

**September 14, 2020**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**WebEx Virtual Meeting**



**2019/2020 VCSSC Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Present:**

Terry Lazaruk, Sean Baumann, Doug Ebbott, Calvin Desmarais, Christina Bulmer, Brad Carter, Jeremy Seely, Kat Solberg, Dianne Raymond, Mike Reed, Laura Rusnjak, Trinda Elwert, Vicki Siemens, Ann Douglas, Jessica Seely, Pauline Smith, Sara Lazaruk, Leal Baumann

**Agenda**

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Club Financials**
- 3. Registration and Annual Dues**
- 4. Executive Positions**
- 5. Coaching**
- 6. Return to Sport**
- 7. Key dates and items to address before season start up**
- 8. Questions**

**1) Introduction – Terry Lazaruk**

- Welcome to the 2020 AGM for the Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club.
- Terry outlined the agenda for the meeting

**2) Club Financials – Laura Rusnjak**

- As of April 30, 2020:
  - Bank balance of \$20,654 (about \$1,000 less than last year)
  - Total revenue of \$36,919 (registration fees, meet registrations, gaming grant, plus a few other misc. items)
  - Total expenses of \$43,214 (BCSAA membership fees, coaching expenses, meet fees, arena ice time rental costs, depreciation of club assets, new skates)
- club has never had to fundraise; meets have been biggest revenue generator; this year likelihood of hosting a meet is slim; this will greatly impact club revenue

**3) Registration and Annual Dues – Trinda Elwert**

- new registration system called Ice Reg

- hoping that registration will go live in next 10 days
- new system is more user friendly and can include different fees, including meets and skate rentals; you'll just login to the one database to register for meets and times will be there as well
- all done through paying by credit card
- will need to make sure that Trinda has current email addresses of returning skaters
- overall registration fees have gone up so ours will go up too by about \$5
- 62 – 68 skaters normally registered; as of right now we are at 30 planned to return and 11 potential
- Mike Reed asked question regarding active start; is it a go?
  - Not sure yet; Connie will not be coaching; active starts require a lot of hands on contact which is not permitted (due to COVID protocols)
  - most likely parents would have to be on ice with children (for that contact piece) with a coach to guide activities
  - Calvin also mentioned that having parents on the ice adds to numbers and currently we can only have a max of 50 in arena

#### 4) Executive Positions – Terry Lazaruk

- a. President: Terry Lazaruk (year 1 of term)
- b. Vice President: Calvin Desmarais (year 1 of term)
- c. Secretary: Leal Baumann (end of term)
 

No nominations or volunteers to the position; position remains to be filled
- d. Treasurer: Laura Rusnjak (end of term)
  - Thank you to Laura for the time and energy that she put into this role
  - Jessica Seely nominated Christina Bulmer and Michael Reed seconded.
    - Banking: Terry Lazaruk and Calvin Desmarais will continue to be signing authorities and Christina Bulmer will replace Laura Rusnjak as a signing authority.
    - VCSSC will change the signing authorities for our Operating and Gaming accounts, removing Laura Rusnjak as signing authority to both accounts, and adding our new Treasurer, Christina Bulmer, as a signing authority to those accounts.
- e. Registrar: Trinda Elwert (year 2 of term)
  - Meet Registrar: Sara Lazaruk (end of term) - Role being combined with Registrar
- f. Directors:
  - Liz Legebokoff (end of term)

- Jessica Seely (she's been doing this forever...)
- g. Equipment Manager: Sean Baumann (year 1 of term) – position has been rolled into a director at large position as well.
  - Calvin Desmarais nominated Sean Baumann as director and Laura Rusnjak seconded.
- h. Terry asked if anyone else would like to become a director at large.
  - Mike Reed nominated Dianne Raymond and Sean Baumann seconded.

#### **5) Coaching – Terry Lazaruk**

- confirmed coaches: Jeremy, Calvin, Terry, Diane, Kat, Anne (Wednesdays), and Jessica
- Connie (Active Starts) will not be returning, so the club is working on what we can do to address this
- looking at a coaching meeting to discuss coaching; no date set yet but should happen in the next few weeks at the latest; Calvin will suggest some dates and times and email them to coaches

#### **6) Return to Sport Plan – Terry Lazaruk**

- Terry and the executive have been working on the Return to Sport Plan and it will be posted online for members to look at once finalized. As per the District's instructions, the plan was reviewed by the Health Authority, who made some minor revision recommendations. The District then directed Terry to have the plan reviewed by Work Safe BC. Terry submitted the plan to Work Safe BC and has not heard back from them yet.
- Terry explained that the biggest change will be regarding on ice rules and handling of/sanitizing of equipment
- Terry discussed some of the key points addressed in the plan:
  - skaters will have to wear masks while on ice, regardless of keeping 2-meter distance or not (from BCSSA)
  - number of skaters on ice = 20
  - number of people in arena = 50
  - bathrooms and change rooms will not be open
  - no water fountains
  - skaters will have to show up mostly ready (just without skates on)
  - parents will have to register as skaters or associate members; if in the arena parents must be there as associate members and there to help the club; if in arena there will be something there for parents to do e.g. putting mats out, sanitize high touch surface areas between group
  - no shared ice time between groups, which will impact middle group for times

- there has not been an ice users meeting yet and a date has not yet been advertised; the District has said it will not go ahead until all clubs have had local Health Authority and Work Safe BC review their plan
- the District has not yet shared their plan and until we see the District plan we don't know how the arena will be ultimately run
- some discussions at provincial level regarding mats – mats would need to be sanitized if there was a collision of concern (e.g. face hits the mats)
- contact games not currently permitted; coaches will try their best to make things fun
- Official timed races will not take place but Vanderhoof, PG, and Fort St. James have been identified as cohort clubs so could still skate with each other (according to age groups)
- with a 50 person max in the arena it makes meets difficult so not likely to have any kind of formal meet; Jessica pointed out that Chris Acton has said there would be no sanctions issued whatsoever
- parents required to sign participant agreement:
- once you've seen the Return to Sport Plan and participant agreement, please send Terry any questions that you may have
- Kat asked how it would work to sharpen skates since club jigs are shared; people will have to sanitize their hands, perhaps gloves will be provided; Calvin suggested that it be discussed at the coaches meeting
- Terry would like to have a dry run in the arena with coaches to discuss the access process and touchpoints; has asked arena for access to arena

#### **7) Key dates and items to address before season start up**

- no date for ice-users meeting yet
- ice still tentatively set to go in in the next few weeks
- still a number of moving pieces that need to get finalized
- registration – Trinda suggested that we not open registration until ice user plans are firmed up; Terry and Jessica expressed agreement, suggesting that we wait until after ice-users meeting; registration system is supposed to be user friendly (even mobile phone friendly) so should be a smooth process once registration is open
- skate fitting/rentals – tentatively first week in October

#### **8) Questions**

No questions.

**Meeting adjourned.**