

Kanata Nordic Ski Club Executive Meeting

by Zoom Video Conference

Monday October 18, 2021

Directors in attendance: Nigel Wallis, Andrew Weekes, David Bentley, Jeff Pappin, Marsha Kelly, Sunida Hurst, John Clarke, Heather McCulligh, Heather Boswell, Roger Colbeck, Maureen Smith.

Absent with Regards: Gene Vigneron

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 explained the need to purchase an agricultural shelter (see September Exec Minutes) with an offset limit of \$10,000 to be used for this purpose. This motion was unanimously approved and seconded by Heather M.

2. Sunida gave an update on registration numbers and process

Registration numbers look very good this year again with 1,350 members to date. [248 families, 130 couples, 120 singles]

Membership cards will be purchased in the near future, Nigel will draft a letter to put with the membership card mail out.

We should consider not allowing day pass sales on weekends again this season, reason for the restriction is to allow more parking spots for club members on weekends when programs are operational, particularly in the mornings.

3. Rabbit Report. Maureen

Maureen is recruiting coaches and handling registration with the assistance of Amy Thomas.

4. Racing Report. Heather M

44 current registrants, our racing program is almost full

Heather is working on a low key under 14 yrs of age race, date has been set at Sunday January 23rd, location will be 401. Course preparation is currently underway.

We have older/experienced athletes that took part in the first real race since 2020 and placed highly in all age categories. Aidan Kirkham placed 2nd overall. Results: <https://zone4.ca/race/2021-09-18/ce15505a/results/>

We have 2 athletes who have just been named to Team Ontario Nordic

We have 1 athlete named to Team Ontario Biathlon

5. Gene gave an update of the trails report to the secretary in advance, as he was not able to attend the meeting. Nigel presented this information in a slide show.

Trail work begun with trail prep and trimming in process, to be completed over the next several weekends. Heaviest overgrowth I have seen in years so lots of work.

Surplus of woodchips at 401 currently. Mike D coordinating some mid week work for spreading with available volunteers (mostly retired members)

Donation of culverts (Thanks Jeff!) for installation coordinated by Mike D.

Meeting with Signage volunteers Gregg and Mary Ann for review of seasonal signage installation and NCC Trail 12 temporary wayfinding signage

Meeting with Adrian for review of Map changes this year, tentative date in December for final revisions.

Meeting with Pat K re snowshoe adjustments - removal of connections on walking trail 12, removal of inferior portion of trail below Trail 8. Scouting and possible additional connections of snowshoe network planning to be updates on map by December if achieved.

Preliminary planning with Mike V planning Kanata Classic Race course in Pretzel area

6. Roger updated the executive on the OWWT.

First topic was the bridge repair on the Watts Creek pathway. The NCCs engineering team are looking at a potential repair solution.

Next, Roger is waiting on pilot grooming permits to be issued by the NCC

SJAM has been renamed the Kitchissippi Winter trail.

Finally, Roger is co ordinating tree removal with the NCC, at various locations throughout, primary concern is a groomer turn around at the Winter Trail just before it crosses Carling Avenue.

7. Treasurers report, Marsha.

Hold off on any budget revisions for now, we still have a healthy cash flow from membership renewals and club courses / racing programs.

8. Sponsorship committee has been working on a proposal for corporations and business owners.

9. Presidents Report: Nigel

Here is Nakkertok's policy related to Covid and participants in XC programs and XC skiing itself.

We agreed to a policy that requires all program participants that are eligible for vaccination to be vaccinated ie Learn to ski and racing. Kids, coaches, or any other volunteers. The board felt this was reasonable because of the large number of kids under 12 that we wish to protect as best we can. It was unanimous. We decided NOT to try to enforce vaccination for someone who just wants to ski"

10. Other business

Discussed the need to monitor members only access on weekends with our many volunteers.

We need to set a cap on memberships again, we can discuss a limit of 2,000 before the next meeting and let the membership know in a monthly newsletter soon.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm with the next scheduled meeting for Monday November 15, 2021 beginning at 7 pm.

Jeff Pappin, Secretary. KNSC