



Fernie Nordic Society Directors Meeting
January 11th, 2017
7:00pm
Nordic Hut

Present: Megan, Sam, Jim, Jeff, Matthieu, Clark and Jenn

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Matthieu
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Megan, 2nd by Jeff
3. Race Update:
 - Community Race – communicated at Jack Rabbits, Facebook. Will be fun and low key. Will have ski patrols attending.
 - Kootenay Cup
 - Registration link on website
 - Waxing will be done at hut on Friday night
 - Good to go, same approach as last year, will provide lunch and snack to racers, chile - \$5, Annie is in charge of food
 - Need to get bridge ready
 - Put posters in both Kiosks
 - Mostly skate race
 - Same course as last year
 - Signage will need to be moved, avoid driving sled on course – Clark will discuss with Dave
 - Will groom on Friday and Saturday night
 - Annie is in charge of food
 - Will have ski patrols attending.
 - Will get in kind donation for golf course usage from RCR (Karen)
4. Administrator
 - Update provided on interviews and preferred candidate. Reviewed details provided by Megan. It was suggested that perhaps work could be split so that two candidates could be contracted. Megan to consider and decide.
5. Budget (Matthieu)
 - Budget update
 - Still in black
 - CBT grant extended until next spring (end of June)
 - Under 10K\$ left – earmark funds for drainage/slope stability would like to work on next August, pre-rent machine and Pat could do the work, contract Leanne
 - Could be very tight until end of season
 - Have 25K\$ for new machines and groomer but cost came in at 31K\$
 - Steve > 16 hours per month at \$3500/month
 - Not sure how much Martin will charge for grooming
 - \$3000/month EVNC, \$1200/month for golf course > doesn't include gas (Jennifer will send invoices)
 - Need to think about priorities for next round of grants – will prioritize at future meeting
 - Consider membership fees and consider opportunities for revenue
 - Jeff would like to get floodlights for evening lessons

- Insurance – snowmobile + groomer; Hut
 - Insurance > 2-4K\$ for building, machine and groomers, largest part of cost is for the groomers. Jim to talk to his team about the need to insure groomers
 - Also insuring skis in basement – worth 30K\$
6. Programming and Membership (Sam/Jeff)
- Membership Status
 - Into low 600's but lower than last year, 40% are new members
 - Filter members and send a reminder to renew that includes events
 - SDP – Saturday + Tuesday reviews
 - Going well, being at different location was fun, golf course is providing access to the clubhouse, dented porta potty has been replaced
 - Adult lessons
 - Going well
 - Forms and payments not working that well but working better than last year
 - Jeff will send monthly invoice
 - Jeff gets waivers for lessons - signed same as when joining. Jeff will give Megan signed forms.
 - Many people are interested
 - Ange is doing well too
 - Jeff did two wax clinics
7. Trails/Infrastructure – Jim/Jenn
- Grooming: snowmobile update
 - Volunteers – Steve, Johnny, Rick, Peter, Pat, Ryan, Alain and Dave
 - Steve makes the call as to what gets done and when
 - Keys for Sea Can won't be kept at hut – will be with Operations Volunteers
 - Will put a generic warning at kiosks at the hut and the RCR entrance that there may be groomers on the trail
 - Need a work party to go out and assess trail sign placements – may require some upgrades and additional signage. Steve may have good input on this.
 - Jim to request that Steve groom the back end of Galloway at entrance to RCR > the Kiosk bypass
 - Training/protocols
 - Hut – Ambassador program update from Jenn
 - Hut was open during entire two weeks of winter break
 - 26/44 Ambassador shifts for remainder of season are filled
 - Higher number of visitors from 11-3 during Christmas break
 - Recommendations
 1. Hut be open from 10-4 on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as Monday holidays and spring breaks for BC and Alberta (weather permitting)
 2. The hut be locked between 4 PM and 10 AM unless it is booked or being used for a FNS scheduled event (teaching sessions, races, full moon ski, etc.)
 3. The hut rental policy be updated. Areas of consideration include insurance burden, rental costs, members only, accessibility of general members to hut while the hut is rented.
8. Events and Fundraising – Sam
- Full moon event tomorrow. Expect to have 10-20 people in attendance.
 - Toonie Race – Next week.
 - Critter Race – January 29th
 - Winterfest Weekend – Need to confirm event and plans with Abby.
9. Adjourn – motion to adjourn by Megan & 2nd by Jeff.