



Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club

Executive Meeting

Monday, June 3, 2019

Integrus Boardroom: 6:00 PM

Present: Terry Lazaruk, Liz Legebokoff, Anne Douglas, Laura Rusnjak, Diane Raymond, Calvin Desmarais, Connie Stephen, Jessica & Jeremy Seely, Leal Baumann

Agenda

1. Executive Positions
2. Update on Ice Users Group discussions, times and dates
3. BCSSA AGM Update
4. Registration for 2019/20 Season
5. Coaching
6. Summer programs
7. Arena platform design
8. Other

1. Executive Positions – Terry Lazaruk

-still need VP – if something were to happen to Terry, Calvin has agreed that he would step-up; ideally someone new would fill this position though

-will need treasurer after this year as Laura's term will be finished

-Laura will talk to potential candidate about the position and time commitment

-busiest time is at end of year – gaming grant, year-end and during meets for registration fees

-media liaison position still needing to be filled; Anne is willing to help

-talk to paper to make sure that our club results get in

-advertising to the schools; sometimes Trina does this

-posters are in the works

-Terry agreed to take on this position

2. Ice Users Group Discussions, Times and Dates – Terry Lazaruk

- we have secured November 30th and February 8th for meets
 - other weekends that were offered were when there were other provincial events
 - February date does not overlap with other provincial/higher level meets that would have impacted volunteer availability and would have pulled some skaters away to other events
 - Terry requested meeting with Village of Vanderhoof staff to discuss rumored changes to ice-user groups agreement but his request was denied; he was told that he would have to wait until the scheduled ice users meeting in August

3. BCSSA AGM – Terry Lazaruk & Laura Rusnjak

- Laura and Terry went to Aldergrove for BCSSA AGM
- BCSSA are going to be much more present when clubs are hosting events
 - BCSSA to underwrite its events – cover deficits, share profit with clubs, provide more support to clubs/hosts specifically to what they need
 - will be club specific agreement to what supports they provide to the hosting club
 - how money is accessed may change
- BC Cups are returning
 - Setting the up to be 2 day events with 1 day of races, 1 day of Academy (with other opportunity for other types of training – i.e. officials). May be a requirement for kids to compete in certain number of BC Cup events to qualify for Provincials
 - TBD, as this was raised as a concern, including: needing to make sure that there are an equal number of BC Cups across the province to make it equitable to all skaters
- BC Winter Games
 - this year in Fort St. John
 - for ages 12-13; skaters can only participate in a BC Winter Games once
 - both short and long track events and skaters will do both; short track and then long track the next day

-3 males and 3 females; currently we only have 5 in our zone of Fort St. James and Vanderhoof, so provided that they have the qualifying times, they will all be eligible to go

-Inaugural “Young Officials Program”

- pilot project between BCSSA and BCWG for each zone to send skaters aged 14-17 (one male and one female) with the 12-13 year olds as mentors
- travel costs will be covered for the mentor
- there is an application process
- Terry will find out if there is an opportunity for these “young officials” to receive training to do officiating positions at the BCWG?

-Officials Clinics at Fort St. John Speed Skating Camp in August

- Level 1 Officials – Terry will find out what Level 1 positions will be trained
- Level 2 Timing
- Level 3 Place Judge

4. Registration – Terry Lazaruk

- MAS registration system has been taken completely off line to allow them to ‘fix’ all of the issues; basically rebuilding the system.
- back on line August 1st
- because every club will have access at the same time, we don’t expect to be able to use the system until mid-August
- it may be the best option to do club registration in the system and do skater registration outside the system (via paper)

5. Coaching for Next Season – Terry Lazaruk

- need to confirm with Jim McBride whether he is returning as a coach
- Kat Solberg has indicated that she is not sure about taking coaching course but is willing to be on ice to help out

- Diane Raymond reported that Zeph Raymond will continue to help out with Active Start
- Connie Stephen agreed to coach Active Start but needs back-up (which Zeph would do and Jessica Seely also said she could be another back-up coach for this group)
- need to confirm whether Carrie Smith will return as coach
- Keith is willing to offer Fundamentals course but at this point we are not sure if there are any people interested in taking it. The time commitment is reduced as much of the course material can now be covered online. It still requires a weekend to complete the on-ice portion, along with the evaluation for certification.
 - might be option for youth skaters to take course
 - may want to advertise to PG
 - will need to book ice time
- Jen Gibson is still trying to line up Intro to Comp course in Fort St. John during the August camp
- At BC Winter Games you have to have Intro to Comp to sit in coaches box
- Terry will send yearly training plan (from AGM) to coaches as optional resource

6. Summer Programs – Terry Lazaruk

- Calgary Camp: July 15 – 20
- Kamloops: July 26, 27, 28
- Fort St. John camp: August 19-24

7. Arena Platform Design – Terry Lazaruk

- in response to needing to meet fire code requirements and avoid timers and place judges from blocking exit, Terry examined the structure of the arena and took measurements to see if it would be possible to build a new platform and concluded that this option would not work
- won't work for 12-15 people to see the finish line all at the same time
- Terry suggested that we ask the fire chief what we have to change in the building so that we can block those doors
- other possibility is to use cameras to tape finish line and watch tv's to catch and time the finish
- other option may be to judge from first set of bleachers; audience would have to go under the tunnel or outside and around to get to viewing bleachers; audience would not have a good

view of finish line

-Capital Costs Grants can be applied for, ranging from \$22,000 to \$1.2 million

-District of Vanderhoof is working with us but would like us to put the proposal together for the design for retrofit

-What if we brought in an engineer? Would cost about \$2,500. Would have to apply for a grant.

-could we re-structure the score booth for removable walls? Would have to move coaches to the other side

-Terry will get the key and go take a look at the score booth to see if this might be possible and how we could possibly configure this

9. Other – Thursday Morning Skate – *Anne Douglas*

- the question was asked whether we are going to have Thursday morning ice time

-yes, we are going to book Thursday morning ice time

-it's worth discussing how we will pay for this

-with minimum of 6 skaters this could be part of club fees as coach development training (if less than 6 skaters, that group may have to pay more)

- in August (after ice users meeting) we will know what that chunk of time costs (option could be to divide cost by the number of people who register)

-we need to consider whether our coaches should be paying more to skate? (factoring in cost of Thursday morning skate times)

-there are other options the club has so that coaches are not paying more – e.g. Reduce skate rental fee for coaches

-Diane Raymond indicated that she would like to coach the Thursday morning skaters again

