



Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club

Annual General Meeting

March 12, 2018

Vanderhoof Municipal Arena, Vanderhoof, BC

Present:

Jim McBride, Davy and Zoe Dhillon, Sean and Nicole Ebert, Calvin and Julie Desmarais, Terry and Sara Lazaruk, Scott and Connie Stephen, Doug and Sony Ebbot, Laura Rusnjak, Sean and Leal Baumann, John and Erin Baker, Mike and Trinda Elwert, Jeremy and Jessica Seely, Scott and Angie Stevens, Dianne Raymond, Maria Campbell, Kris Scott, Kat Solberg, KariAnn Gilbert, Nicole Vongkeo, Andrea Grady, Janet Zacharias, Teresa Wiebe, Ann Douglas, Liz Legebokoff, George & Lina Wu, Mike Reed.

Schedule: Skate returns; dinner; acknowledgments and certificates; annual general meeting.

Certificates were presented to the skaters for achievement in 2017/2018, and junior coaches acknowledged.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Past executive meeting highlights: club enrolment/job shadowing/LT development cost/grant applications; photographic legacy (new)
- Financial report
- Other executive reports
- Executive changes/vote
- Presidents' meeting highlights
- Club successes
- Summer training/next season's meets
- Other

Welcome- Jim McBride

The club has operated for thirteen seasons since its incorporation January 11, 2005.

Milestones since the last AGM: a name change from *Nechako Lake Speed Skating Club* to *Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club* was officially documented June 17, 2017. VCSSC skaters can now be directly associated with a geographical area. As of May 2017, bylaws reflect changes under the new Society Act. A copy of the bylaws is available to the membership.

Thank you--volunteers for assisting/officiating at meets, and executives over the course of the

year for ensuring that all aspects of the club continue.

Two club members will be stepping down as directors: Vince Sewell (continuing in a volunteer role as the Equipment Manager) and Lorna Stephen, retiring as Secretary. Thank you both!

Past Executive Mtg Highlights:

Club enrolment

At the last executive meeting held February 19, maximum numbers per age group was discussed with a view to provide a safe session and adequate coach representation for skaters. Unless we can procure more ice time, with additional coaches, the club maximum will be set at 80 skaters.

Job Shadowing

Northern clubs rely on volunteers: succession planning is continually reviewed to protect the club's future interests. As executives/volunteers complete terms and/or move on, new members should be shadowing their positions. We have experienced volunteers/executives who can familiarize you with the particulars of a position, alleviating much of the anxiety of assuming a role on your own.

Jim's second term as President will be ending in March 2019; he will not request re-election. In anticipation of this, Terry Lazaruk will be shadowing the presidential position this season.

LT Skater Development

Planning for skater development in both ST & LT is crucial. As skaters mature, long track competition opportunities increase. Provincial LT events are frequently held locally, in Ft St John or Prince George. We do not have the resources to install or maintain a long track program. We instead rely on the Ft St James Falcons coach, Keith Gordon, for both the facility and the coaching. The Falcons have never asked for compensation for our use of their program. The VCSSC executive has passed a resolution that our club will pay an ice user fee of \$700 for each season that our skaters train in the Falcons' LT program. The club executive is very grateful for the time that Keith has volunteered over the years.

Grant Applications

We will apply for the Intact Podium Tracker Grant with SSC again this year. Intact Insurance donates \$1000 to SSC each time a member of the National Speed Skating Team wins an individual medal at a World Cup or World Championship; each season's Podium Tracker grant budget is based on the results of the National Team. All Canadian clubs are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000, with a chance of receiving a grand prize of \$10,000. The application deadline is March 31st.

Laura and Ann will re-apply for the Community Gaming Grant. For several years this grant has paid for about 90% of our ice costs. The application deadline is May 31st. We are grateful to Vince Terstappen who made applications for this grant in the past.

Photographic Legacy (not previously discussed)

For several years prior to moving to Prince George, Lorne Clarke took photos for a presentation at each AGM. Nicole McBride will be carrying this on. An annually maintained club archive would document skater progress from the Active Start category to the Elite level.

