

Kanata Nordic Ski Club Executive Meeting

Zoom Video Conference Monday August 23, 2021

Monday September 20, 2021

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

Absent with Regards: Heather McCulligh

Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm.

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

New Executive Business

3. Sunida gave an update on registration numbers and process

Registration numbers look very good with 528 returning members registered on the first day. A programming error has been fixed. Membership cards will be ordered in the near future.

4. Gene gave an update of the trails report.

Mike D is taking the lead on preparing a priority list of trail preparation needs, co-ordinating materials etc. Gene will be recruiting members for work parties beginning after thanksgiving weekend in October.

There are wood chips available at Wesley Clover

Wesley Clover has a XC run race scheduled for November.

Trail 8 bypass throught the trees [avoiding the hydro easement] is in the planning stage right now, although this Minor tweaks to trails at 411 site.

With regards to the NCC meetings.

Trail 12 shall remain a public trail, shared with our ski club.

5. Rabbit Report: Nigel informed the executive that Maureen Smith and Amy Thomas have stepped up to co-ordinate the Rabbit program.

6. John's facilities report.

New Site at 401

All our equipment at 401 has been moved to the new site, directly behind the ski cabin. We are waiting on WCP help to move the remaining gravel from the old site (the only remaining evidence of our operations there) to the new one to finish ramps to the containers and the pergola area.

Shelter for Tractor

The new Kubota groomer requires some sort of shelter for both winter and summer. The original idea was a taller structure similar to the current pergola but material costs have escalated to where we are looking at something over \$10,000. Recent research has identified an auto shelter type of structure (but a serious upgrade from your average auto shelter) as a better option (see illustrative photo below):

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- 15 year warranty on cover
- Cover is 21.5 oz. PVC
- Supplier 1 – 16x25x10 feet, cost of \$6924 including delivery and taxes
- Supplier 2 – 15x24x12 feet, cost of \$5228 including delivery and taxes
- Both suppliers have 8 to 10 week manufacture and delivery time

We received approval from WCP for this option in about 2 hours, I think based on its similarity to our current auto shelters which have been on site for years.

Supplier has not yet been chosen. Both options for supplier will require a special meeting of members to approve an expenditure over \$5000.

MOTION: To call a special members meeting to approve the purchase of a shelter for the new groomer to a maximum cost of \$7000. This motion was 2nd by Heather B.

7. Racing update from Nigel, For Heather M

44 current registrants – almost full

First dryland session was Thursday, parent briefing via Zoom was Sunday

Older/experienced athletes took part in first “real” race since 2020 and placed highly in all age categories, including assistant coach Aidan Kirkham who placed 2nd overall. Results: <https://zone4.ca/race/2021-09->

We have 2 athletes who have just been named to Team Ontario Nordic and 1 for Team Ontario Biathlon

ACTIONS:

Information on club clothing via Jakroo pending shortly

SUNIDA I need to talk with you this week about racers with additional family members in programs

Following up re: status of NCD – no president and inactive but needs to do baseline of activity

Following up for new volunteers re: PRCs and ICC etc – will share with NIGEL so can be re-used for LTS

8. Roger gave updates from WCP / OWWT.

As mentioned in previous meetings, we are dealing with a bridge closure on the WCP west of the TCT/WCP Pilot grooming has been approved on the TCC south to Robertson Road for this coming season.

Loops identified off Rifle Road on NCC lands will also be added to the trail network.

The OWWT are looking for a webmaster to replace Robert Mah. Please refer anyone available to Roger.

Further discussions on signage are in the works with the main objective being to have consistent signage throughout the various public xc ski trails in Ottawa.

9. Treasurers report, Marsha.

Marsha is waiting on membership revenue numbers, these numbers will filter through in the next month.

10. Sponsorship committee has a meeting after this meeting, so no report at this time.

11. The other topic discuss was Covid.

Nakkertok's policy is to have all in person programs require proof of covid vaccination. The executive discussed this topic, no decision was reached at this time.

As per last season, if the membership numbers remain high, we need to consider leaning towards 411 & 401 weekend access for members only.

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12. Other business

Nigel pointed out that there is a very high demand for adult learn to ski programs for our members. The main deficit for our club is the shortage of instructors at this time.

Roger pointed out that at other clubs [whitewater for example] having difficulty recruiting instructors for adult programs, it may be best to make these paid positions. Consensus was that this was not possible with Kanata Nordic as we are primarily a volunteer run organization.

The meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm with the next scheduled meeting on October 18, 2021

Jeff Pappin, Secretary. KNSC