

Telemark Cross Country Ski Club
Executive Meeting
25 June, 2007
1625 Merlot Drive, Westbank, B.C.

Present: Eric Berlie, Emile Brokx, Wulf Gerhardt, Brenda Gilbert, Gloria Haug, Larry Krar, Gerry Morrison

The Agenda was adopted

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting, 4th June, 2007

Moved by Larry Krar

Seconded: Wulf Gerhardt

CARRIED

Financial Report – Gloria Haug

At the end of the financial year (31 May), there is a \$10 000 deficit in the current account. The Gaming Account has a balance of \$6000

There is an outstanding invoice to come for the tiller repair (but we will not be paying the full amount)

A large component of the budgeting adjustment was for machine repair and also for 'coaching'.

Dick Scott will 'audit' the books.

Groomer Report – from Gerry Morrison

Eric Rayson, Gerry, Emile and Lyle met with Kerry from Snowtek to talk about maintenance on the groomer.

The groomer is now in Penticton. Snowtek has been asked to submit a quote for the work that needs to be done and then the Committee will look at the urgency of each repair and assess what we can afford to have done. It is known that the oil seal and cooler needs attention and that there is an oil leak in the engine which will involve having the engine out to fix the problem. It may be advisable to get longer 'arms' for the machine to increase stability (approximate cost \$1950 each + ship and hand). It would also be good to get a battery charger.

Payment for the groomer personnel was discussed (at a rate of \$20 - \$22 per hour) and not fully resolved. Emile will see what Nordic pay their workers and whether we should include travel time.

Website – (Emile reporting for Peter Glockner)

Peter emailed executive members to say that the site was now 'up and working'. It was suggested that we add more pictures to show what Telemark is all about and also maybe have it linked with Scott Elliot's website which has great pictures on it. Emile will check with Scott and then contact Peter. Larry will also work on the website and contact Peter as well. When everything is settled, Larry has offered to keep the website up to date and current with track conditions, grooming and weather conditions. It was also suggested that we post the AGM Minutes on the site and monthly meeting Minutes.

Sponsorship – no news or contact from Scott Davies

The Racing Team needs to obtain a sponsorship and a ski company would be great for this. The team needs to have a package ready to offer a sponsor. The team definitely must be more active in fund raising. With 55 members involved, parents are needed to take an active role and get organized **now** for the season ahead.

Discussion followed on general Club sponsorship partners. There are spaces for advertisements on the registration forms and the trail map. We need to set a fee level and provide a sample of what the ad. will look like. We need someone to take on leadership in this sponsorship domain. It is a case of tracking down prospective businesses and then continual follow up. Emile will look into how other clubs arrange their advertisements and fees collected. Larry could have a sample form ready by the end of July.

Programs – Eric Berlie

Last season we received \$10 000 from Pacific Sports toward the Coaching salary. This Year Pacific Sports will give \$10 000 for a full time coach or \$7 000 for a part time one. Our coach, at the moment, is paid for seven months of work. It is not known how many months count as 'full time' (it could be eight). Eric has informed the parents that they have to raise funds for the team. The past season parent leaders are feeling 'burned out' and everyone agrees that the burden must be spread over many more people.

Fees for the Racing Team will increase by \$50 next season (up to \$200) and those for the Development Team will also rise \$50 to \$150. The fee for the Master's program will see the same increase (up to \$200 - \$250 for couples) and ten participants are needed for this program. Fees for Bunny Rabbits will remain the same (\$35). Jack Rabbits and Track Attack will increase to \$45. Biathlon may only have two members next season (they already had a \$50 increase)

Murray Farbridge's salary was discussed with reference to the grant from Pacific Sports and maybe Cross Country Canada (but this may be slated to go to another club). It may be possible to offer Murray an extra month of work and add \$500 to his salary.

Membership fees were discussed. It was pointed out that for a \$100 adult fee, the club actually only received \$84 after the CCBC and GST payments are made. With this in mind, it was decided that the membership fees would rise \$10 for 07-08 season - \$110 before 1 Nov, \$120 after – Family to \$255 and later \$305. Day passes will not change. Rentals for skis will rise by \$5. Snowshoe rentals will be \$5 for three hours.

Telus Mobile – Emile

34 poles will be installed from the gate to the bottom of Fern Creek

Summer work – Larry Krar

The 2nd or 3rd July is the date set for a meeting to discuss changes to the Sprint Course (with Scott Elliot) and the 'Kids Area' The plans for the Warming Hut on Panorama are going ahead. Larry has contacted a friend who will help him. Cost for materials is estimated at \$1200 to \$1500.

An updated map, which Larry has worked on, was discussed and distributed for scrutiny and comment by Executive members. This map, when finalized, will be printed and circulated in various locations including the Telemark office.

Adopt a Highway – Emile

To warrant having Telemark recognized on a road sign, clean up must be undertaken four times a year. Larry (the great volunteer!!!) will do the clean up three times a year as long as other volunteers work at the 'Main Clean Up' in the spring (as has been the custom). (Whilst talking about signs, it was noted that the snow should be removed, as it piles up, in front of the Rotary sign at our entrance on Last Mountain Road).

Budget – Emile (our very dedicated president!!)

The books are not closed from our financial year so the actual expenditure is not accurately known but we are in a deficit position (some reasons already noted). Budget for next year to be discussed at next meeting. Some money saving could perhaps be achieved by having new baseboard heaters (with thermostats) and a new wood stove.

Trail work

Ryan, operator of a small 'cat' at Nordic, will come any day to see what work he could do for us.

Direct Access Grant

With the fact that two other ski clubs have received good grants from Gaming toward new groomers, Telemark should make an application. Clive Gilbert should be contacted to follow up on this. (Capital grants from Gaming have to be applied for in October each year so work will have a start getting information together in the late summer 07).

Logging - Emile

Six truck loads of beetle killed trees have been taken out from the Crystal Rim area. Dead trees in other areas are now being logged. Our mandate only allows for trees to be removed 50 meters each side of a trail. Beyond that there is the Community Forest of the Westbank First Nation who will now apply for a permit to remove dead trees in that area. The Province is looking to make this Community forest area part of a larger designated 'Recreational Area' and offering the First Nation equal hectares elsewhere.

The next Executive Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 5th September, 2007. Some matters arising and needing decisions or debate, before that time, will be passed on and discussed by email.

Minutes recorded by Brenda Gilbert