancing skills evaluation
 - Program is going well, but need to encourage coaches to use booklets for reporting
 - Discussed at coaches meeting – cross country BC is expecting a progression to be followed – coaches will have a separate meeting re: how to deal with coaching, consistency, training - SPRING
- ≡ Paid coaches – brief review
 - Policies from last meeting – revisions have been sent for review
 - Need to end random coaching – Ange Q will be completing requirements to coach women’s day ski lessons/camps – lessons@fernienordic.com
 - Policy about coaching will be posted so that we are offering a consistent quality product that is insured
- ≡ Training for Train to Train
 - Jeff & Naomi – ready to do their train to train in May in Whistler – total expenses are \$2000 including travel, accom, course fees – once this is complete, they will be ready to train coaches. There will be another one for the on snow component in November – the cost of this will be recuperated in the cost of adult lessons, and Jen will include in grants – NCCP Train to Train course
 - MOTION: Fernie Nordic Society will pay for Jeff & Naomi to attend this course in May in Whistler, and if the club does not have the appropriate fees, then Blue Rock Engineering will sponsor the remaining amount (Clark; 2nd Johnny, all in favour)

6. Trails/Infrastructure

- ≡ Warming hut – brief update – chimney and siding discussion
 - Markus Glickman will look into the condition of potential siding donation and report back – he is willing to install in the spring with some help
 - Chimney will be repaired by Cranbrook Fireplace
 - Steve Bawden has painted pine boards for interior trim & window casings – Mark Kunane is willing to install – last time he completed labour for us we paid him 50% of his usual rate – may have to pay him next year?
- ≡ Rental of warming hut – see above
- ≡ WARMING HUT – advertise to be done July 1st
- ≡ CBT rec grant – asking for \$20-\$25,000 for floor, etc to be completed

7. Communications Update

- ≡ End of Season newsletter
 - Use as an avenue to thank members, sponsors, donors, etc
 - Kootenay Cup results
 - Summer plans & summer use/work parties
- ≡ Promoting events
 - Moonlight Ski – Monday February 22nd 7-10 pm
 - Winter Wheezer Feb. 28th

8. Open discussion

- ≡ Grooming – groomers are still learning best technique for the trails
- ≡ Need to ensure thank you cards are completed and delivered for Sponsors and Donors from Kootenay Cup – Ambulance attendants will receive free day passes for EVNC in their thank you card
- ≡ XC ski rentals – no for public – our rental fleet is reserved for people participating in the programs
- ≡ Sam has asked Andy Cohen for furniture, flooring, etc as renos take place at hill
- ≡ Possible event – sell a package – group or family ski with a meal at RCR at the end – Cirque or Rusty Edge – similar to Birch Meadows but different experience – would be great to market to visitors

9. Adjourn @ 9:10 pm