

Fernie Nordic Society Directors Meeting
January 20, 2020
7pm
Warming Hut



Attendees:

Matthieu Corriveau, Megan Lohmann, Micheline Picard, Sam Sedlowsky, Jane Stevens, Rick Weiss, Jeff Williams.

Absent:

Madi Bragg, Jennifer Heath.

Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

1. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Rick. 2nd Sam
2. Approval of minutes – Motion by Matthieu. 2nd Micheline
3. Administration update (Madi by email)
 - Email ballot Valley View received contract for snow clearing.
 - Masters Group receives \$2,000 for lessons this winter from ViaSport
 - New snowmobile groomer operational at golf course thanks to Dave and CBT Grant
 - Huge Thank You to Fernie Fire Rescue for donating \$2,000 after our participation in Fernie On Fire
 - Our Hut Rentals have increased and I am learning a lot, especially from non-member Hut renters. Modifying the agreement to address issues
4. Budget (Matthieu)
 - Membership fees optional/donation amount total to date is \$1,125
 - Expect actual income to be ~\$5,000 less than amount budgeted for 2019/20 season
 - Budget shows \$1,500 for Volunteer Recognition. last year cost \$4,000 need to look for a sponsor for this event.
 - Refunds – for lessons only. Credit towards next year. Cut off date for refund.
5. Trail/Facility items
 - Big snow mornings. Difficult conditions for grooming. Conditions must be clearly communicated to programs. Grooming team needs time to learn how to manage these conditions. Takes practise. Volunteer skills might not be enough. Possibly hire a skilled groomer. Costs increase – increase cost of membership. Current model not sustainable (?)
 - Need to write an “Extreme Cold Protocol” (Madi) to be used consistently to communicate with membership when the temperature is -20C

- Rick will initiate call for “Extreme Cold Protocol”. Must be communicated to all board members, all membership, all programs, all coaches, all paid staff, all volunteers.
- Baby Pulks - No rule against at this time.
- Incentive for volunteers. Minimum of 12 hours of volunteering required to receive an invitation to the volunteer recognition supper.
- Draft a “Save the date” for the sub committees. Megan and Madi to distribute.

6. Programming Items

- Membership (Micheline) currently 811 members. 61% renewals. Need a membership push (Madi – online) Highlight racing team in Canmore and Whistler.
- Lessons (Sam) going well. Need parent tail gunners. Using radios.

7. Events

- Sunday Family Ski. Posters up.
- Poster about contact info for adult classes needed for the hut.
- Teck Appreciation Day date needed. Jeff to contact Madi

8. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8.41 pm moved by Rick. 2nd Matthieu

Next meeting Monday February 24th 2020 at 7 pm.