

## ***Kanata Nordic Ski Club Executive Meeting***

by Zoom Video Conference

***Monday November 15 , 2021***

Directors in attendance: Nigel Wallis, Andrew Weekes, David Bentley, Jeff Pappin, Marsha Kelly, Sunida Hurst, Gene Vigneron, John Clarke, Maureen Smith, Heather McCulligh, Heather Boswell, Roger Colbeck, Kathryn Anthonisen, Anne Wilson

Absent with Regards: all present

### ***Call to order***

Meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm.

1. The agenda, proposed by Nigel, was passed.
2. Previous minutes meetings were approved at the end of this meeting, with minor amendments, this motion passed.

### ***New Executive Business***

1. Nigel Introduced our new Communications Coordinator Kathryn Anthonisen.

#### **2. Membership update, Sunida Hurst**

- 2.1 1,600 members as of today, we voted to cap membership at 2,000. We will publicize this in the month of November / early December in our newsletter.
- 2.2 Junior Programs: still recalibrating how many spots are in high demand programs and taking spots away from low demand programs, subject to coaching availability.
- 2.3 Card - expect early december, this year the background colour is blue.
- 2.4 Membership policy question, do we need to require an adult/family membership for

#### **3. Financial Update, Marsha Kelly**

Marsha reported that the club is in a great financial position.

#### **4. Jackrabbit programs, Maureen Smith**

- 4.1 For numbers, see Registration page.
- 4.2 Coaches zoom call planned for December 8th.
- 4.3 Coaching courses and zoom calls are in the planning stage at the moment.

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### 5. Facilities update, John Clarke

5.1 Waiting on an early shipment of anchors to be installed before the ground freezes.

5.2 Potentially need access restrictions on weekend afternoons to program participants which means we will need parking volunteers again this season.

### 6. Trails update, Gene Vigneron

Fall trail prep- very busy month

Looking Forward: Completion of fall trail prep, Coordination of grooming team, Initiation of grooming Actions Completed / Outstanding / Decisions/ Estimated timing: Trail maintenance :

- Mike D coordination of Kubota/ rental tractor work distributing woodchips primary trail 8 and
- Many culverts installed -Trail 8, and 401 sections where Kubota will cross
- Trail 8 bypass from open area into woods.
- All trails brushed
- 401 maintenance area set up work continuing.
- Outstanding -completion of post placement ( post Xcounty running race) snowfencing, signage posting Snowshoe trails:
- Pat K and Ardeth trimmed network and cleared downfall
- Removal of connection signage to NCC 12 except at end.
- Development of additional trails within WCP land final network pending. KN Classic race
- Meeting with Mike V
- Onsite meeting with Rob W- MOL overflow car route is using the accessory road, BUT he has agreed after MOL is over to NOT use/plow that road till end of season.. This allows us to use land section closer to Corkstown with some grade for longer course/ more trail.
- Will make shorter course then expand to that area for additional length post MOL. NCC 12 - Still Wayfinding post not moved by NCC. OWWT trails / DND loop - -Still pending NCC

Maps - ● KN Map, final changes pending, for installation dage mid Dec.

- OWWT Map - Roger/ Adrian
- Grooming map - to be developed for operators ( not for public)
- KN Classic race map. Facility / equipment storage -
- John coordinating - outstanding : one tent for Harris to complete and install, and arrival of Equipment: ( Managed by Rich Russell)
- 2017 ATV Maintenance Complete, track swap pending, additional battery
- 2019 ATV - Track swap pendingr

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- 2011 Skandic Maintenance: –,,no issues
- 2015 Skandic – - Trailer Maintenance- Light rewiring complete, pending new tires
- Generator Maintenance : fall 19 oil/ filter change needed -
- Tidd Tech G2 Groomer Maintenance –
- Ginzu Groomer Maintenance #1 – needs support bar replacement new wing mat, wheel kit
- volunteer duty list and duties ongoing planning – Action/decisions required from Executive /
- Ginzu Groomer #2 ( 411) –,. actuator repair complete
- Mogul Master - no issues
- Tidd Tech Roller, -no issues
- 2016 YTS roller - No issues
- Trails department volunteer duty list and duties ongoing planning – Action/decisions required from Executive / Other Coordinators : None

