

WRNSC Board Meeting Minutes September 28th 2020

Present: Oliver Conway-White, Colin Rhodes, Heidi Langenberg, Bill Henry, Laura Seaman, Greg Harling, Ken Campbell

Chair: Oliver Conway-White

Called to order by Oliver at 8.00pm

1. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion to approve by Colin, 2nd by Oliver none opposed, carried

2. Review and approve the agenda for this meeting.

Motion to approve by Oliver, 2nd by Greg, none opposed, carried

3. Follow up on action items from prior meeting.

- Oliver to send out email to membership re update for Rowan's Law check box missed on registrations. - Still in progress. Jess and Scott have notice to their groups.

Action: Oliver to try again to send out message.

- Add Jess to Zone 4 access. Completed by Greg.

4. Finance:

Budget: Ken had questions regarding presentation of some items.

The bus trip to Highlands will not be run this year due to Covid restrictions so should be removed.

Colin indicated that he would like Facility costs to be further categorized.

Also there should be another line item for Sanitation Supplies due to Covid requirements.

Ken may have a few inexpensive ideas.

Action: Heidi to get an estimate of costs. Also find notes on facility costs.

There should also be provision for the purchases of lights, additional signage and trail markers.

Colin can work with Heidi re these costs.

There was also a discussion re the granting of honorariums to aid in recruitment of youth coaches.

The thought is that although this might help it may be more effective in the long run to be more forceful in recruitment of parents to coach their kids. Although almost all youth programs are full

Laura has received many emails. **Action:** Colin to contact Jess re a waiting list. These parents might be more easily tapped as volunteers.

Board approval of the budget must be deferred till the next meeting to allow for required adjustments.

We must have answers to the open issues for the next meeting.

Ken also noted that there should really be better presentation of capital items.

For instance there items such as rental equipment and grooming equipment would be classified differently. Colin indicated that he would like to see Cost of Goods Sold.

Due to lack of sufficient immediate time this is deferred till the end of the current season.

Action: Ken to work with Heidi after end of season.

Jess had also questioned the possibility of additional grants.

Currently we have operating and project grants from city and specific grants from Trillum fund.

Action: Ken to touch base with Jess re any additional grants. Eg. Ski at School

5. Programs:

Current registration count is 160 although this may be slightly high due to some double entries.

Youth:

Most youth programming is sold out with some openings remaining in Bunny Rabbits. Jess reported that Dryland has been going well. Confirmed by Heidi.

Adult: Dryland to begin on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Heidi to be leader.

Action: Greg and Heidi to post to website and email those who signed for programs and those who participated in dryland last year.

6. Clothing policy:

Colin noted that our current clothing policy was designed to subsidize the senior racers but not the juniors. Now we have a mix of both senior and junior skiers who participate in some races.

The question was raised if we even have sizes small enough for some of the juniors.

Action: Ken to check with Jess and Sue to see what we have and can supply. Another issue is jackets. We could leave the policy as it is, offer 40% discount to both groups or get rid of the discount entirely. **Action:** Ken to talk with Scott and Jess to determine who might merit. We would try to make the policy fair to all with no favorites. Will wait till we have more information before making any decision.

7. Any possible pre-planning required for rental pickup.

We likely will be looking at a time in late October or in November for the pickup because we need to receive the new equipment into inventory. Since we don't know what restrictions may be in place at that time we will wait till a point closer in time to firm up details. Colin indicated that we might use the parking lot we had for rental returns although weather might be an issue.

8. Rockway: Reported by Colin.

Plan is for much more signage both for main trail and directional.

Action: Colin to check with Eva re coordination.

Snow fencing - Close the gap on Spruce Run, uphill on Deer Climb, top of plateau on Maple Hook.

Action: Colin to check with Brett on his needs.

Trail markers – 400 for this year.

Ken suggested that we hold a Track Day for volunteers to clean up any deadfall. Colin noted that it would be good to recruit a crew during the year as well.

Some lights have been purchased for the Bunny Rabbits. Also looking for the best location for group. Will depend on the numbers.

9. Update from SOD AGM: Colin reported.

Colin is on the board of directors plus new members, 1 from Mono and another from U of Waterloo.

The SOD race series will follow the Return to Play guidelines, whatever rules apply at the time.

SOD is currently examining some issues regarding insurance wording regarding Covid. Not all information is yet available. Snow making at Highlands, funded by SOD was mostly complete but waiting for approval which is stalled by Covid.

10. Injury reporting policy template: Oliver reported

Jess had previously sent Oliver a sample. **Action:** Oliver to put a template together for the next meeting.

Additional Notes:

Laura noted that the City of Kitchener grant application must be made by Friday October 23rd. This has to include a copy of the budget. This makes it far more important to approve the budget on the next board meeting.

Laura questioned.

If we should allow people who were not able to enter a program to obtain rentals. We should hold back till club rentals are satisfied. With the expected number of rentals there likely wouldn't be much still available anyway. Also some people couldn't be fitted with long enough poles. If not possible to fit we might direct them to ski swaps such as Highlands.

Ken also asked how we might approach running club races. We may have to run some sort of cohorting. Decisions might be made in late November. Colin indicated that there are some XCSO documents regarding this.

Next meeting: Wednesday Oct. 21st 8pm via teleconference

Motion to adjourn by Oliver at 9:44pm. 2nd by Greg. Adjourned.