
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCRIPT

Saturday Oct 26, 2019, 5pm

Lost Lake Passive Haus, Whistler, BC

1. Welcome (Call to Order) __5__ : __39__ PM (2 mins)

2. Motion to adopt the Agenda (2 mins)

Motioned by: Tony Peiffer

Seconded by: Maria Lundgren

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 2nd, 2017 AGM (2 mins)

Motioned by: Mireille Turcotte

Seconded by: Dave Kirk

4. Directors' Reports: (15 - 20 mins)

President: Tony Peiffer

Welcome everyone. It has been a pleasure to serve as President of Whistler Nordics over this last season. The club has accomplished a number of great things but before I highlight these I would like to thank the past board for their efforts along with all the volunteers, coaches, and parents who contribute to the success of this club.

This past year we were blessed with early snow and a robust season in terms of programs and membership. Thanks.

Our development athletes got to test their skiing early with the opening of Callaghan Gold. Unfortunately, warm weather in late Oct diminished that opportunity. Regardless, this HP Group had another outstanding year, with many of these athletes moving on to National and Provincial teams while balancing the rigors of University. To all the parents which supported this group. Job well done.

We continue to host an early Regional Camp. This effort was spearheaded by Maria Lundgren and continues to remain a success to this day. In addition to this camp Maria is offering up dryland and early ski opportunities for members in programs. Please follow up with her regarding these details.

As a club, we continue to be in rebuilding stage and are making efforts to attract parents, as well as younger and older athletes. All our programs have had good subscriptions with particular

interest in the Youth programs and Masters Group. We continue to focus our programs to support these groups. We expanded our youth programs at Lost Lake, which has shown strong support. Our master's program continues to be the envy of the valley offering a World Class Master Program headed by our all-star Swedish Coach.

As I mentioned WN remains in a rebuilding stage. With over a year behind them both Katrina Heron our SDP Coordinator and Sadie Brubaker Executive Administrator have done an outstanding job supporting programs and providing board guidance. Thank you.

Last year the club partnered up with Coast Outdoors and Village Sports to offer another successful SWAP. I encourage members to support these retailers where possible. While this year was somewhat smaller due to retailers having low inventory and no incremental employees, the club put on another successful swap. I would like to thank Tim Koshal for his continuing support in providing us with a venue to hold his event.

The club relies on a number of Grant vehicles to support its programming. With the support of CCC, RMOW and WB Foundation we managed to position the club for 2018/2019 season. The result being able to purchase its very own wax trailer up at WOP. This is fully equipped with wax benches, heaters, wax and a fridge for whatever. I encourage members to use this asset.

For this upcoming season we continue to have support from BC Gaming Grant and RMOW CEP. We are working with WB Foundation and LOST LAKE to try and rekindle the Lost Lake Loppet. The club intends to host it as a memorial for one of our key members Cheryl Morningstar who passed away this past year. We will be looking for volunteers to develop a committee to plan and host this event.

Development Team Program

Whistler Nordics was awarded the 2nd best small club in Canada by CCC. This success is attributed to the dedication and efforts by our young athletes. While we remain a small team, these athletes have embodied what hard work and commitment are all about. I am extremely proud of what these young athletes have accomplished. Being named to BC Development Team, BCST, BCDT and Junior National Team are just a small component of what these young adults have managed to achieve. They have all now moved on yet they continue to incorporate XC skiing into the busy lives. JOB DONE. NEXT.

Lastly I would like to thank Benoit and Mireille for their tireless efforts in building up the Toonies. Benoit, has taken on this challenge, found generous support from a number of local merchants and created a keen following. We continue to encourage participation from all

members. I will leave the details for Benoit to share. In my view, it is events like these that continue to make this a great community to be part of. Thank you.

Overall, I wish to thank Mother Nature for encouraging the GOD of Snow ULLR. Thank you all for a great season and here is looking forward to the new season.

5. Vice President's report: Maria Lundgren

Master's Program:

We had a successful master's program last year.

We had 18 participants but it was never full so it felt like a good size group.

There will be 8 sessions this year with 16 enrolled so far and a few on the waitlist.

Maria is looking for more coaches so we can open waitlist.

Master's had a few socials up at WOP that were lots of fun.

Regional Camp:

Regional camp was a success last year with 58 athletes and 13 coaches.

We teamed up with Hollyburn to offer the camp.

This helps us to break even.

This year the camp won't be on Callaghan Gold.

It will be a bit later this year – Nov. 29 – Dec. 1st.

The camp will join on with Coast Cup this year.

We are expecting big numbers again this year.

We will team up with Hollyburn again this year.

Dryland Sessions:

New this year, we are offering free dryland sessions.

We will be testing this out and using our new roller skis that we purchased from grant funds.

First day tomorrow. All club members welcome.

One of the dryland days will be on snow Nov. 16th.

This is a club event at WOP to try out Callaghan gold.

Callaghan Gold opening on 9th.

