



BIG WHITE SKI CLUB
MINUTES: Annual General Meeting
June 15, 2021

Time & Place: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/hjh-pqfm-hxp>)

Meeting Chairperson: Dave Willoughby
Attendees: Amir Khatami, Bailey Teteris, Cynthia Thomas, Dave Willoughby, Dave Veitch, David Sullivan, Diana Veitch, Flynn Seddon, Janice Lawson, Leigh-Ann Yanow, Trevor Haaheim, Trevor Hanna, Michael Richards, Michelle Hiltz, Rebecca Taylor, Sharon Cashin, Scott Campbell, Scott Setchell, Shanna Roworth, Sonya Jezik, Ted Ritchie, Trevor Hanna, Tyrone Thompson

Regrets: Derek Trussler, Stuart Yanow

1. Call Meeting to order (7:03pm) – D. Willoughby
2. Review [Minutes from last AGM](#) and approve
 - a. Motion to approve (Dave Vietch). All in favour.
3. Approve Agenda and add new business
 - a. New business to add (Scott Campbell). Point of sale system for ski swap.
 - b. Motion to approve updated agenda (Diana Vietch). All in favour.
 - c. *Meeting paused as issue with some members logging in. Meeting resumed at 7:14.*
4. Executive and Chair Reports:
 - a. President's Opening Remarks - Dave Willoughby (7:14)
 - i. Overall successful year. Got in lots of good training despite Covid. Big White grooming is second to none and a huge thank you to Big White for allowing us to train on the terrain, in particular Powder Keg and Paradise.
 - ii. Races. Covid obviously impeded our ability to hold races last year. Looking forward to having a good race year coming up with restrictions lifting. This is important for the racers and also the club. We have lost experience in putting on races, and it takes a lot of volunteer effort to do this, so it will be good to have races back. Having races is a big part of what we do/who we are as a club.
 - iii. Ski simulator. This was new this year. It was used over winter months for dryland. More to come here from Diana.



- iv. New club space. We are very excited to announce that we have a new in-town space for the club, in the north end. This will house the simulator as well as be a location for dryland etc. More to come here from Diana.

b. VP/Communications – Diana Veitch (7:19)

- i. New club/simulator space. We get possession of this new space at the beginning of July. There will be a bit of down time on the simulator as it is moved to this new location. It will be great to have this local downtown space that we can use for storage, meetings, dryland, office for Trevor!
- ii. Registration. The forms are ready to go. There is a payment plan scheme for registration and also, new this year, for raffle tickets and for racer accounts. Early bird registration dates are moving up this year to allow more time for planning teams and coaches: Oct 31st (U12+) and Nov 30th (Blazers).
- iii. Org chart. A draft org chart of the club executive, volunteer roles was presented. This is a work in progress but will be a good way to visualize club roles. The club is always looking for volunteers.
- iv. Dibbs Software for Blazer volunteer assignments worked well last year and will continue to be used this year.
- v. Asana. The club is using Asana for project management. This will allow the executive to keep track of and document projects and tasks. It will also facilitate hand-over of roles year after year.
- vi. Banquet. We couldn't host this last year due to Covid, but it is now booked for Eldorado or Manteo on Sunday Sept 12th. This will be a great kick off to the season. Please reach out to Sharon Cashin around the banquet.
- vii. Social Media. This is a large and important part of the club and we have a need for a volunteer(s) to take this on. The hope is to create a team for social media and marketing as it is a really big task. Anyone interested in social media etc. contact Diana.

c. Treasurer – Dave Veitch (7:30)

- i. Simplified budget and balance sheet was sent out with an agenda.
- ii. Summary. We had a good financial year, helped by government grants. Some of these are present in the upcoming budget as well. Without these we would have had to dip into our contingency. Trevor did a great job with sponsorship. So overall we are starting the year in a good spot finance wise.
- iii. Ski swap. This will go ahead this year and we are projecting it will be a big one.



- iv. Contingency funds. These are ear-marked this year for van and simulator space. As a club we need to think on a spending plan moving forward. There is government funding to be had, but we need to build up the funding to make this possible. An example use here would be a new club cabin in future.
 - v. Registrations. There were 187 unique registrations this past year which was a super result. Suggests that word is getting out that the club is a great place to train and learn to race.
 - vi. Dave W – notes that finances are doing very well compared to prior years, also registrations are increasing over the last few years. All good news.
- d. Blazer/Registrar Coordinator – Sonya Jezik (7:37)
- i. Numbers stayed stable through this year, and looking forward to another good year coming up. Nothing else to report at this time.
- e. Program Director – Trevor Haaheim (7:38)
- i. Thank you everyone. Particular call out to Sonya who has helped so much over the years and is now leaving.
 - ii. Super strong year. The club is in great shape. We really managed to thrive through this challenging year. Snow was great, skiing was a ton of fun, lots of smiling kids. Was tougher on the older kids though, particularly the Okanagan Ski Team kids, with no races.
 - iii. Okanagan Ski Team. This is a FIS team for racers after they graduate from U16. There were none of our kids on this team last year, but this coming year will have 3 kids on the Okanagan team – Finlay, Takota, Shayna. There are 12 racers in total this coming year, a strong team. They primarily train out of Apex, and the coach lives in Kelowna, so it is a good opportunity for our club racers.
 - iv. Coaching update. Martin Little will be moving to assistant coach in U14 and U16. Wade Christie will be coming back on as U16 coach. He is a long time, very experienced coach (has been coaching since 1996, coached Trevor!). This is good news for the club and the racers.
 - v. Dryland. Dryland will start tomorrow for U14 and U16s (born 2009 and older). Afternoons for first two sessions but after that will be 3 hour morning sessions, including hikes etc. around Knox. Parents are welcome to attend too.
 - vi. Key dates. First days on snow are: Blazers Jan 8th, U12 and U10A Dec 3rd and mid Nov for U14, U16. Will be planning a few trips early on for U16s as well.



