



Directors Meeting

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| Date: | Monday, April 1st, 2019 |
| Time: | 7:00 pm |
| Place: | Meeting Room B, Tournament Capital Centre |

Directors:

Joan Bernard, Tim Cole, Chelsea Francis, Vesta Giles, John Grover, Luc Guilherme, Maureen Light, Raegan Markel, Rich McCleary, Dillon Stuart, Alan Vyse

Regrets: Mike Duck, Dana Manhard, Lynda Ritchie

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Opening remarks

Welcome to new board members.

Trail names – discussion of the history of the trail names, cost of changing signage if the trails were renamed (cost would be approximately \$10,000). Concerns about safety, appropriateness, communication to membership. Right now there is a lack of indigenous youth participation/retention and it would be good to focus on improving that.

Motion from Alan to table the discussion until the next meeting. Seconded by Luc. Carried.

Governance

Lodge rental policy - changed to reflect last meeting's discussion.

Membership

Registrar - nothing new.

Publicity - awesome numbers announced at the AGM (views).

Strategy

Ways and means - capital projects grant due July 31st this year; need to contact bookkeeper for information. We will get our reporting straightened out for the gaming grant. Also need to know how much spent on LED lights and how much more would be needed, which could also be covered by a grant.

Strategic Plan updates - remove the part about adding the 2.5km to trails; we will update at the fall meeting. Rental equipment expanded more than 20%.

Operations

No financial report.

We will look into switching from HSBC; our account is not handled locally and issues have been very difficult to resolve, with little communication from the bank. We will talk about it when Mike is back.

Trails - BC Fire Service would like to train at Stake Lake in early May. We will ask that they don't drive on the trails.

The new Bearcat snowmobile is on the way.

Thank you to our dedicated staff - in the past we have given a thank you gift. Hours worked will be put together and we will come up with something (Visa gift cards?).

Dog trails – many difficulties with people walking on the trails, not paying, complaints, and the grooming is hard to maintain since it is apart from the other trails. This year Chelsea tried a tag for cars to hang up and it seemed to help. Next year we will set up a booth on random days. It was also noted that more signage at the south end of the trails could be helpful as there were people walking on the ski trails this season.

Ski League/Junior Development – we would like to host Midgets next year.

The club has covered fees for families to go to BC Cup races; in the past the club also hosted a major race to help make back this cost. We will get parents to officially volunteer next year.

The year-end report that goes to Pacific Sport is in progress.

A couple of athletes were named to the talent squad.

Year-end pot luck at Hal Rogers building. Everyone in the club is invited.

Refurbishing of stadium facilities needed; trails and race organizers will collaborate. CCBC will announce which event we get and then Rich will contact the Trails committee.

Board Business

Motion from Alan to accept March meeting minutes, seconded by Dillon. Carried.

Motion from Alan to accept AGM meeting minutes, seconded by Joan. Carried.

New Business

River City Racers – proposed events/winter festival. Outdoor ice requires a lot of maintenance. We support the idea of an event but will not be the main organizers.

Survey – send suggestions for what to put in the survey. We will have a separate user survey (next season) and a member survey (soon). Vesta, Chelsea and Lee will write up the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.
Minutes recorded by Raegan Markel.

Next Scheduled Meeting Dates:

**Note: new location at Tournament Capital Centre, Meeting Room B

May 6, 2019
June 3, 2019

1.1a President's Report

Trail names - as captured in the emails a member has made a request that we change our trail names. This member has offered to help with the process. I will connect her and Dillon to look further at the matter.

1.1b Trail Names

After the AGM in March of 2019, an OSC member had expressed their concerns regarding the naming of the trail system. They had indicated, that in their opinion, the trail names evoke a confrontational wild west history, and appear to have little relevance to the Overlander name of the ski club, or even Canadian history. They also point out

that there are no women recognized with in the trail system.

In addition to this, some trail names, specifically Geronimo and Sitting Bull could be considered inappropriate and not reflective of the values of the OSC and its membership. These two historic individuals are well known for their leadership and resistance to the US Government oppression, but are not local to the region. These individuals are not reflective of the Secwepemc people who have inhabited the lands of the OSC trails for time immemorial.

I propose that the board strike a small team, lead by myself, who will work with the trails committee and any others who may be interested, as directed by the board to develop a trail naming recommendations report.

