

## MINUTES OF THE NORTH BAY NORDIC BOARD MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 1905 Hrs. Chair: David Weiskopf. Present: Gary Jodouin, Ian Fettes. Andrew Rees, Kelly Wallace, Rod Sinclair, Andy Davies.

SECRETARY: Andy Davies.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: The previous minutes of July 10, 2017 were approved unanimously on a motion by Gary, 2nd by Andrew.

TRAILS REPORT: Andrew reported that only 2 bridges needed repairs as culverts could replace the other ones. The designs are done. The committee will be getting quotes on the plans from contractors (it is hoped these will be available before the special general meeting on September 6). The parks people will be kept in the loop.

DATES: Open house to be December 10, 2017. The early bird registration cut off will be the same day. The Bunny rabbit/Jackrabbit cut off day for registration will be January 7, 2018.

PROGRAMS: There will be no devo team. Mark Thomas is thinking of changing up the organization of the racing programs. We will be asked to look into providing equipment for racers in the future to help grow the numbers.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly is sending out notices for the special general meeting.

ADOPT A TRAIL: This is all organized for the fall. Kelly will be contacting the people to remind them to get their memberships before going out on the trails.

RACES: Rod is putting his team in place. They will have the first meeting on September 6.

A draft budget was precirculated.

There is room in the Canadore cafeteria for everyone for the wrap up dinner and East Side Mario's could cater.

There has been no response as yet from anyone to handle the fundraising and sponsorship appeal.

The local tent company are concerned about snow damage if they raise their tents in the winter, but the school buses could be used for warming as well as transport.

The competitors will take the buses to Nipissing for the sprint races.

Early bird discounts will be available for both the registrations and the dinner tickets.

SOCIAL MEDIA: There is a \$1500 marketing budget. David will be looking at billboard options as well as placing some social media stories.

SCHOOL LIASON: A letter will be sent to the schools to notify them of the increase in fees to \$150.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY:** The plans for the new deck have been drawn up and will be submitted to the city to get a building permit. The total estimated cost for the new deck will be \$8425.

The question of disability ramps came up again. In the budget meeting in February it was decided not to include ramps in this year's project. It is too late now to change the plans to include them. They can be added in the future if necessary.

There will be a tear down weekend on September 9 and 10 to demolish the old deck. Volunteers will be recruited through emails and news blasts.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Zone 4 will be going live soon. Volunteers should be encouraged to register ASAP.

**FINANCE:** Insurance for the side by side ATV is now included with the grooming equipment. This should save the club about \$500 per year.

The Nipissing university course is being repeated again next year. Mike Ward is coordinating.

Investigation of the hydro bill shows a spike in usage between 7 pm and 3 am. The reason for this is a mystery.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** It was agreed that the projected costs for the bridge repairs should be circulated before the special general meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 11, 2017

7 PM

1140 Glenwood Road, North Bay

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2030 HRS