



Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club

Executive Meeting
January 9, 2019
School District 91 Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC
1815 hrs

Present: Jim McBride, Jessica Seely, Sara Lazaruk, Trinda Elwert, Calvin Desmarais, Terry Lazaruk, Leal Baumann

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks- Jim
 - LT skating in FSJ
 - Clothing Orders
2. Update on Meet Setup for Feb 9th – Jim/Jessica
3. Preparation/Requirements for Feb 9th Meet – Jessica
4. Personal Equipment Purchases Clarification – Jim
5. Executive/Volunteer/Club Succession/Sustainability – Jim
6. Financial Support for Elite Skaters – Ann
7. AGM Mar 11 Location
8. Missing Meeting Notes from 2005-2012
9. Registration – Trinda
10. Any Financial Issues – Laura
11. Other
12. Close/Next meeting AGM Monday Mar 11

1. Welcome – Jim McBride

Welcome to the meeting and to 2019. LT Skating in Fort St. James is going well. Erin Baker has been looking after collecting payment for and delivering hoody and shirt orders. Sean Baumann has 3 more skin suits to deliver and then will submit monies collected.

2. Update on Meet Setup for February 9th – Jim McBride/Jessica Seely

Jim provided background information regarding the new arena restrictions the District of Vanderhoof is requiring for future meets, including paying a fee of \$147.96 to have glass panels removed. Jim met with the mayor to discuss concerns and it was recommended that we apply for an Aid and

Grant but the deadline was in November so we missed the application date. Other issues included insurance and food permit requirements not needed in the past. Jim has requested that the district connect with BCSSA regarding insurance requirements and Northern Health has confirmed that a food permit is not needed.

- It was concluded that either we need to pay the fee or go to council and pay or not pay based on the outcome of that meeting, with the main argument being that the fee should have been outlined in the ice-users agreement, but was not.

3. Preparation/Requirements for Feb 9th Meet – Jessica Seely

- waiting for confirmation regarding whether we have a meet recorder
- most other areas are covered
- won't advertise to elite skaters (issue with accuracy of times due to changes needed to meet fire code requirements)
- don't have all of the track stewards; Jessica will put a few calls out this weekend to other towns; Trinda has volunteered as track steward as well
- Placing officials on the finish line at a meet was felt to be in violation of the BC Fire Code by blocking the exit at center ice. Historically, we have blocked off the second bank of stands and closed this exit, which we will no longer be permitted to do. Fire Chief Ian Leslie suggested alternative scenarios for officiating, which cannot provide sufficient accuracy for official results. Jessica contacted BCSSA for recommendations. They have issued a sanction to host the Central FUNale in the best interests of skaters who would not otherwise have a competition opportunity. We will place officials as close to the finish line as possible and work to find a better solution to allow future competitions.

4. Personal Equipment Purchases Clarification – Jim McBride

Review of Society Bylaw Part 12, Sec 63 in regards to a stopwatch donated to Keith Gordon

- Society Act Bylaws for VCSSC states:

Part 12 Sec 63

“The Club shall operate without financials gains to its members, and any profit or accretions to the Club shall be used to promote the objectives of the Club”

- After Keith's equipment was stolen in Kamloops, the executive approved the donation of a stopwatch from our inventory, but when the stopwatch went to be delivered, it was discovered that Keith had already received 3 watches. In lieu of a stopwatch the executive indicated we would donate the value of the watch towards the fundraiser being conducted by his club in recognizing that he needed to replace his stolen coaching equipment.
- The executive felt that the donation of the stopwatch was in accordance of the bylaw.

5. Executive/Volunteer/Club Succession/Sustainability – Jim McBride

For the AGM: Jim needs confirmation of who is leaving and who is not seeking re-election:

- Erin Baker has resigned as vice-president.
- Nicole Ebert is stepping down as head coach

- we need to think of this as a transition time and thinking about filling these positions and what this will look like.
- Laura, Leal, Calvin and Sara will remain for another year.
- Trinda is willing to stay on as registrar for another year.
- Jessica is willing to stay on as a director.
- Ann and Jim have completed their terms. Jim will not be seeking re-election as president so this position will be made available at the AGM.
- Jim made an executive request to fill the position of Vice President.
 - Executive order passed that Terry will fill in as vice president until the AGM election.
 - Vice president is needed in case something happens to the president.
- Need to follow election procedure under new Society Act.

6. Financial Support for Elite Skaters – Submitted by Ann Douglas

Question: Are the Club Members willing to support sponsoring a High Achieving Elite Skater to attend a National Meet?

- Calvin will work on proposal for supporting elite skaters. Idea would be to present proposal to members to see if they support this.
- We will re-examine this question with Calvin at the next executive meeting

7. AGM Planning

- Monday March 4 is last skate session for kids.
- Friday, March 8 is last day of speed skating. Will book mezzanine for awards, cake, and skate return. (no skating)
- April 8 – Cat Solberg will book Gospel Chapel for AGM; pizza dinner, kids will play in gym and adults

8. Missing Meeting Notes from 2005-2012

Presidents:

Doug 2005-2007

Sean 2007-2009 -

Calvin 2009-2011

- Jim would like to find missing notes to make sure that everything is complete for when he passes the president position on.
- Calvin will look on computer for notes from his time as president

9. Registration – Trinda Elwert

Trinda reports:

- Online registration is not perfect; there are many upgrades still needing to be made with too many unknowns. E.g. capping group numbers – how do you change that if it needs to be changed?
- Trinda suggests not opening registration for the AGM as there are no definite answers regarding upgrades to the process. For example, how will skate rentals be handled? Can't be part of the online payment system.
- Merchant club still needs to be setup; person needs a credit check
- If it wasn't for the online system being introduced, early registration would have worked really well.
- Trinda will know more after BCSSA meeting at end of January regarding what online registration will look like, after Richard reports to her.

10. Any Financial Issues

- No report as Treasurer, Laura Rusnjak, was absent

11. Other

- Calvin presented a thank you poster to the club from Alison Desmerais for the club's involvement in the start of her speed skating career
- Poster is of the National team, signed by team members
- Canfor has sponsored Alison \$5,000 this year and \$5,000 next year; they are her first official sponsor

12. Close/Next meeting

- Next meeting is February 13 at School District Office @ 6:00