This recommendation report would reflect on the following:

- History of the trail naming convention
- Impacts of renaming
 - Safety
 - Signage, mapping and associated costs
 - Impact to users
- Communication strategy
- Any other items as directed by the board.
- A recommendation on how to proceed
 - If appropriate indicate potential methods to rename

- Dillon

2.1 Day Lodge Rental Policy



Overlander Ski Club Day Lodge Rental Policy

This policy of the Overlander Ski Club (OSC) has been approved by the OSC Board of Directors (Board) on April 1, 2019 as a pilot for the 2019/20 season. This policy will be evaluated in the Spring of 2020 by the Board to determine if it becomes a fully endorsed policy.

I. Introduction

The day lodge and washroom facilities are used by club members and day pass holders who are participating in the activities and programs that the club offers. In addition to providing a place to prepare for skiing, the lodge serves as a wonderful place to relax, warm-up, eat lunch and socialize.

This policy addresses requests to rent the lodge for the purposes of social gatherings, meetings, company parties, etc.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for determining when the day lodge and washroom facilities may be rented to groups in a manner that doesn't unreasonably impact other club users, and to provide direction for appropriate rental fees.

III. Availability

Pre-Ski Season: From September to November work-bees, construction projects and other club activities will be the priority and so the lodge may not be available for rent.

Ski Season: To promote the sport of cross country skiing, the Club may consider renting the lodge to large groups who will use the lodge for a social gathering/potluck in conjunction with skiing. Rental will not preclude other member's use of the lodge during regular hours.

Off Season: During this period, the lodge may be available to large groups for appropriate day use or evening social events or special gatherings at the discretion of the Board. However, lodge/area projects, maintenance and club activities will take priority over rentals.



If the restroom is required, the club needs at least two weeks notice to have the restroom facility operational. If potable water is needed, then four weeks notice is required.

The Board or Director responsible for the Nordic Centre, or their designate, may refuse to rent to a group if they are not completely satisfied that the arrangement is in the club's best interest.

IV. General Rules

- At least one member renting group must be a OSC member in good standing or a paid employee is on hand to supervise its use
- A representative from the OSC will open the lodge if necessary and make sure everything is working as it needs to, or make prior arrangements with the renter.
- Use of washrooms is included in the rental when operational. Washrooms may not be operational during the off season. There are outhouses on site for use in the off season.
- The renters must clean tables and sweep floors of the lodge.
- Bathrooms must be left clean.
- Garbage from the group must be taken away when finished.
- Indoor Fireplace - renters may use the chopped wood available at the day lodge. Keep fireplace door shut at all time when in use. Do not place any item on or against the fireplace. Do not put anything in the fireplace other than wood products. Do not remove the fire extinguisher from the Lodge. Do not fill the fireplace with new wood within 2 hours of your departure.
- During the winter months, all guests are required to have a current OSC membership or an active day pass.
- Users will provide the OSC with confirmation that they have their own liability insurance including Tenants Legal Liability, and that OSC is shown on the user's insurance as an "additional insured".

V. Rental Fees

Lodge

Groups who have been accepted as renters must pay the following fees to the club (plus the cost of staff operating expenses to open and close the lodge at a rate of \$25 per hour if applicable):

- Single full day use: \$150
- Only evening use: \$100

Restroom facilities

The rest rooms can be rented on their own or in conjunction with the lodge.



In the off season the following fees must be paid to the club:

- Washroom: \$100
- Potable water: \$250

The outhouses are always free to use.

Damage Deposit: A deposit of \$300 is required for all rentals. Money from the deposit may be used to cover the cost of any repairs and/or clean up required as a result of renting group's actions.

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4.1 Ways and Means

Tnrd: I sent an email to Director Ronaye Elliot and she said for the machine there is nothing right now but she and

Ron Storie would keep looking. She also said to send the estimates for the lights (including our LED replacements) as soon as possible for a Gas Tax Grant.

Sovereign: Sovereign got a very large gaming grant for their new groomer. I think it was over \$200,000. Maureen is on it.

Donation mix up: There was a mix up in information (totally my fault) about the matching funds from CCBC for the donations. It's all cleared up now. There will probably be matching funds in the fall again so we will need to be on that.

- Vesta

5.2 Trails Report

Stake Trails report for April Exec meeting 2019.

The trails closed on Mar 22nd after 90 days of skiing in our 28th year of operations. Final skier numbers were 14,340 and snowshoe attendance was 1144. Our average number of skiers each day was 159 which is an all-time high. Snowshoe numbers are down compared to last year, probably because of the low snow. Night operations ceased on March 15th. We were open for 55 nights, a week longer than last year and average attendance was 45, a little higher than last year.

The clear winner of the attendance skill testing contest was Raegan. The worst guess prizes go to Dana, who was far too pessimistic, and Maureen who was way over the top.