- vii. Races. Looking forward to getting back to races! There has been one initial chat between clubs around hosting races next year. More to come here, will meet again next week. Tentatively we are expecting Zone finals for NG, 2nd week of March. Ski Cross race likely as well, 3rd week of March.
- f. Alpine Chair – Leigh-Ann for Stuart Yanow (7:56)
 - i. Role this year was limited as there were no races or courses. This year we are hoping to hold level I and II courses.
- g. Ski Cross Chair – Sharon Cashin (7:58)
 - i. Sharon will be transitioning this role to Scott Setchell over the year.
 - ii. Noted commitment of world cup racers (Ned, Ian, and Kelsey) to mentor young racers remains strong.
 - iii. Looking forward to Western Ski Cross this year. Will look to include some ski cross training for the club too, typically at the end of spring break.
 - iv. Very grateful to Big White, recognition of the significant effort in preparing the ski cross course.
 - v. Future, are looking to move to having a coached BC SX team.
 - vi. Dave W. – club is lucky to have someone so dedicated (Sharon) to ski cross. Big White has one of the best courses in BC.
- h. Okanagan Ski Team Report – (covered by Trevor, above, Derek could not attend)
- i. Big White - Trevor Hanna/Flynn Seddon (8:05)
 - i. Thanks to everyone who helped with the resort clean-up on Sat!
 - ii. It was a tough year and the club should be commended for keeping it fun and engaging for all.
 - iii. Optimistic that travel will open up this year, including international.
 - iv. Early season pass sales are looking really good.
 - v. Some things will be different though to keep financial footing solid. Skating rink will not open for example.
 - vi. There will be a staged approach to getting going again with events. Looking forward to discussing what will be manageable in this space.
 - vii. Opportunity to host para-world cup snowboarding again, exciting.
 - viii. Lastly, Big White is here to help.
 - ix. Dave W. – We so appreciate Flinn, Michael and Trevor being on the call and being able to work with you all.



- x. Diana – confirmed will move forward with an article about the different kinds of ski clubs/programs offered at the mountain to clear up potential confusion for those registering.

5. Standing items:

a. Board Elections (2021/2022) – (8:14)

- i. Blazer Coordinator (needed!)
 - 1. Role: point of contact, communication for Blazer parents, getting them rolling, answering questions.
 - 2. We need someone to volunteer for this. We will be actively recruiting for this position.
- ii. Secretary (Ted Ritchie outgoing, Michelle Hilts incoming)
 - 1. Michelle has put her name forward for this and we would like to accept her into this role.
- iii. Director at Large (Ted Ritchie)
 - 1. Ted moves into this role from secretary.
 - 2. Ski Cross Chair Shadow Position (Scott Setchell) Scott will take this on, shadowing Sharon. He will continue to work with calendar and web site.
- iv. Alpine chair. Stuart will be moving off this and a transition is needed. Dave W. indicated that he will shadow this position this year unless someone else can step up to fill the role.

b. Key Volunteer Positions – (8:21)

- i. Blazer Registrar (Sonya Jezik outgoing, Cynthia Thomas incoming). Cynthia takes this on as Sonya leaves. Cynthia worked previously on covid safety and we are looking forward to working with her here.
- ii. Jacket Coordinator (Amir Khatami). Amir is working with Avalanche. Challenge is that the quantity of our order is small which can result in delays. There is a speed suit that can be provided through Avalanche too, something for the Board to consider. He also coordinates used jackets. The vision is to have ALL U12+ kids REQUIRED in jackets with u10A having the option, this is a good presence on the hill.
- iii. Parent Liaisons (U12/U14/U16). Scott Campbell will do U16. Rebecca Taylor will do U14. Need volunteer for U12.
- iv. Social Coordinators (Shane Styles). Shane will be one, but we are looking for a few more. Typically there are 3, as these are key roles to pull our community together.
- v. Volunteer Coordinator (Janice Lawson). This is a huge role when we host races. We are looking for someone to help and work along with Janice.



- vi. Raffle Ticket Coordinator (Christine Geriepy). Dave V will be transitioning this to Christine.
- vii. Website/Calendar Coordinator (Scott Setchell). Scott is taking this on and is very skilled at this, so thanks for stepping up!
- viii. Race Secretary. Shanna will hopefully be continuing with this job. It is a big job so it would be useful to have someone shadow this moving forward.

6. New Business

- a. Shout out to Nancy Setchell for all her work with coaches.
 - b. Point of sale for ski swap (Scott Campbell). Scott is a volunteer BC Ski Patrol @ BWR so he has offered to be the liaison for our club with BCSP as we use their software for the entire event.
7. Closing Remarks – thank you to all, it was a great training year and looking forward to this year.

8. Meeting adjourned (8:31)