Big things this year:

BC winter games in Fort St. John this year. Hoping to encourage midgets to attend midget championships.

This year looks like a lot of races here. Coast cup 1, 2, 3 and 4 here this year.

A big thanks to Craig Mackenzie for his help at the swap. He came home early from his trip to NZ to help us out. He spent hours printing tags and the whole day volunteering at the Swap.

We couldn't do it without him!

6. Toonie Directors Report: Benoit Renault

We had a good season last year.

Thanks to the volunteers Dave Burch, Jeanette, Mireille Turcotte, Dan Wilson, Tracey Higgs, and many others.

7 Toonies organized originally

Averaged 25 participants, with the largest being about 35 participants.

We added two more at the end of the season because of high demand, which totaled 9 for the season.

We tried to encourage more youth to join the races.

We had food and child care for youth available but unfortunately not many people made use of this. There was an average of 4 or 5 kids a week.

A big thank you to Dan and Tracey Wilson who volunteered for this.

Not going to offer food and child minding again this year.

We are talking about inviting Spud and Sea to Sky to come to the races.

We would like to have a biathlon toonie this year.

The Toonie Series end with the Scandinave spa night, which is always a hit.

Great sponsors last year: Dave Burch, Scandinave, Gnarly Roots, Scandinave Spa, Whistler Brewery, Whistler Half Marathon, Whistler Cooks, Brew House, Moguls, Gone Eatery, Whistler Sport Legacies, Portobello, Cross Country Connection, etc.

Toonies are a great way to say thank you to our members
Invite your friends to join. They're not hard. All you need is skis, a head lamp and a membership.

7. Programs Update: Katrina Heron

Last year we had 210 members. So far this year 119 members, but it's still early.
94 kids in programs last year. 74 so far this year.
Age of youth has changed a bit. We need to sell programs to the younger kids, so please spread the word.
Only 3 Bunnies so far and lower numbers in Jack Rabbits 1-2
We need to be promoting the programs to 5, 6, 7 year olds
Participation is high amongst the older kids.
It is still early.

8. Presentation of the Financial Report and 2019/2020 Budget (10 mins)

Tony Peiffer:

See attached Financial Statement

We would like to thank Joanne Molinaro for helping us out for the last two years and getting us sorted out.

We ended up last year with a surplus of about \$5000

Thanks to Valerie Sicotte for spearheading the Creekbread fundraiser

Swap last year was successful and brought in about the same funds this year

Gaming Grant awarded again this year

CCC awarded money for coach development

We are a nonprofit club. Budgeting to break even again.

Off to a great start

Switched from Blueshore to Scotia as they are more community minded

9. Motion to accept the Financial Report and 2019/2020 Budget as presented (2 mins)

Motioned by: Craig Mackenzie

Seconded by: Dave Kirk

10. Election or confirmation of Directors (5-10 mins)

Tony to Introduce election: Each year you have the opportunity to join the Board and volunteer to contribute to the club to improve the services, events and programs the club offers. We are a club that relies on volunteers, our Directors provide advice and guidance, help to deliver events, and shape the programs and future of the club. Introduce current Board:

President: Tony Peiffer

Vice President: Maria Lundgren

Treasurer: Joanne Molinaro

Secretary:

Toonie Director: Benoit Renault

Directors At Large:

Valerie Sicotte

TONY: Thank You to Directors stepping down:

Joanne Molinaro and Valerie Sicotte are stepping down leaving the Treasurer, and Secretary position vacant.

Any?

I will work my way through each of the positions below and if you would like to nominate someone for a position please raise your hand.

Position	Current/Nominated	Vote
President	Tony Peiffer	Nominated by: Craig Mackenzie Seconded: Mireille Turcotte
Vice-President	Maria Lundgren	Nominated by: Tony Peiffer Seconded: Valerie Sicotte
Secretary	Dave Burch in absentia	Nominated by: Tony Peiffer Seconded: Benoit Renault

Treasurer	Dan Wilson in absentia	Nominated by: Tony Peiffer Seconded: Benoit Renault
Director at Large (1)	Benoit Renault	Nominated by: Tony Peiffer Seconded: Lesley Clements
Director at Large (2)		Nominated by: Seconded:
Director at Large (3)		Nominated by: Seconded:

If there are no nominations and the existing Board Member wishes to stay on, they remain by acclamation.

A huge thank you to Valerie for her hard efforts and Joanne Molinaro.

New Business:

We are hoping to resurrect the Lost Lake Loppet in honour of Cheryl Morningstar.
 Will probably be held in the spring
 We have approached WBF to get a grant for tents and prizes
 Tony will be reaching out to Cheryl’s friends who have mentioned that they are interested in helping out.
 Would like to create a committee and assign roles and responsibilities.
 Tony will keep everyone aware of progress

11. Draw for 2 Coast Outdoors Payak Entries courtesy of CVXC and call for volunteers (5 mins)

Winners: Robbie Metza and Ella Koshul

12. Adjourned : __6:18__ PM