



**Whitehorse Nordic Ski Society  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday November 13th, 2024, 6 PM in the CGC Boardroom

**MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jean-Paul Molgat  
Sarah Aasman  
Leslie Gomm  
Jan Downing  
Dahria Beatty  
Christine McConnell  
Moya Painter  
Tracee Vickerman

Staff

Jan Polivka  
Ben Poudou

Regrets

Stephanie Coombs  
Deb Higgins

1. Jean-Paul called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM
2. Approval and additions to the agenda. Jan D. moved to approve the agenda, consensus, carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

3. Review and approval of the draft Minutes from October 9th, 2024. Moved by Chrissy and approved by consensus.

**Updates**

4. Board committee updates
  - Climate Change
    - i. Moya and Sarah met with Kristenn Magnusson to discuss climate change strategies, will meet separately and with Jan P./Ben to figure out what is within our control and what is not.
    - ii. What can we do - assess risks workshop/what are we already doing
    - iii. Sustainable tourism workshop offered through Sport Yukon
    - iv. Updated terms of reference and rough plan for next month
  - Land Tenure

- i. Open house for Chansan Chua (Mt McIntyre) Park attended by Jean-Paul and Dahrria. Attended by various groups and people interested in development of a park.
- ii. Jean-Paul gave an interview to CBC after the open house to discuss our interests to include the ski trails within the park and address mining claims.
- iii. Sent email to minister Clarke and Mostyn to go over results of functional planning and discuss Chasan Chua Park, including expanding the prohibition order on new mining claims. Asked Steering Committee to start talking to ATCO about making their parcel a part of the park.
- iv. Board will send out a letter outlining our position to the Steering Committee.
- v. Steering Committee planning a stakeholder meeting November 21st and one-on-one meeting with Jane (engagement coordinator) before the stakeholder meeting.
- vi. Will send the same request/letter as sent to YG to KDFN and TKC
- READI
  - i. Had a meeting last week and are going to meet again Dec 7th to review the action plan.
  - ii. Jan D. and Deb had a IRP meeting - Some ideas came about from this meeting (i.e. having elder parking). Suggested we use the “rule of 6” (when you want to start engaging with FN you ask 6 people, 6 times, 6 ways, and you document).
- Human Resources
  - i. Nothing to report
- Race and competition committee
  - i. Will meet to put together ToR for December meeting.

## Standing Items

- 5. Financial Report
  - Leslie provided report prior to meeting
  - 2158 members which is already more than end of season last year
  - Revenue stream and programs are doing well - over budget
  - Everything else is slowly building as the season progresses
  - Expense spending is proportional to where we are in the season
  - Waiting for some clarification on the outhouse spending
  - Overall financially we are where we expect to be on spending and more than expected on income
- 6. Club Manager Report
  - Ben is very busy as season ramps up
  - Deadline for ski marathon and masters registration is coming up
  - Free ski coming Nov 30th and Dec 1st
  - Planning to do a para-nordic event in the stadium with Graham Nishikawa



- Lots of volunteers have stepped in for events being held in 2025. Ski Marathon, Masters and Don Sumanik each have different organizing committees.
- 7. Operations Report
  - Lots of people out on the trails
  - One PB grooming, and getting close to using the second one, just waiting for a little bit more snow
  - Discussion of minor dog incident
- 8. President's Report
  - See land tenure committee update under section 4.

### **Discussion and Decision Items**

- 9. Review/Approve Terms of Reference Land Tenure Committee
  - Added term of committee to ToR
  - Leslie moved that we adopt the ToR for the Land Tenure Committee - consensus, carried.
- 10. Review/Approval of Oath of Office
  - Tracee moved that we adopt the Oath of Office for the WNSS Board and that it will be added to our governance policies. Consensus, carried.
- 11. Strategic Plan Renewal 2025-2028
  - CDF funding deadline Jan. 15 (20k or less).
  - If it is a 10k or less budget we can apply to the opportunity fund (Lotteries).
  - Outreach and engagement with members will be April/May 2025 timeline.
  - Chrissy will reach out to a consultant and is going to apply to CDF tier 1, if not opportunity fund.
- 12. Interim interior improvements - working group
  - Working group to help Ben with ideas for interim interior improvements now that we know the city renovations are on hold - will put a call out to members to put a group together.
  - Curling club and Nordic Centre - what can we change and how can we make it work for everyone, functionality and atmosphere.
  - Will have a meeting before Christmas to get things moving.
- 13. Next meeting/Xmas gathering
  - December 11th at 5:30 PM Yukon Ski Lodge, will be meeting earlier and then have potluck. Jan D. will take on organization or potluck.

**Next Board Meeting:** December 11th at Yukon Ski Lodge

**Adjournment:** Jean-Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM