



Directors Meeting

Date:	Monday, June 4th, 2018
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	Sports Council Board Room

Directors:

Joan Bernard, Mike Duck, Vesta Giles, John Grover, Luc Guilherme, Maureen Light, Dana Manhard, Raegan Markel, Rich McCleary, Dillon Stuart, Alan Vyse

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

President's Report

CCBC workshop – lots of great ideas. We could do a similar program to Fort St. John which has Chicks on Sticks, perhaps a mens night. Could also approach local bands.

Fundraising:

Money from Rec Sites and Trails – we have asked them in the past and signs are often covered.

Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)

Credit unions also need to spend money in the community

No word from HVC

Governance

Strategic Planning Session – Dave or Dillon could facilitate the meeting, to be planned for the week after our September 10th board meeting (possibly Sept. 16th or 17th).

Membership

Publicity - rack card looks great, redoing audio on groomer video.

Volunteer coordinator - Coralee to be contacted.

New member idea - approach kids from KBRA camp.

Strategy

Ways and Means:

Credit union said they do not support operational costs, may have tents and banners.

SIDIT - Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust – Maureen is looking into this.

Blazers fund contingent on finding matching money. Three year term – we can ask each year. If successful we could raise \$200k.

We did not receive the gaming grant because we had short answers on the form that were not well received e.g. purpose, project financing. Other board members could proofread first, also we can phone to ask about the criteria. July 31 is the deadline for this year. Maureen will talk with Luc, Alan and Chris before July 31.

Operations

Financial – Mike Duck and possibly one other person who may be interested in being our Treasurer, but hasn't been confirmed yet. We will have a Treasurer by September.

Trails Committee:

Snow cat replacement - we have \$200-250 available now, including potential sale of our used machine (\$25-30k) and the Blazers grant. We put in 300-500 hours per year, and we've had this machine for 14 years. We have info on several used Prinoth machines but no info yet on any Pisten Bully brand. Prinoth is becoming more popular now, they didn't exist in Canada when we purchased before.

Sun Peaks machines are at 9000 hours already, but they are selling them. We won't do a refurbish, that's what Prinoth does. Within 10-15 years, parts become obsolete and are difficult to find - our machine is 2002. We have

three keen volunteers who will keep the machine running for us, but if they can't find the parts they can't fix it. New machines will be harder to service (more electronics) - maintenance will cost more.

We need to look at a replacement machine within a year; if we can find the money we should take the plunge sooner than later. If we sign the cheque in September, we could have the machine for the winter season.

Team up with other clubs to do bulk purchase? Tag on to Sun Peaks when they buy - throw in one more? If we lease it will rule out some of the grants. Could top up with a couple of years of financing if needed.

Motion from Alan that the Trails Committee move ahead with their search to purchase a replacement machine, spending no more than \$2000 in the search, and come back with recommendations by September. Seconded by Mike. Carried.

Emergency procedures – we could put more obvious signs to call the ticket booth in an emergency. Encourage people to put the snow phone # on their phones, also the booth could make people aware. Stamp phone number on passes or have stickers, put something on the website, make a poster for washroom and lodge. Wording change on signs to “After hours call 911” rather than “If closed for the season”.

Basement changes - suggested changes are fine.

Stadium changes - rec skiers will still have a bypass route. We can level the ground at any time now. Klaus will look after leveling a spot for the box, he has a machine he wants to use. We will need a crane for the actual box; Big Steel Box can provide. We will put in lights and eventually can use the box for waxing. Tower of Babble will be demolished.

Discussion of employee retention - pay raises? To be discussed later.

Motion from Dillon to approve the May meeting minutes. Seconded by Joan. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.
Minutes recorded by Raegan Markel.

Action Items

Formalize agreement with KCKC	Vesta
Point of Sale system	Luc
Promotions – Ski S'Kool brochures, rack cards	Vesta
Snow cat replacement	Alan, Luc

Next Scheduled Meeting Dates:

September 10, 2018
October 1, 2018
November 5, 2018
December 3, 2018

1.1 President's Report

The CCBC workshop and AGM were fantastic this year. It was a good sized crowd and the ideas were flowing in all directions.

Here are some highlights:

- Loans and grants – we need to see what Rec Sites and Trails has, SDIC, BC Rural Dividend Fund, Gaming capital projects (new this summer), also connecting with Credit Unions for grants.
- “Chix on Stix” – ladies evenings in Ft. St. John (I talked to the Dirt Chix here about this and they would love a ladies ski night with hosts for each group.
- Connecting with Indigenous groups – they promote health and wellness for their members.
- The CCBC online fundraiser is something we should consider this year.
- Skmana (Chase) is a very small group. I told them we could connect and help them out / possibly have a reciprocal relationship.
- Possibly create Swag for volunteers as a thank you.
- Connecting with cycling groups to attract members, kids in programs.

I've emailed HVC but haven't heard back yet about the sponsorship. I'll email again this week.

5.2 Trails Committee Report

The trail committee met on Tuesday May 22nd. Plans are proceeding for summer work. We discussed four issues that should be discussed further on Monday evening.

1. Purchase of replacement snowcat

Do we need to replace the snow cat now, ready for next season?

Our current machine is in excellent condition and could keep running for several more years. However, it is at about 9000 hours and this is when problems begin to occur according to the Cummins engine experts.

What funds do we have available?

Machine replacement reserve: \$100,000

Other reserve: \$20,000 based on past discussions

Barrel scrapings: \$30,000 (my estimate from logging at the accounts)

Blazers Sports legacy fund: \$50,000 for this year only?

Sale of existing machine would bring \$25,000 to \$30,000 but this would have to be done privately. Harper Mountain is interested apparently.

