



Fernie Nordic Society
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2024
Community Energy Association Office

Attendees: Megan Lohmann, Mike DeJong, Johnny Shaw, Laurie Bemi, Jen Heath, Sam Sedlowsky, Alisha Rella, Matthieu Corriveau

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Agenda approved by Laurie 1st, Sam 2nd. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Board Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2024 - Keep section 7 'in camera' ; otherwise, minutes approved by Mike 1st, Jen 2nd. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed.
3. **Admin Update (Alisha)**
 - Grant updates - **The Guides Hut** has donated a total of approx. \$3000 worth of junior ski equipment for our SDP rental fleet program. **Action** - make sure to give a big shout out to The Guides Hut at our 2024 AGM. **Nordiq fundraiser** - currently sitting at \$600 of \$4000 raised. **Action** - Alisha to send an email to all SDP coaches seeking their help in personally asking a few in their networks to donate to fundraiser as well as race team initiatives. Members of the board will do the same with their networks.
 - SDP updates - **Action** - Alisha will connect with gear volunteers Steve & Felina to confirm a return date of gear after Easter. It would be good to put a storage wax on the gear before storing for the summer.
 - Hut Rentals update - Race team will be using the hut again this summer as their dry-land training gym. Discussion around hut rental requests - ask specific questions to those interested in renting, eg. Do they need tables & chairs out inside or is the gym equipment moved out of the way okay.
4. **Finances (Matthieu)**
 - Budget Update - Matthieu will have a forecast end of year for next meeting. People were still buying trail passes online bringing the total to \$9600 since beginning of the season.
 - Exposure of private information at Zone4 last month MC - An email was sent to 600 people; possible data breach, no feedback from anyone. We let CCBC know about it on a Friday and they responded on Monday - we deleted the shared report that could have been used.
5. **Membership (Laurie)**
 - Update – current status - three people joined over the last month. We have two people removed as they never paid - computer glitch is what caused that. We are down 40% on new members this year but we sold more day passes. Next season we will ask FTA to advertise our membership in their monthly newsletter. Alisha had thank you cards done for those who did give an extra donation.
6. **Programming/Events/Gear Rentals**
 - Hut Ambassadors – General Update - nothing to report. Ambassadors did a fantastic job this season.
 - Community fun race - Great feedback overall. Couple take aways - less baking, making sure medals are at the finish line to hand out immediately & making the event mandatory for SDP (the week of lessons will just be the event).

- Events
 - Flying Viking (Johnny) - **Action** - Alisha will send out a volunteer call out again. Alice will be making crepes with her payment going towards the race team B-Tour participants. Alisha & Sam will confirm an amount after the race; post expenses, invoices etc. Wild Wolves will be providing coaster style medals this year - we've ordered 50. **Action** - Mike & Jen will track out course. Instead of a ski playground, a mini loop for beginner skiers will be provided.
 - Trail blazer - May 18th - Jen, Sam & Laurie will volunteer this year.
- Programming & Race Team Updates (Johnny)
 - Race Team - Wes & Louison doing B-tour.
 - Coaching meeting to debrief 2023-24 programs - **Motion** to spend \$300 on a debrief dinner with SDP Coach Dennis, race team coaches & Masters leads 1st Johnny, 2nd Jen. No further discussion from the floor, motion approved.

7. Cedars/Galloway

- In camera

8. Operations & Infrastructure

- Grooming and Trails Update – Golf Course & City Trails closed for the season due to lack of snow. EVNC - fairly solid base. One detailed complaint received from a member advising trails didn't look like they were groomed from Wednesday - Friday of last week which happened to be the one period of time where no volunteer grooming was available. Mike may engage contractor Mark F. with the snowcat. Discussion around managing maintenance going into next season. Dave Fuller put 65 hrs of maintenance hours on the equipment, out in the cold, and sometimes exposed to harsh conditions. Mike & team will look into a temporary shelter for equipment & maintenance.
- Flying Viking – grooming preparation - Mike will help to make sure we are good to go. Grooming will be done Saturday night. Mike is meeting with Jackie Hill on April 5, 2024 to discuss how the city grooming program went this season.
- Hut Management – Summer Plans - Items to take care of include: clearing of different areas for snow harvesting next year, drainage, adding a divider in the wood shed, taking lights down/keep cables up & general cleanup.
- End of season work and preparations for summer work - Mike will host a year-end wrap up with both grooming teams at EVNC & Golf Course.
- Search and rescue - they have Jen & Mike's phone numbers. They know our land & our equipment if needed.

9. Open discussion - none.

10. **Next Meeting** – April 15th (3rd Monday) or April 22nd? - Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 7 p.m.
Location/Zoom TBD.

11. **Adjourn** - Johnny 1st, Mike 2nd @ 9:10 p.m.