

# **Inuvik Ski Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**– 2017 – February 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – Noon**

Present: Brandon Johnston, Jay Frandsen, Kate Darling, Patrick Gall, Holly Jones

## **Proposed Agenda:**

- Registration updates (numbers, management of contact info)
- Programming update (Jackrabbits, event ideas, get kids out on the snow ideas)
- Grooming/trail maintenance update (where we've dragged/tracked and brush that is in the way)
- Comms update (NWT Ski rep, FB, other)
- Group rentals (requests and how to manage)

## **Agenda Modifications:**

- (Patrick) – Announce that rentals will only take place via the email address? Assess thoughts on the process.

## **Minutes:**

### 1. Updates:

- a. Registration: Patrick provided information about registration.
  - i. It was recommended to have the zone4 reports placed onto the drop box/drive.
  - ii. It was recommended to make up new registrant email list.
- b. Programming:
  - i. Holly, sent out emails, to Karen Johnson regarding people that are coaching qualified. Karen interested in putting on ICC course in March.
  - ii. Holly received word from both Connie and Jenn Lam. Both are interested in doing some coaching activities.
  - iii. Holly will be in Fort good hope this weekend. The first jackrabbit day will be this Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Holly proposed a wax and wine event with Kathy, sometime in the next week.
  - v. Fort Smith has confirmed hosting NWT champs. Ptubs in Hay River. Mid-march. Interest can be judged closer to the date, whether children from here will be interested in heading over there.
- c. Grooming and Trail Maintenance:
  - i. Since early November, willows have been interfering with the ski trail. Jay took a volunteer day to clear out most of the trails, only Orange is not done, but it is optimized to classic.

- ii. Jay will be gone for two weeks, grooming duties might be distributed to others during that time. Spare keys are being made as soon as possible. Blanks are hard to find.
  - iii. The 1 chain drag is not doing very well, too heavy. Jay proposed the acquisition of a 4 foot chain drag to be manufactured in town by Bobs Welding.
  - iv. Lights on the trail are also intermittent. Some do not work. Most likely due to the frost pulling on the lines.
  - v. Motion approved for the acquisition of a new chain drag up to \$2000.
  - vi. Brian will be asked to check if he can have someone come and work on the power lines.
- d. Communications:
- i. Holly was in contact about the ski races discussed earlier, nothing much more to add about that. Macca funding got redirected. Donald will be contacted about getting a training weekend before the Loppet. Jesse Cockney sent an email about wanting to head up.
  - ii. Sponsorship package would be advantageous and help with future events.
  - iii. Facebook could incorporate grooming updates, more event photos as we get a few jack rabbits days under our belt.
  - iv. Email will be sent to Children First, to let them know that jackrabbits is happening.
2. Make up rate card and put it up facebook.
3. Asked question by Patrick:
- a. Changing the rental layout to have a finer schedule, group ski events and the like. Rentals only on certain days, Approved.
  - b. Group Rentals:
    - i. Parks want a day rental of the facility. 3-5:30 everyday. Feb 25,26,27.
    - ii. IRC also wants a group day. Afternoon in march.
    - iii. Club Closures for the group rentals days to stop interruptions.

## Absentee Contributions

Hi Everyone

Again, apologies for not making the noon meeting tomorrow. Here are a few more items you may wish to consider:

I was club rep to the Ski Division of NWT section of Cross Country Canada, a co-op through which all our clubs organize publicity, recruit members, organize races,

organize ski lessons and provide insurance for members and especially liability insurance for executive members. I was the Vice President of the Division for about four years and have a pretty good grasp of ski organizing here. In the many years (40+?) of sanctioning events and clubs there was no successful suit of a club or members for injury – at least that was true five years ago. We should confirm this with the Ski Division or Cross County Canada, but I suspect some insurance salespeople would try to motivate a sale through fear and not investigate alternatives.

Long the same lines, about ten years ago an executive type announced we would be liable if a skidoo driver were injured trying to bash through a gate/barricade/fence I had erected on the course. I did not put up razor wire to snag the unsuspecting victims! My gates were highly visible by day or night and no one said they were not reasonable measures to keep inconsiderate snowmobilers off our groomed and track-set club trails. Of course there were exceptions where real he-men used bolt cutters to show me, but for the next five years skidoos were not a problem. I joked at one point that we should dress a mannequin in skidoo attire and hang him from a pole beside a “Skiers Only” sign! The problem was perhaps with one lazy groomer who did not want gate work, or with parents pulling their kids in big pulks who did not want to interrupt their skiing to unlock gates. Narrow pulks would fit through gaps that were just narrow enough to block full-sized skidoos.

When I was brush sawing last Saturday I noticed the light focused on the south side of “Stadium Hill” was not working. I’m sure there are others. I used to get NTPC to lend us a lineman for an afternoon for our light maintenance...

Happy skiing!

Brian

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