Leasing and Financing options are available but we don't have any details. We would be able to negotiate a loan that allowed us to make payments through the ski season only: say from November to April.

I estimate that we have \$250,000 available but this has to be confirmed by the Treasurer.

What would a new machine cost?

There are two manufacturers: Pisten Bully and Prinoth (formerly Bombardier).

Pisten Bully 2018 \$428,350 with track setting set up; \$3000 delivery

Prinoth Bison 2018 \$389,887 includes track pans; \$3000 delivery

Preference among the trails committee members is for Pisten Bully but the newer Prinoths have not been driven. The PBs have smaller engines and are more fuel efficient. They seem to be better built.

These prices are well above what we have available. We would need an extra \$150,000 to \$200,000.

What would a used machine cost?

Any used machine should have less than 5000 machine hours. This is would give us 10-15 years of use. Our present machine was purchased with 5000 hours and is now at 9000 hours.

There are several Prinoth machines available that meet or are close to meeting this criterion:

- Prinoth 2015 4185 hours \$233,710
- Prinoth 2012 5115 hours \$192,184
- Prinoth 2012 5391 hours \$189,648
- Prinoth 2012 6000 hours \$227,010 New engine
- Prinoth 2013 3953 hours \$276,360

Add Nordic track setting equipment at \$22,000 to each

There are some Pisten Bully machines available but we don't have any details yet. Apparently Sun Peaks is selling two of their PB machines this year but they have more hours than we would prefer.

How would we decide between a new and older machine?

Essentially, it is the same decision you make with your personal vehicle. Used machines are cheaper but have more risk of failure. Our current machine was bought used and so was our previous machine. They had more hours on the motor at the time of purchase than the Prinoth machines available today. Purchase of a new machine would require financial assistance.

What further research is required?

- We need to inspect new model Prinoth models.
- We need a list of used Pisten bully machines with hours and prices.
- We need to inspect any suitable used machines.

Decision required:

Should the trails committee continue to pursue options for purchase of a replacement snowcat this year?

2. Emergency procedures.

At present, our emergency procedures for accidents or incidents on the trails ask skiers to call the ticket booth. The procedure is explained on the map signs. The ticket booth staff also have the ability to pin point the position of anyone calling in an emergency by asking them to refer to the emergency locator number at the nearest junction. A recent incident in Alberta brought up the issue that most people are trained to call 911. However, if this happens the call will be put through to the nearest ambulance station, which is at Logan Lake, and not to the ticket booth.

Members, and especially long term members, will know to call the ticket booth, but visitors will not know this. We propose to update our emergency signage. We will scrap the emergency locator number system and rely on trail names, as we have been doing for the past several years. We will post large signs at each intersection with the Trails number posted. **(In an emergency call 250-372-5514. You are at the intersection of Drifter and Rustler. If trails are closed for the season, call 911).**

We also suggest purchasing stickers for all rental equipment.

New information should be posted on the website along with a suggestion that members take CPR courses and that they should ski with a "buddy".

For discussion and approval.

3. Basement changes

Changes are needed to accommodate the increased number of rental skis and boots and to improve efficiency of handling rentals and the School ski program.

The current N/S dividing walls (across the short axis of the building) will be removed. The remaining walls on the long axis will be connected by a "scissor" security gate or equivalent. New ski boot and pole racks will be installed for the extra equipment. Snowshoes are currently stored in the spare toboggan so they can be slid outside for school groups.

Expected cost is approximately \$2000.

For discussion and approval

4. Stadium changes

We plan to move the timing hut to the edge of the stadium area and place the Big Steel Box to the south of the hut. The current storage building with the Tower of Babble on top will be torn down. A replacement announcing booth can be built on top of the steel box.

The change will have some impact on recreational users during events. The Sprint event last season blocked the north end of Cowpoke for a day. A bypass was created which allowed Recreational skiers to continue using the popular Cowpoke/ Drifter route. For future long distance events (which use Holdup) the organizers would be expected to have volunteers at the Holdup/Eldorado and Holdup/Bronco junctions to direct recreational skiers.

For discussion and approval

There was one additional issue that we didn't have time to discuss. We need a clear policy for opening and closing the trails so that everyone is clear about the factors that are considered.

3.2 Publicity Report

The rack card are almost ready to go. I'd like to approve them and have them printed in June. Through the summer I'll start delivering them to hotels and tourism organizations.
Groomer Video – we are just waiting to re-record the audio.



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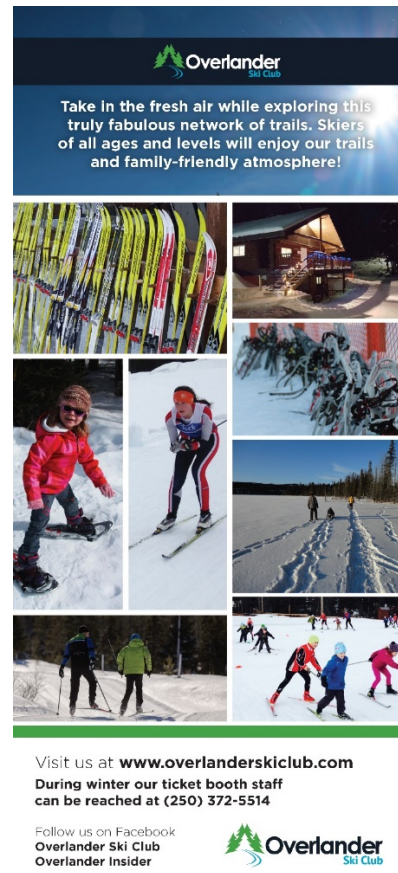
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