

Fernie Nordic Society Directors Meeting  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 2022  
7 PM  
Zoom



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MINUTES

Attendees

Megan Lohmann, Matthieu Corriveau, Mike De Jong, Micheline Picard, Daniel Principalli, Alisha Rella, Johnny Shaw, Jane Stevens

Absent

Jennifer Heath

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Johnny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike
2. Approval of Minutes- Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel
3. Land (Megan)
  - Megan will send the board members a note on key messaging re BC Parks interest in the Galloway Lands. The next RDEK meeting is expected to be in June. Megan believes RDEK are not taking the BC Parks interest seriously. It is a legacy opportunity for the Elk Valley and has community support.

Cedars update – in a holding pattern with BC Foundation. Facility concept is proceeding.

4. Admin update (Alisha)
  - Gear update opportunity with the Canada Post Community Foundation grant. Funds initiatives for children and youth deadline April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.
  - Get quotes from local businesses including Fischer (Jeff). Currently have 80 sets of varying sizes.
  - Can sell or donate older gear. Matthieu to send current inventory to Alisha.

**MOTION** by Johnny to proceed with the Canada Post Grant to a maximum of \$25,000. FNS to match funds in proposal (\$3-5,000) 2<sup>nd</sup> Micheline. All in favour.

- Call for directors' funding needs by Alisha. CCBC has a Women in Sport grant suggested by Johnny. Board members to discuss individually with Alisha.
  - Volunteer appreciation event to be combined with AGM mid-July. Suggest tent rental and catering sponsored by Teck (Mike to research) Any funds will be in 2022/23 budget.
5. Budget (Matthieu)
    - Most revenue has come from memberships; trail passes and adult lessons.
    - Will get \$13,000 from RMI grant (Megan).
    - City/FTA may contribute to snow clearing of parking lots need monies by year end.
  6. Membership (Micheline)
    - \$1625 received from ViaSport grant has been used to reimburse some expenses from the Seniors program. \$600 remains.

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- April newsletter possible ideas Mellow Mountain Rangers, Interview with Wes Robinson-Shaw re Nationals.

7. Programming and Events

- SDP program wrap up April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Budget for 50. Donations Bridge Bistro? Save On?

**MOTION** by Megan to allocate \$1000 from special events budget to SDP wrap up event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnny, all in favour.

- Ambassador program (Jane) We have had a steady and reliable group of volunteers this season. The hut has been very quiet probably due to Covid restrictions. Need incentives to come to the hut next season to help keep the Ambassador program vital.
- Ambassador volunteers to be recognised at the AGM/Volunteer recognition in early July.
- Race Team - Johnny was at the National Championships in Whistler with Wes.
- BC skiers did very well.
- Dry land training at hut is being set up.
- Helen has submitted the application for the BC gaming grant (\$22,000) on behalf of the Race Team.
- Johnny has been accepted into the “Learning to Compete” course in Whistler in June.
- Birkie – Alisha to find a date for this event next year.
- Masters and adult lessons Tarah still has requests coming in. Keen to repeat adult lessons next year and maybe help out with the race team.
- Tarah, Alisha, Megan, and Johnny to meet to plan programming for next year, Alisha to confirm coaches’ availability in the summer.

8. Operations and Infrastructure (Mike)

- Crazy month due to temperature fluctuations and moose interactions
- Mark and volunteers doing a great job with better strategy for equipment
- Ordering a new batch of fuel which will extend into the next season
- Fernie Tourism did a photo shoot in the trails – we need to get the pictures
- Mark will lead a season end wrap up with the grooming team
- Mapping current dirt patches and identifying weak spots
- Looking at grant opportunities for grooming
- GPS tracking App TBD. look for technology related grants. Risk assessment

9. Open discussion

- Matthieu saw our Covid sign at the golf club on an eknow publication

10. Next meeting Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 (**going forward our meetings will be every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month**)

Motion to adjourn by Matthieu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnny, All in favour. 8.30 pm