

Fernie Nordic Society Directors Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2024
7:00 PM



Attendees: Megan Lohmann, Sam Sedlowsky, Alisha Rella, Matthieu Corriveau, Laurie Beml, Johnny Shaw

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Adding in COF needing year end report under #4, Finance. Motion to approve, 1st Matthieu & 2nd, Sam. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed.
2. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes 2024-03-18** - *Action* - Alisha will update in camera section & send to Matthieu to keep on file. Motion to approve, 1st Matthieu & 2nd Laurie. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed.
3. **Admin Update (Alisha)**
 - **Grant & fundraiser updates** - Nordiq Fundraiser received approx \$1300. Will use that + \$900 in budget for SDP gear to purchase more ski packages for our SDP fleet from The Guides Hut. *Action* - Alisha will check with Steve M. regarding specific sizes needed. If we are able to sell some of our fleet once new sets arrive, will hold a sale next December.
 - **Annual Report** – Discussion around input & timing of report due date, which is June, 2024. Will highlight partnership with COF & FGC, masters programming this past season, higher level racing, highs & lows (land sale & new build unsuccessful; marginal snow year; however, ended up being a great season with a record breaking Flying Viking turnout), SDP/race team kids coaching.
 - **AGM – date & volunteer appreciation** - Discussion around reviewing governance & bylaws so thinking of pushing this year's AGM to the fall(end of October) which will be a good way to kick off the season. No separate volunteer appreciation party this year as many groups have already been acknowledged individually.
 - **SDP** - Dennis & Johnny discussed joining track attack with the race team starting in December next season. This past year worked really well & Dennis is keen to start early. FNS will work on communication surrounding specific programming before Zone 4 is open next season.
 - **Community Race** - crepes & waxing cash brought in \$284 with \$120 received by credit card for waxing as well. This money will go towards the Fernie Nordic Racers.
 - **Emily Brydon Foundation** - FNS will look at working with the EBF to set something up to support high level athletes & have a place for money going forward.
 - **Outstanding monies owing** – Discussion around B-Tour Race Athletes.
 - **Motion** to allocate \$2200 received in donations between March 25-30th toward an Athlete Support Reserve with the intent of future partnership with Emily Brydon Foundation 1st by Megan & 2nd, Laurie. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed. Wes & Louison are invited to write a letter applying for support via this new fund.
 - **Motion** allocating catering & tip jar payment confirmed from Flying Viking for Alice totalling \$755.68, 1st by Megan & 2nd, Sam. No further discussion from the floor & motion passed.

4. Finances (Matthieu)

- **Budget update** - Matthieu presented budget - we are 80% of where we have budgeted. We didn't spend as much for supplies & materials. We are over budget on donations & race team fundraising. Adult lessons = less income, not as many lessons requested/coaches available. Maintenance of machines = less than half of what we budgeted for. Receivables include: RMI, COF, Nordiq, COF grooming, expecting approx \$15,107.00. Cleaning of parking lot we still need to pay for. RMI cheque should be arriving by the end of May (Action - Megan will get in touch with COF to discuss). COF report needed, Action - Matthieu will complete.
- **Revenue from Flying Viking** - \$433.
- **Survey for 2023 2024 Season** - Discussion around survey questions - add how many use the dike trails/behind the golf course. Primary reason for visiting being nordic? Matthieu will send survey out soon.

5. Membership (Laurie)

- General update - nothing to report, no new members.
- Membership card manufacturing - amazon membership labels bought.

6. Programming/Events/Gear Rentals

- **Hut Ambassadors** – Special thanks to Terry LaPalme from Jane for filling in while Jane is away.
- **Events** - Discussion around communicating our events - all agreed we'll get events out in the calendar & communication circulating to our members, community & out of town clubs much sooner next season.
- **Programming & Race Team (Johnny)**
 - Race Team hut use during the spring and summer- starting Wednesday (weekly) from 430-6 p.m. Johnny will be moving stuff out & moving exercise equipment in. Sam will take the lights to use for Wapiti. Johnny is going to be away a lot so five of the FNR's will be training in the hut on their own. Action - Johnny & Alisha will create a responsibility & etiquette waiver for the kids & their parents to sign.

7. Cedars/Galloway (Megan)

- **Update** - In Camera

8. Operations & Infrastructure

- **Mike away; however, emailed the following for discussion which the board reviewed.**

1. Groomer Appreciation / Season Close Meeting

Meeting had a good turn out of 12 individuals including 4 contractors and 8 volunteers. Pizza and drinks were provided as part of the meeting. Summary of the meeting was provided separately with a cc to the board. This is for your information and comment as required.

2. Plans for Summer Work

The following items are activities planned for this summer for your information. I will be lining up volunteers to help with the efforts. Feel free to add anything or comment on the list.

- Stadium Lights to come down
- Clean and paint the hut deck
- Repair, place boards and stain the picnic tables.
- Raise the Red Hut by 8" to allow for easier access in the winter

- Add a divider to the firewood shed so that we provide easier access to older wood from newer wood through the winter
- Trail drainage repairs per Groomers meeting list
- Trail Grass cutting

3. Infrastructure

The idea of acquiring a sturdy Quonset Tent for the Cat is being explored. Rough cost for a 30 ft x 40 ft enclosure is \$5500. This option will keep snow off the cat and permit the to close a door and heat the area for maintenance. More information will come on this as a formal proposal next month following the AFE process suggested by Jennifer (if supported by the board). Dave Fuller and Steve LaLancette are fully on side with the concept.

- The board discussed all of the above. All are supportive of the plans for summer work (will help arrange work parties) & the purchase of a Quonset Tent. We will have to discuss with the Cedars regarding proposed location.

9. Open discussion - None

10. Next Meeting - Monday, May 13th, 7 p.m.

11. Adjourn - Megan, 8:56 p.m.