

MINUTES OF NORTH BAY NORDIC BOARD MEETING JULY 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 1908 HRS. Present: Mike Johnston, Tom Cook, Gary Jodouin, Ian Fettes, Kelly Wallace, Rod Sinclair, Andy Davies.

SECRETARY: Andy Davies.

AGENDA: Approved by all.

MINUTES OF THE AGM: Approved on a motion by Tom, 2nd by Kelly.

TRAILS: Gary presented. There is no change in the bridge situation. We are still awaiting the design report for the bridge repairs from BRYCO. When it is available we will have sent it out for tenders and call a special general membership meeting to authorize funding. We will have to meet with the Parks people as well to get their approval. We will be following up with BRYCO in the near future to confirm the progress of the design process.

PROGRAMS: No report. We are still awaiting the report of the Jackrabbit coordinator.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: There was a good response to the survey from the members. There was too little interest in the CCC toques to make it economically viable to order the minimum 500 required. It appears that we could sell about 300 Orchard's gift cards but we would need a volunteer to step up to organize the initiative. We will be canvassing the members to see if anyone is interested. A meeting will be held with Melinda Fry at City Hall to see what other fundraising opportunities might be available to the club for the Midget Championships and bridges etc.

City Collision will be contacted to get an advertising sign up at the club.

ADOPT A TRAIL: The people will be contacted early to get the trail work done in a timely fashion.

RACES: The technical instructions for the Ontario Midget Championships were circulated. It was felt by the experienced members that this document represented an ideal, not a baseline requirement and that that not everything would be possible to arrange, although we would make every effort to do so.

The race committee was coming together as reported by Rod:

Chief of Competition-Andrew Rees

Chief of Course-Dave Minden

Chief Starter-Tom Cook

Race Secretary-Mike Ward

Timing- Henning

However a leader for fundraising and sponsorship was needed. The members suggested several possible candidates who will be contacted. Also, a parking

coordinator is required. The thought was that we would have a small fleet of buses shuttling from the hotels.

He felt we had to get the race notice out by October. The list of sponsors has to be available by then as well.

Since the midget race is Family Day weekend it was felt that holding the Blue Sky Loppet on February 2 would be a good run through for the Midget Championships.

SCHOOL LIASON: The school fun day has been chaotic in the past. Luc Chartrand organized it well last year and has volunteered to do so again next year.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY: Five cords of firewood was delivered and stacked. The wedding booking for August 12 is still on track. There will be several yoga classes at the club as well.

Andy had a meeting with Doug Braund who is leading the planning for the new deck. This is on schedule for early fall installation. It is planned to have decking only on the east side of the building. There would be a small roof over the basement door and a stairway to the ground from the fire exit. Because it was planned to extend the deck 2 feet further to the east Gary was concerned that this would interfere with the groomer passing between the clubhouse and the Jackrabbit lodge. Although this was possible it was felt there would still be workarounds possible and the 10 foot deck would be more usable for picnic tables etc.

We will have to organize a work party to take down the old deck after the date of the wedding.

Richard Sciuk will be cutting the vegetation around the clubhouse at the end of July.

MEMBERSHIP: Zone 4 needs to be loaded with the new membership rates.

FINANCE: We paid Parks the trail fees for 2016-2017.

We received \$2000 from the movie company for rental of the clubhouse and parking lot for 2 days.

Gary is going to try to get the ATV covered under grooming equipment to reduce our insurance costs.

SOCIAL: The volunteer appreciation party was a success with over 40 attendees.

A good PA system with music was felt to be necessary for the midget races and other social events could be organized next year to raise money for them.

NEW BUSINESS: From the AGM:

Having Fat Bikes on the trails was discussed. Since this was controversial at the AGM the board felt that we would await a specific proposal from proponents before discussing a change in our present policy of skiing only.

The board also discussed opening the clubhouse later in the spring. It was felt that money was better spent to keep the trails groomed as long as possible, rather than pay to have the clubhouse opened and closed daily after the snack bar closes for the season.

The present policy of closing the clubhouse when the snack bar closes was reaffirmed. Notice will be given on the website, and the wax room is still available for changing if necessary.

It was also reaffirmed that the AGM and board minutes should be available on the website after they have been approved by the board.

NEXT MEETING: August 14

7 PM

Location: TBA

ADJOURNMENT: 2103 HRS on a motion from Tom, 2nd by Mike.