Financial Report- Laura Rusnjak

**Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club
Income Statement
Period Ended March 31, 2018**

Revenues	2018
Member fees <i>Kids, Adults + Skate Rental</i>	\$ 25,862.00 *
BC Winter Game Donations	\$ 5,570.00
Equipment sales (incl. skinsuits, jackets)	\$ 4,069.00 *
Skater Meet Registrations	\$ 4,285.00 *
Donations	\$ 50.00
Gaming Grant	\$ 10,000.00 *
Total Revenue	\$ 49,836.00
Expenses	
BCSSA Member Fees	\$ 8,870.00 *
Supplies/Clothing purchases (incl resale) <i>/Equip</i>	\$ 6,863.00 *
Equipment (safety & coaching) purchases <i>Supplies</i>	\$ 1,064.00 *
Banking fees	\$ 74.00
Coaching expenses	\$ 1,840.00
Advertising	\$ 105.00
Insurance	\$ 425.00
Meet fees (including ice time rental)	\$ 4,419.00 *
BC Winter Games Expenses	\$ 5,629.00
Arena Rental (ice time)	\$ 10,442.00 *
BC Society Fees	\$ 146.50
Depreciation of Equipment	\$ 8,308.00 *
Total Expenses	\$ 48,185.50
Net Income	\$ 1,650.50

**Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club
Balance Sheet
Period Ended March 31, 2018**

Assets	<u>2018</u>
Current Assets	
Chequing Account	\$ 24,552.30 *
Integris Equity Shares	37.49
Gaming Account	10.00
Accounts Receivable	
Equipment held for sale	
Capital Assets	
Skates	42,359.20
Mats	24,665.08
Skate Cabinet	809.11
Skate Repair Equipment	3,925.80
Sharpening Equipment	900.00
Dryland Equipment	200.00
Ice Equipment	356.33
Equipment Depreciation	- 30,292.45
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 67,522.86</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	-
Equity	
Retained Earnings, opening	\$ 65,872.36
Current Year	1,650.50
Prior Period Adjustment	
Retained Earnings, closing	<u>67,522.86</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><u>\$ 67,522.86</u></u>

Skate purch 2169.47
 1795.45
 3964.92.

Other Reports

Registration- Trinda

Feedback from previous seasons requested a multi-family registration form that would reduce the duplication necessary in providing information for each skater and associate. Using other club forms for reference, we streamlined our registration to a single page. The new form collects family information for up to seven people and further reduces paper collection by eliminating the traditional medical form. (Families with allergies or other known medical issues are asked to make coaches specifically aware of the issue.) The general skater code of conduct has been tailored to speed skating. Consents permit the use of your contact information, photos which

may be taken in competition by anyone without your permission, and volunteer agreements, etc. Any issues with the new form should be brought to Trinda's attention.

Registration time has changed: in an effort to reduce summer workload, we are offering early registration starting at the AGM and running through June 30. Regular registration will close by September 15. If the maximum level is reached for any of the groups prior to this date, a waiting list will be started in case skaters drop out.

Coach's Report -Nicole

We have many more skaters currently registered than most BC clubs. Inadequate ice time continues to be challenging. We've tried moving skaters within groups to create space for safety and quality of experience for the skaters; this has managed the issue but not solved it. We are actively seeking additional ice time.

This year we had some new coaches on the ice. Within a volunteer organization it is always possible that key people will move away or become unavailable, so succession planning for coaches is a high priority for us. We are looking for ways to help volunteers become comfortable in a coaching role. Dianne will be working on a coaching booklet for middle groups, which should include more of the technical aspects of coaching. We hope to organize a coaching course in the fall. Parents may find that coaching at the active start level is a comfortable segue to higher level coaching.

Website Maintenance - Jessica

Feedback is appreciated on the usefulness of the website/calendar content. Do families find the website and calendar useful? Are you searching elsewhere for information that should be located on the website? Posting executive meeting minutes and club bylaws were identified as helpful & Jessica will work on this prior to the next season.

Equipment -Vince

Overall, the equipment inventory looks good for next year. Skates returned in good condition and sharp and ready to go is always appreciated. If we find we are missing sizes they will be sourced; if anyone has any questions or concerns, please ask the equipment guys for help.

For anyone headed to a summer camp, we'll send out an email first of July with dates for a skate fitting. If you sign out skates for a camp & are returning in the fall, you will be able to keep them at home rather than return and be fitted again later.

The skate inventory is organized and kept track of by Debra. She's done a wonderful job creating an inventory identification system. Thank you Debra!

Mats -Calvin

Mats are put on and removed completely by volunteers. Calvin has been initiating putting them out Monday and Friday evening practices, Jim on Wednesday mornings. Getting mats on quickly allows up to ten minutes more available ice time for the kids. Parents should be helping with mats: there is a bit of a system to it that is easily learned.

Alison -Calvin

Currently skating on the national development team, the next Olympics is her goal. Her next competition is the Canada Cup Senior Selections #2--competing for a spot on the senior national

team. She started here at this club at age seven. VCSSC has been very successful in providing a great opportunity for skaters. Parental involvement is a huge contribution to the club.

