

WRNSC Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14th 2020

Attendance: 14 voting members plus two city representatives, Darren Carter and Lisa Collins

Chair: Oliver Conway-White

Attendance was sufficient to meet the bylaw requirements so Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Colin, 2nd by Laura, none opposed, carried.

2. Review And Approve the Minutes from the Last AGM: Motion to approve by Colin, 2nd by Rigel, none opposed, carried.

3. Reports:

Links to detailed online reports were provided to accompany the program presentations. Major items and recommendations were as follows.

Presidents Report: Prepared and presented by Oliver.

He Noted that although the season seems a long time ago it was successful owed to the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

Membership was slightly lower than the last couple of years but all programs ran well.

One highlight of the season was the opening of the new trail system at Rockway Golf Course after several years of investigation of new venues for the club. This produced much favourable feedback. Financial help came from the Trillium Foundation.

Investment made in renewing and expanding rental equipment including new roller skis.

The season had just started to wind down when Covid 19 hit and as a result some end of year items had to be canceled or postponed.

All are looking forward to the current season and seeing everyone out.

Financial Report: Prepared and presented by Heidi.

Heidi presented a Comparative Income statement and Current Balance Sheet.

Noted that membership fees are slightly down compared to previous year.

The club received \$19,467 in grants from Waterloo, Kitchener and Trillium Fund.

All of this helped to offset the expenses related to the move to Rockway and the purchase of new equipment. The final result was a deficit of \$5,551 versus the originally budgeted deficit of \$14,644.

Generally the club is in good financial health.

Motion by Heidi to approve the income and balance sheets, 2nd by Bill, none opposed, carried.

Equipment Rentals: Prepared and presented by Eva and Laura.

Eva presented a Yearly Summary Table which will allow collection and reporting of rental statistics going forward. Total rental income for this year was \$6,180.

An expanded numbering system has been implemented. Expanded to 4 digits to allow for more equipment. Fall rentals will now be included in inventory.

The club will continue the conversion to NNN bindings. This year will update larger size boots.

Previously used SNS boots to be sold at a ski swap.

Program Reports:

Youth: Prepared by Thiago and youth coordinators, presented by Oliver.

Bunny Rabbit/Jack Rabbits:

There were 11 Bunny Rabbits, 39 Jack rabbits with 3 Bunny Rabbit and 8 instructors plus helpers for Jack Rabbits. Those on a waiting list all eventually were entered into the program
Very positive feedback regarding Rockway as a club base.
The club should invest in recruitment to keep the program numbers up.
Should maintain a check-in, check-out procedure and consistent meetup locations for security.

Track Attack Junior:

This program had 20 participants with 9 participating in out of town events.
The program offered 21 fall and 19 winter sessions with a few interruptions due to weather and snow conditions. There was considerable focus on athlete development.
Recommendations included continuing fall sessions at Bechtel and Schneider's Bush and one on the Bruce Trail or as well with another club. Continue the program at Rockway but also look out for other venues as snow conditions dictate. Encourage participant involvement in all parts of the program. Introduce roller skiing and make fall training readily available. Educate on clothing choices and requirement for water bottle (perhaps club could sell these). Need for headlamp should be stressed.

Track Attack Senior: Prepared by Scott Dowling, presented by Oliver.

This consisted of a slide show of highlights from the season.
There were over 20+ participating athletes and 3 were nominated for the SOD team.
2 Waterloo members were in the Ontario Winter Games with top 15 results.
Every SOD series race had a contingent from the club.
4 athletes went to an Ontario Cup in North Bay.
A Waterloo athlete was top female at the Ontario Youth Championship in Timmins.
One Waterloo athlete also excelled in Paranordic.
It was obvious from the slide show that the team had lots of fun along with success all the way.
Included was an interesting video on the transition to the new cold wax system.

Adult: Prepared and presented by Greg.

Although the weather brought some challenges the season was successful.
Dryland training had 13 participants.
Lessons attracted 18 for classic and 6 for skate.
Adult Touring had 10 participants.
Most lesson sessions were completed with good turnout.
Adult Ski Tour enjoyed a record 6 ski outings.
The Highland bus trip had to be canceled due to lack of registrations. This may have been scheduled too early in the season.
Recommendations include:
Recruiting of 1 or 2 classic ski instructors, possibly from our Track Attack skiers,
Provide some LED lighting on some Rockway trail sections to increase safety, particularly for novice skiers.

Rockway: Prepared and presented by Colin.

This was an extremely busy year.

Some highlights included: More were detailed in the presentation.

- The agreement with Kitchener to use Rockway after a long process.
- The grant from the Trillium Fund to facilitate the move to Rockway.
- Purchase and installation of the shipping container for groomer storage.
- Installation of shelving and storage in the container.
- Design of the trail system, naming of sections.
- All of the signage and snow fencing.
- The Grand Opening with media and politicians and racing.

Some recommendations include.

- More signage to educate skiers on direction of the trail.
- More trail markers to help the groomers place the trail in the correct location.
- Additional snow fencing at various points in the system.
- Work with the Bunny Rabbit coaches and Rockway for a good location for the Bunny program.
- Permanent location for the shipping container.
- Evaluate current trail routing.
- Groomer maintenance.
- Recruit and additional trail groomer.

4. Board Elections:

If an election were to be required city representative Darren Carter agreed to act as scrutineer.

Six board members from the past season agreed to stand for reelection. This meant that there would be one vacant board position. Calls for nomination from attendees were made three times.

Only Ken Campbell responded and since all 7 board positions would now be filled there was no need for an election. The new board was now formed.

The reconstituted board for the coming season consists of:

Oliver Conway-White

Colin Rhodes

Heidi Langenberg

Bill Henry

Laura Seaman

Greg Harling

Ken Campbell

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm by Colin, 2nd by Oliver. Meeting adjourned.

First Meeting of the New Board

Held immediately after the AGM, September 14th via teleconference.

Attendees:

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

Chair: Oliver Conway-White

Members from the new board were selected and approved by the members to fill the following positions.

President - Oliver Conway-White
Vice President - Colin Rhodes
Treasurer - Heidi Langenberg
Secretary - Bill Henry
Directors at Large - Greg Harling, Laura Seaman, Ken Campbell

Next Meeting: Planned for Monday September 28th at 8pm via teleconference.

Motion by Oliver to close, 2nd by Colin.

Meeting closed at 8:49pm.