The second Bearcat has been purchased and is in the process of being shipped. Fortunately we used an e-transfer otherwise the cheque would have bounced. The old Alpine has been advertised for sale at \$2700. No takers yet.

The season was easy on equipment. The big machine was used for 130 hours which is 1/3 of normal use.

The dog trails are a perennial problem. We now have some indication of the degree of use from the remote camera. Lee estimates that the use is about 5% of the regular trails total and that no more than 1 in 6 people check in before they ski. He is sure that some do not pay but we don't know how many. (5% is about 700 visits and if we assume 10% no pay, we are losing about \$1000). We have no solution other than hiring someone to check on a random basis.

The trails committee had a marathon session last Tuesday and reviewed this season's operations and plans for the summer. We have a lot of projects on the list. Most of them are small but we will need about \$4000 for completing the LED lighting project. There are numerous small expenditures required: upgrading our first aid equipment at the top of the list.

We need general input on two projects, one short term and the other long term. We need to discuss refurbishing the stadium facilities this coming year with those most familiar with organizing races. And we need to start discussions on how to renovate or replace the day lodge in the next 3-5 years.

We are blessed with a very dedicated staff: they worked hard and smart for the whole season. I recommend that we find a way of saying "thank you" for their hard work

Trails Committee and staff

Lee reports that our gross sales at the ticket booth reached \$77,647.37
We sold 184 Adult punch passes (which is a lot lower than last year)

878 Classic rentals (302 youth, 576 adult)
87 skate rentals (19 youth, 68 adult)

29 people from Sun Peaks used the trails using their SP pass.

5.5 Junior Development

I will be away on Monday so here are some updates. I put the request in to CCBC to host a race next year which means we will likely get one. I requested Midget Champs but we will see what comes up. After going through the receipts for race fee reimbursement I think we should consider amending our race fee policy to only allow this if there is a race hosted by the parents of the ski league. (With the exception of those participating in Westerns or Nationals

as this is where the money comes from). Alternately unless there is available grant funding. When we created this policy it was to increase participation at races and have better club involvement provincially. I think we have been making progress on this and I don't want to let this slide either. Open to suggestions on this if anyone has better ideas. I don't want to send the wrong message either. Either way we will need club support and may be requiring parent of ski league involvement as I suggested above. I am sure we will be asking for help from our favorite helpers but I would like to see all efforts to get new parents to take officials training or at least take on roles in this event to help build some more

Other news: we have a date for the year end OSC potluck. May 5th from 2pm to 6pm at Hal Rodgers. All club members welcome.

I will be working on the Pacific Sport year end reporting and application for next year's grant (with Rich) over the next two weeks.

See you at the next meeting 😊

Dana

6.3 Action List

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| Formalize agreement with KCKC | Vesta |
| Snow cat replacement | (On hold) |
| Strategic Planning Session tasks | Duck, Giles, Guilherme, Light, Manhard, Palechuk, Stuart, Vyse |
| Feather flags, banner, signs with new logo | Mike |
| Basement gate installation | Alan, Luc |
| Volunteers insurance | Mike |
| BMO signatories | Mike, Vesta, Alan |

7.1 New Business

Winter sport event / River City Racers:

I received this email earlier about a partnership with the River City Racers but we had the AGM so couldn't meet on it. Here is the text of the email:

My understanding is you are the president of the Overlander Ski Club.

I believe we have communicated in the past - around the Winter Triathlon event - cohosted with your club and the River City Racers Speed Skating Club.

Our Speed Skating Club is going through change.

We are hoping to focus our assets and equipment towards an outdoor venue.

Our club is just beginning to explore options.

One thought we had was to maintain the Stake Lake ice surface for ice skating the three Sundays following the conclusion of the Motorcycle racers schedule - so this year those three Sundays would have been Feb 17, 24th and March 3rd.

- someone from the Racers would be on site those days

Other logistics we would have to work through

I have already contacted the Prov department and they told me we could have access to the lake just the same as the Motorcycle racers do - but I propose the weekends following the motorcycle racers - that way we are not interfering with their preparations and we start our events with the ice surface already cleared of snow. - we would just have to maintain over the 3 weeks.

Perhaps your club would be interested in a Family Weekend Winter Festival? this could grow as it becomes more established? ie bring back the Winter Triathlon? other fun winter family events - so many communities have winter festivals but Kamloops does not.

I see on your executive you have a snowshoe sport coordinator - perhaps you could add a Ice skate/winter festival sport coordinator position?

Please let me know your thoughts - this is just an initial ask to see if there is interest.

We have equipment and maybe even some funds - we could donate towards this initiative.

Look forward to hearing from you

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