### 7. Teen Skate Program, Heather Boswell

7.1 Saturday training hikes began 4 weeks ago. It feels like the before-time! We have some parents, a few siblings and even a dog or two with us again. We are able to go across this bridge this fall and access Gatineau Park - we've hiked March Highlands, the Jack Pine Trail at Murphy's Pont and to Herridge Lodge on trail 50. Upcoming hike options - Wolf Trail, Lusk Falls, 7.2 Teen Skate 1 and 2 are Full - they filled up in September. We've had 2 withdraw but there are a handful on the waiting list that have registered. Teen Skate 3 has 5 students out of 8 spots. TS3 students are all returning, moving up from TS2. Students in TS1 and 2 are a mix of returning students, students new to the program (moving up from JR) and a few are new to the

### 8. Racing Program, Heather McCulligh

8.1 Thanks to Kundstadt for the racing night and wax clinic and sponsorship

8.2 Our club race date has been set for Sunday January 23. Location 401 Corkstown. Race is in the morning. There will be a new format. Classic with a focus on under 14 age group.

8.3 Candy Cane Cup [FIS race] is taking place at nakkertok on the weekend of December 11.

### 9. OWWT update, Roger Colbeck

- Awaiting further news on the damaged bridge. NCC Nov2nd: “We are issuing a contract to a Consultant for structural engineering services and the design of emergency repairs to the Bridge. I’ll have a better idea of the estimated budget required and timeframe for completing

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- Maps provided to the NCC of the desired regular OWWT trail and pilot trails. Still awaiting formal confirmation/acceptance from the NCC.
  - We have now received the NCC Financial Agreement with the UWTA and (via the UWTA) the Land Use Agreement (minus the maps) with KN for the public trails (OWWT). The NCC is naturally trying to standardize the Land Use Agreements with all trail organizations as much as possible. I provided feedback on the documents after consultation with Nigel and Eugene. Biggest issues are the dates for the grooming season, and pre-season, the bilingual requirements on grooming status updates, and permissions required for running programs or
  - I provided drawings and photographs of a desired turnaround at Watts Creek Pathway and Carling avenue but the NCC has rejected cutting down any trees there, due to the type of trees
  - I rode the whole trail looking at any required brush clearing and will be providing the NCC with some desired widths but all the trail is actually in decent shape and I anticipate that the NCC won't do any further brush clearing at this point.
    - Will be looking at signage banners (blade flags) for Trailheads. Need design, quote, budget approval and NCC permission.
    - We are in dialogue with the Crystal Bay Lakeview Community Association about some sponsorship funds. The possible amount is unknown but I have provided our table of
    - Have been in touch with the 19th Tee owner, John Fagan, about possible parking. John is open to the idea but had concerns about vandalism and theft and also needs to discuss the issue with the NCC. I have followed up again with John and left a vm for his NCC contact. Still ongoing.
      - Will be starting to post content on social media this week to create some pre-season "buzz"

### 10. Promotions. Nigel Wallis

10.1 New ski wear store is open until November 29th

10.2 Casual wear clothing coming shortly

10.3 Translation committee working

10.4 New Insta account

10.5 Kundstadt ski swap ending soon

10.6 Fresh Air Experience discount ending soon

10.7 Aidan/uOttawa stari-athon fundraiser

10.8 Discussed potential for Christmas candy canes offered along trail 104.

11. Other Business

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11.1 Racing coach volunteer refund policy. Generally discussed that because KNSC is a volunteer organization, all members and volunteers need to be full paying members, no refunds

11.2 Ski rental operations. Discussed possible alternative locations

11.3 Kanata Nordic Ski Club Social Reach

Communication details. Our newsletter mailing list has 1,836 subscribers. Our website averages 4,794 unique visitors a month. 7,121 unique visitors in winter months. Total visits 750 followers on facebook. Post reach up to 3,300.  
845 followers on twitter.

11.4 Ottawa West Winter Trail Social Reach

1,000 visits a month on the website  
1400 followers on facebook. 2,000 page views a month  
600 followers on twitter.  
300 followers on instagram.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm with the next scheduled meeting on December 13, 2021  
Jeff Pappin, Secretary. KNSC