Club jackets -Erin

Nicole designed a beautiful jacket for the club this year, for presentation to the coaches. A club order will be made for jackets in this design in September, along with skin suits in the same design as previous club suits, but with updated club initials (VCSSC). Erin will also source hoodies and a long-sleeved technical shirt with the club logo--more economical choices.

Associate Memberships -Jim

All parents/guardians in the club who are not skaters should register as associate members. This membership allows you to act in the capacities of directors, coaches, officials and volunteers. It does not allow you to compete, participate in lessons or other ice privileges. See Part 2, Section 4-2(c) of the club's bylaws. The initial cost of \$20 is reimbursed to families later in the season.

Executive Changes / Election of Directors

- **Secretary:** previously held by Lorna Stephen (retiring). *Nicole nominated **Leal Baumann**. Kris Scott seconded.*
- **Meet Registrar:** Sara Lazaruk was appointed when Caitlin Harrison moved and is seeking election. Jim McBride nominated **Sara Lazaruk**. Ann Douglas seconded.
- **Treasurer:** Previously held by Laura Rusnjak, who is seeking re-election. Ann Douglas nominated **Laura Rusnjak**. Jeremy Seely seconded.
- **Director:** Erin Baker nominated **Nicole Ebert**. Laura Rusnjak Seconded.
- **Vice President:** Sean Baumann nominated **Erin Baker**. Nicole Ebert seconded.
- **Director:** Nicole Ebert nominated **Calvin Desmarais**. Sean Baumann seconded.
- **Director:** Ann Douglas nominated **Terry Lazaruk**. Laura Rusnjak seconded.
- **Director:** Nicole Ebert nominated **Jessica Seely**. Debra Sewell seconded.

Presidents' Meeting Highlights

Jim attends an annual BC speed skating club presidents' meeting via teleconference. Discussions typically focus on financial successes, club new developments, association recommendations, athlete success stories, etc.

BCSSA Academy enrolment is up, compared to its first year of running in 2015/2016. Funding is confirmed for 2018/2019. Academy Year 3 received a very positive review. Results of this training are now becoming apparent as seen in the Provincial LT/ST competitions.

Club enrolment numbers for across BC are down 150: a concerning trend. Our club is the largest out of 27 across the province.

BCSSA asked what they could do better to support club growth. Jim requested more training for northern clubs. We are invited to request both the officials' and coaches training (differing levels) that we need: a facilitator will be provided. There are currently a couple of FUNDamental coaching courses scheduled later this year, in Richmond or Burnaby - see BCSSA calendar. Our

club will cover expenses for a club member to attend, upon completion of the course.

2017/2018 Club accomplishments

80 happy faces on the ice! We hosted one meet and several club events. Our T2T/Elite skaters competed at the BCLT Championships; we sent four skaters to BC Winter Games. Nicole and Jim accompanied the team which included Logan Sewell, Nicole McBride, Alexis Seely & Madison Seely along with three skaters from the Ft St James Falcons: thank you! Madison was awarded five gold medals at the BCWG, the only gold medals won across all sports in the Northwest Zone.

Parents of the team attending BCWG privately fundraised within their communities to purchase safety equipment and new skin suits for the team.

The 2020 BCWGs will be held in Fort St John, BC. Only U14 age groups will compete in the future.

Summer Training

Camps:

Ft St John LT Camp (August) They will be offering a ST component this year as well. This has historically been a very fun camp for our skaters.

Ellis Edge is not likely to be offered this year in Prince George.

Calgary Summer Speed Camp is July 16-21; registration is open.

Dryland Training:

We will be sending out information for summer dryland once a schedule has been organized. This usually starts as soon as school lets out. Raymond Riemer will likely offer one session per week and we will arrange another session on an alternate day. One session will focus on general conditioning and the other will be a sport-specific session. Anyone interested should email Nicole.

2018/2019 Dates

Our anticipated meet date for next year has changed from the last weekend of November to February 9, 2019. Our meet has historically been held at the end of November, shortly following Ft St James and Prince George' meets. After these three meets there is a long period for younger skaters with no competitions at all. The date change has been made in an effort to provide competitive opportunities throughout the season.

Next seasons' first practice will be Monday, September 24, 2018.

Skating ends on Wednesday, December 19 (for Xmas break) and resumes on January 7, 2019.

Our final practice will be Friday, March 8; the AGM will be held Monday, March 11, 2019.

Feedback is requested on the Monday/Friday practice start times. Could parents manage an earlier start time of 5:00 or 4:45? The quest for more ice time may create more awkward practice times for families. We will ask for an end time of 8:30 on Friday nights.

The membership is invited to voice thoughts or concerns on how the executive communicates with the membership. Email remains our primary method of communication with important notices and links re-posted via social media by Trinda.

Next Meeting: August, TBA.

Adjourned.