

Overlander Ski Club Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2006

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance: 11

Executive Members Present: Jonathon Oliphant, Mark Richards, Alan Vyse, Bronwen Meister, Roy Davidson, and Celia Hoy.

1. Adopt Minutes From March Meeting: Motion: March meeting minutes be adopted. (Mark Richards) (seconded by Alan Vyse) Passed.
2. Correspondence
 - Thank-you letter from Alan Richards (JD) for supporting him at nationals.
3. Ski School – Lisa
 - 253 students ranging from Grade 4 – 7.
 - Wide interest in continuing Grade 6-7 classes and incorporating Grade 3 classes.
 - Would like to see club add to the equipment it already has so it would be easier to run each of the age groups. This would likely also boost numbers in Rabbits.
 - Lisa: The Grade 4-5 classes that came had large children who were fitted into too large of gear as the smaller gear didn't work.
 - Lisa: Difficult time fitting Grade 7 as they are into adult equipment.
 - Jonathon: With younger end, might have skiers into Rabbits and with older end, looking at more recreational skiers.
 - Mark: Should have equipment needs (budget) given to him at the end of the month so that he can put it into the funding request (application for Direct Access).
 - Jonathon: Spoke N' Motion has agreed to rent (in the middle of the week) equipment for ~ \$10.
 - Would be able to service groups on outer edges of Grade 4-5 group.
 - Teachers who experienced the Ski School program want to come back and brought positive information back to their respective schools.
 - A large group of swimmers wanted to book, but timing didn't work out. Other cancellations were due to conflict with school activities. Therefore, can expect a higher turnout next year.
 - Jonathon: E-mail from Sovereign Lake group that they are selling their ski league equipment.
 - Lisa: This might not be too good of a deal (club bought junior skis for \$110).
 - 8 schools participated totaling 12 sessions in the Ski School Program.
 - Potential to expand into birthday party sessions.
 - Result: 2-3 families from the schools that rented equipment and went out on own. 1 family entered into ski tournament.
 - Suggestion: In-service day that would allow Lisa to market ski school to PE teachers.
 - In the middle of October, there's the opportunity to market ski school to teachers.
 - Need to figure a minimum cost for large groups that use (e.g. Boy Scout clubs). As the current rate is not profitable for the club.

- May have to readjust costs depending on organization in next season.

4. Membership Report – Celia Hoy

- 585 ski pass holders registered (68 were converted).
- CCC raising fees.
 - Jonathon: Will have to revisit fee structure (day passes and memberships).
 - Alan: Have to put in an operating plan. If the trail fee is changed, have to notify MOF. Problem the competition with Sun Peaks.
- Zone 4 Racing System
 - This system would resolve the club's current accountability issue.
 - Could set up in September which would allow club to train people and set system correctly.
 - Alan: Should still have option of paying by cheque, not credit card, so there'd be flexibility.
 - Celia: There are three steps that are time consuming, Zone 4 would ease up the workload and make list production more efficient.
 - Jonathon: Easy if people know ahead of time; however, difficult when there are changes part-way through the season. Therefore, there would have to be a person who could update the computer system.
 - Jonathon: Cost of system will have to be a decision the club will make when cost is known. There is the question as to whether or not club should absorb the full cost of the system. Jerry Spice believes cost is worth it. There's now enough time for club to setup program. Executive will have to decide what to charge for various items.

5. Trails – Alan Vyse

- 13,187 trail passes.
- Revenue: ~\$70,000
- Expenses: In-line to what was expected.
- Two projects:
 - Track setting review that will be done in time for AGM.
 - Trail planning session. The trail executive will look at changes for next year, which includes fees and management structure.
 - Mark: Do we want to heat machine shop?
 - Suggestion: Have to be careful as some chemicals should not freeze. Space heaters could be used.
 - Jonathon: should the trail planning session be a joint meeting with trails and executive?
 - Joint Meeting date: **Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30** (April 11th will be tracksetting.). The location to be decided.
- Woodco is company that is going to be doing logging at south end of trails. They want to have a meeting at the daylodge at the end of April for discussion.
 - Woodco can use daylodge at no charge to hold meeting.
 - Communication: Map and letter from Woodco.
 - The company will fix damage to trails where they cross.
 - Pine beetle kill: 50,000 sq. cubic meters of wood on trail system that has to come out. This is more than club can deal with. Will have to go

to forest service and find out what they want to do that. May have to apply for license for safety corridor. Ambush, Quickdraw, Drifter, Sidewinder, and Geromino are areas that are affected.

- Planting of area that was logged in fall.
 - Need to negotiate contract with forest service.
 - Suggest price: \$0.32 per tree.
 - **Motion:** That the club negotiates a contract with BC Forest Services for planting trees on logged area. (Alan Vyse) (seconded by Mark Richards). Passed.
 - The area includes area done last fall and area by shed.
 - Suggestion: Should negotiate “setback” distance from trees.

6. Ways and Means – Mark Richards

- Applied for \$2,500 youth employment grant from Weyerhaeuser.
- Jonathon: Pacific Sport funded coaches. Kamloops is likely up for two more funded positions for this year. The club put in an expression of interest at the end of March.
 - Will have to sell cross-country skiing sport to Pacific Sport.
 - They provide \$10,000 towards coach salary of the equivalent time of seven months full-time. Club has to cover mandatory deductions.
 - Club would use director idea as model.
 - Mark is including the amount needed for this position in the Direct Access request.

7. JD – Roy Davidson

- JD program is now finished for the year.
- There were four skiers at the national championships and five went to the westerns.
- The three JD coaches met recently and have started planning for upcoming year.
- Athlete Support Policy: Have samples from other clubs.
 - This covers support to athletes from club.
 - Jonathon: Suggest that a meeting of JD families convene so this is discussed.
 - Discussed taking all of the JDs to the westerns next year.
- **Point of interest:** JDs greatly appreciate all of the volunteer work, which has helped in the JDs success.
- Jonathon: Liability issue when taking JDs out for mountain bike training as it is a high-risk activity that is excluded from the insurance.
 - Roy: The team will only go out there as a hobby, not as part of the club.
- Motion (via e-mail) for athlete support to western.
 - **Motion:** That the Overlander Ski Club provide financial support to Jeffrey Richards and Kurt Benson, who were selected to represent BC at the 2006 Western Ski Championships in Whitehorse at \$200 each. (Roy Davidson) (seconded by Jonathon Oliphant) Passed.

8. Club Wrap-up

- **Saturday May 6 at 3:00 at Heritage House.**

9. AGM

- AGM in June.
- There are three executive member positions that need to be filled.
 - It would be a good idea for club to have a Vice President.
 - Also need to fulfill social coordinator and publicity positions.
- Mark: Might be worth concreting under the deck. If the club wants to close it in, concrete might be a problem, though.
 - Jonathon: This is something that should be discussed at trail session. This ties into the idea of having attendant at daylodge renting skis and collecting ticket revenue.

10. **Motion:** to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. (Roy Davidson) (seconded by Celia Hoy).
Passed.