

## Cross Country Yukon Board Meeting

### Minutes

February 28, 2024

Sport Yukon @ 7:00PM

Call in #: 867-336-7534

Attendance: Matthias Purdon, Dominic Bradford, Michelle Leach, Aisha Montgomery, Kevin Embacher, Anett Kralisch, Jennifer MacKeigan, Graham Nishikawa ( by phone) Jean-Paul Molgat and Lorrie Lech WCCSC reps, Barbara Scheck

Regrets: Emily Jones, Jan McFadzen

1. **Meeting started:** 7:10 PM YT
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** motion to adopt made by Matthias Purdon, seconded by Michelle Leach

#### Additions / changes:

3. **Motion to accept January 17, 2024 minutes:** was made by Kevin Embacher and seconded by Dominic Bradford.
4. Diane Billingsley has requested funding to support her Level 3 Officials Training at the Nationals in Ottawa. Her request is as follows:

*“ Flights \$1910.53*

*Accommodation \$850 (I have managed to secure a house and it will be shared with others in the L3 training -- the host club has not arranged for discounted accommodations)*

*car rental \$517.99*

*I will be contributing all my time (7 vacation days from work plus two weekends), groceries and misc fees such as luggage and fuel for the vehicle.”*

Matthias put forward a motion to approve the \$3300 to support this. Dominic seconded- Passed

5. WCCSC interest in hosting Westerns or similar event in the next 2 years - link to creating Comprehensive Division Competition Technical Guide for 2024-2025  
Graham and Diane have started working on this Technical Guide. The Guide will encompass all the rules for ski racing in the Yukon. Anyone will be able to follow it and run a race in the Yukon. It must also meet the needs of the affiliates.

**ACTION:** Need to identify a Lead on this as it is a big project

**6. Website**

- No update from Anett
  - Website maintenance and training

**7. Financial Update (Michelle - Treasurer)**

- Financials update (Michelle)

Michelle had sent around the current financial docs yesterday. Shows a deficit of \$10,000 which is concerning. There are some grant \$ and travel \$ still pending.

Enhanced Athlete development and Podium \$

Graham talked to Trevor T from Sport and Rec and understands that CCY has not received the last 25% which is \$42,000. He has submitted the documents to receive that outstanding contribution.

A canceled trip has resulted in some credits in Jen and Graham's accounts which won't be used until next year.

Year End is April 30th.

**ACTION:** Barbara to arrange a late March/early April meeting for the Board to discuss the budget.

- Review Programming Fees

Jen provided a document with the fees for each of the Squads and details about what the program offered at each level. She also included a comparison of fees across the country. Canmore was the most expensive.

Red Squad athletes are out of the territory and pay a nominal amount but need support at outside competitions.

Decisions on 2024/2025 fees need to be decided by the end of March for Blue/Green and Red Squad.

Dominic suggested that Graham and Jen come up with a proposal for next season's fees and program.

- Set date for financial sustainability review in March

**8. Contractor Updates:**

- **Squad Update** (Graham / Jen)

Graham is in Canmore this week. They are now in the last two weeks of prep before the Ski Nationals in Ottawa and the Arctic Winter Games in Palmer, Alaska. Excitement is high

amongst the athletes. These two competitions will be the end of the season. It's been a busy February.

Graham went to Italy with the Para National Team. It was a very useful trip as he gained a lot of knowledge about waxing.

- **Coach / Officials Development (Graham / Jen)**

- Officials Development (Graham / Jen) Nothing to report
- Coach development (Jen) Stephne from Nordic Canada was not able to come to Whitehorse as planned. Jen met with him by ZOOM to complete the course, which was successful, and also so helped Jen in advancing her coaching trainer / evaluator level.
- Jen went to Haines Junction to provide a Community Coaching Course to 5 participants on Jan 27th. The Beaver Creek course was not held.

- **Community Programs and Affiliates (Jen)**

- Update

Kwanlin Koyotes are not an affiliate yet this year as they have not registered through Zone 4. As soon as those forms are done they will be an affiliate and be able to access the funding. Two affiliates currently are WCCSC and Marsh Lake.

- **Sponsorship update (Jen, Dom, and Barbara)**

- Graham said that John Parry will meet with him and Dominic about making a pitch to Midnight Sun Drilling re: sponsorship. John is also willing to go to the meeting with them.

- **Admin update (Barbara):**

- Dahria Beatty was awarded the International Female Athlete of the Year and Sasha Masson the International Male Athlete of the Year from Sport Yukon.
- City of Whitehorse Volunteer of the Year award nominee needs to be submitted by March 17/24
- Planning ongoing for Nordiq Canada AGM - Barbara is looking at venues for the meetings and events. A draft outline will be ready soon.

**9. 2024-2025 Race Organizing (Anett, Matthias)**

- Feedback on this season

Ben WCCSC is putting together a report on the races as the Club took such a role this year.

**10. CCY Policy updates.**

- New board role (Matthias)
  - Write and post to website policy regarding Yukon Championships hosting. Don't have a process yet to write policies and put them on the website.
  - Aisha to take on the role of writing policy on letterhead and posting to the website via Anett.

**Action:** Aisha will look at past Minutes and write the Policy about how the Yukon Champs are hosted by WCCSC or other affiliates.

**11. Affiliate Reps (WCCSC / Kwanlin Koyotes)**

Jean-Paul Molgat WCCSC

-Some of the Club's Board met with YG Ministers Two main topics

#1 The functional needs of the stadium and outbuildings. Deficiencies in snow making facilities near the stadium, particularly water and power. Washrooms are also lacking. Generally they seemed interested. The Club has grown almost 50% since the pandemic.

#2 Land tenure - Gladiator Metals claims cover part of the Copper Trail. It has been a theoretical threat since 2008 but is becoming more real. WCCSC is looking for solutions to protect the trails. McIntrye Creek Park could be key to that.

5 parties need to sign any MOU -2 FN and three levels of government.

Atco parcel is a crown grant - subsurface private ownership of the minerals

Surface was severed and sold to ATCO covers almost all of the Pierre Harvey Loop.

Could that ATCO parcel become a park?

An Open House will be held on March 6th to share information about the proposed name change of the Club.

**No Kwanlin Koyotes Rep in attendance**

**12. High Performance Committee (Graham / Dom)**

- a. Update - None at this time

**13. Additional items for discussion:**

- Media announcements (Aisha) - None at this time

**14. Schedule March Board Meeting:**

Next Meeting Wednesday March 27th - Meeting Place TBD

**15. Regular Meeting finished at:**

Meeting finished at 9:01 PM YT

**16. In Camera Meeting - no in camera.**