

MINUTES

Present: Megan, Jim, Jeff, Matthieu, Jen

1. **Approval of Agenda** - 1st Matthieu, 2nd Jeff
2. **Approval of Minutes** - 1st Mathieu, 2nd Megan

3. **Administrator**
 - a. Groomer: **Jim** will follow up with Dave Ellis about storing snowmobile at his house in cedars as an interim solution until permanent storage is established at EVNC.
 - b. Newsletter - membership update with ski patrol update (Jim), promote volunteer opportunities at events (Sam), Adult lessons and masters program (Jeff)
 - c. Lessons - add separate page for MAsters program, separate from Jeff and Ange's pages. **Jeff** will send Jen bio and summary of coach schedule.

4. **Budget Update**
 - a. New Gaming Cheques arrived
 - b. **Matthieu** will prepare a planning budget tomorrow to compare expenses so far, budget status
 - c. Prepared zone 4 so people can pay for day passes, but with zone 4 credit card fees, we end up paying for the extra fees. Agreement the zone 4 fee will be added at expense of visitor (\$10 trail fee + \$2 transaction fee).
 - Discussion about producing tear-away day pass booklets so visitors can buy a stack, tear off ticket and put in dropbox. **Sam** will find out cost of tear-away booklets.
 - d. Gear pick up - volunteers are ready to go to measure kids on the weekend, Matthieu will bring square to accommodate anyone who needs to pay. **Sam** will have cards and receipts ready for each family as well. A message was sent last week and Matthieu will send another update tomorrow to families. **Jen** will add Facebook update for gear fitting (10-11:30am)

5. **Programming and Membership**
 - a. 250 members to date. Puts us in 4th place in CCBC contest. Sam is putting together contest package to drive membership (e.g., 4 movie tickets, dinner for 4). If you have bought your membership already, or buy it by Nov 30th you are entered into the draw, if you share the post you get an extra entry.
 - b. Discussion about coach reimbursements: should we add coaches ahead of time or reimburse? Resolution that all coaches should buy their pass, then they will be reimbursed by January 31st. Matthieu will give each coach their cheque directly.
 - c. Coach status: 7 confirmed coaches, 4 substitutes. The biggest obstacle will be race weekends when coach/parents go.

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- To accommodate lower coach numbers, updated ratio to 6:1 kid/coach ratio for < 6 years with parent tail; 8:1 > 6 years with parent tail. **Jeff** will follow up with Nancy to see about following up with potential coaches.
- d. Lessons/Adult skills
 - Large group of people who are in FAST so can't do our weekend program but would like to do xcountry lessons. Jeff & Sam would like to initiate an **after school program**: Tuesdays 4-5pm for kids 6 year or older, start in January, completely separate (\$50) or could add these lessons on to SDP (\$30). Sam/Jeff anticipate 6-10 kids at least with Sam and Nancy as coaches. It would be same SDP program, but the skills split might be bigger. This issue would be mitigated by having lessons at Golf Course. It would be first-come first-serve based on coaches available so limit to 16 at the start unless more coaches sign up for during week. Positive: can add it on so kids get more days on snow, open up new coaches, introduce new kids to FNS programs, for Track Attack this is important. Negative: would have to pay for use of basement for washrooms. To Do: provide information at gear fitting, asking for names of interest. Jeff/Sam will talk to Kay about this possibility. Megan will talk to Golf Course when renewing contract.
 - **Masters**: Naomi and Jeff will be running the program - 30 minutes of drills, 1 hour of skiing. 6-7:30 on Thursdays. Jeff will put on zone 4 once program and fees are approved
 - **Train-to-train**: Jeff would like to go to this course, last weekend in November. Proposal for FNS to pay for course (\$125 or so), given travel is covered by his work. Megan proposed that FNS should also contribute for stay and per diems during course. Motion to approve by Jim, 2nd by Sam.

6. Trails/Infrastructure

- a. Trails: Megan - Foothills finished culverts, but the land slid down at Runt/Grunt junction which landed in ditch. Discussion of solution: Jim suggested connecting with Leanne Walker about re-seeding/planting to help stabilize. Jim will go out on the weekend to take a look before sending a machine out and connect with Johnny to discuss solution. Jeff and Sam will connect with Adam/Karen since Adam is a geotech at Teck.
- b. Signage will be added in winter by RCR entrance to ensure people know when xcountry only starts
- c. Interpretive signs will go out, **Jen** will connect with Rigby about screws to use.
- d. Tasks before winter:
 - Johnny and Martin have the permit to start the slash pile burn next week.
 - Re-inforce Chimney

7. Events & Fundraising

- Pumpkin Hunt summary - next year: 1) identify volunteers 2) flag entrance and exits so people know where to go, 3) find pumpkin grower in Creston or somewhere to reduce pumpkin costs, 4) we should charge more, 5) might need to add a volunteer at Cedars entry, 6) ask Park to keep the loops open for parking. Sam made a motion to donate \$500 to race team for their volunteer efforts - 2nd by Jeff - passed.

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8. **Open Discussion**

- a. Ski Patrol - Jim will be following up with Search & Rescue as they have a toboggan that they may agree to store at EVNC. Jim and Jennifer will be meeting with S&R about developing policy if call on or near our trails.
- b. Paul Kramer from Ghost rider offered to do an introductory session to familiarize anyone who will be operating the snowmobile on how to use.
- c. Reciprocal Kimberley: No update on this yet. **Megan** will ask Clark
- d. Jeff - parents night is tomorrow night, Johnny and Anie Hopher are organizing a snow camp this year. CrossFit Fernie has donated time again this year. Will repost Race Suits order option online
- e. First twoonie race is Dec 7th - if there is snow then we'll have to start promoting it.

9. **Adjourn @** 8:450pm - 1st by Sam, 2nd Matthieu

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH @ 7:00PM