

Minutes of A.G.M. of 4T+ Ski Club April 27th 2019

Present: 41 Members

Location: 1470 Pennyfarthing Drive

Time: Meeting was opened at 7:30

- 1. Introduction of Executive:** Francine (President) introduced:
 - a. Jenny as Cabin Coordinator & New Member Coordinator
 - b. Solanges as Treasurer
 - c. Julie as WIKI Witch
 - d. Cheryl as Trip Administrator
 - e. Elizabeth as Social Director
 - f. Regrets from Pam (Secretary)
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Dave Thomas & Don McPherson – Passed
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Janet Rivers & Julie Mussenden – Passed
- 4. President's Report:** Good year despite the club's concerns regarding increased Whistler pass prices although some activities were down a little. Looking for a Vice President who job is support for President and long term in coming President. Francine thanked Executive members and volunteer club members who ran other activities. Expenses will increase next year as communication system will change (see later # 10) and additional taxes on cabins will be applied (see later #4)
- 5. Financial Report:** Solanges circulated a detailed financial sheet that will be updated after this meeting and published on the WIKI. Generally:
 - i. WAC ran a deficit of \$666 mostly due to Number and gender inequalities. \$217 due to subsidies. WAC prices are very unpredictable and seem to increase without warning.
 - ii. Manfred took in \$4370 with some monies still owing due to misunderstandings regarding selling of spots towards the end of the season. 4 spots were vacant
 - iii. Rizzardo took in \$3910. 2 spots were vacant.
 - iv. Manning multi day trip was overcharged and so each cabin participant will receive a small refund
 - v. New taxes were introduced by Province of B,C. which we were able to escape this year by paying the chalets

prior to October. Next season we will have to pay them in full.

Larger deficits were due to summer BBQ and WAC summer activities.

October balance was \$9,974

Current Balance was \$13,374

End of Year Projection is \$10,255

The executive goal in 2019 was to reduce capitol fund by \$2000 and ensure that membership benefitted from the reduction. Thus, social activities were heavily subsidized by club thereby achieving the goal.

Grace proposed acceptance of report and Cheryl seconded – passed.

6. Cabin Coordinator Report: Jenny reported that

- a. 3 chalets used: Manfred, Rizzardo and WAC. Spots did not sell well at the beginning of the year but finally there were only 4 spots left unsold in Manfred; 2 spots left unsold in Rizzardo and no trips cancelled completely in WAC where the # of participants actually increased.

Club members are reminded that cancellation of WAC trips is 2 weeks prior to the trip date. Please remember to take your name off of the “interested” list if you are not attending because it can be confusing for other members who would like to go.

One complete 2 day trip was bought by a private group – all club members – but they bought it together - this was prompted by the paucity of spots being filled so it assisted the club financially.

In 2019/2020 the executive has decided to reduce the number of trips to Rizzardo. Thus total 2 day trips to Whistler will be 6 rather than 8. This will increase the price of that chalet.

As New Member Coordinator Jenny introduced Marsha and Edith who joined that evening.

As one of the Snow Shoe Coordinators (non executive) Jenny mentioned that although the 2 multi day trips to Manning and Whistler were very successful, the weekly local ones had not been well attended. She asked the members if they had any suggestions as to why this had occurred. One member suggested that maybe Tuesdays were not popular which had been noted. Jenny asked for other volunteers and she and Janet were going to pull back from organizing them and Daya volunteered. Jenny said she would contact Daya during the summer to support this offer. Jenny thanked Janet for her work.

7. **Trip Administrator Report:** Cheryl also noted that there were newer members from the Sunshine Coast – Kathleen and Michael Scott as well as Sue Higginbotham.

Cheryl noted that although the introduction of Brown Paper Tickets had not helped her current position, it was likely that the new system would eliminate her position almost entirely since membership will be automated. She also explained that some people were confused because their names had not appeared immediately in the “paid” column after they had purchased trips etc.. This was because Cheryl had to go into the WIKI manually to register the payment as the 2 systems were not linked. She works full time and did not do this every day.

8. **Out of town Report:** Heather Friesen reported success with the 2 trips but that she was not going to reserve a Big White Chalet for 2020 season as it was always a more difficult one to sell. She has reserved the Sun Peaks one and has several people expressing interest for the March 1st trip. This trip will be organised through the new communication system so that all monies will go through the official channels.
9. **Summer Activities:** Julie listed the summer activities that had already been suggested:
 - a. **Golf** which has been reserved by Solanges for June 12th at Mylora but she does not want to organize it so it needs another volunteer. No-one

- b. **BBQ** at Pam and Jamie's house with 2 hikes. July 7th
- c. **Bowen Island Look Out Pic Nic** by Pam TBA
- d. **Whistler multi day hiking trip** Sigrid and Cheryl TBA
- e. **Biking** - Trent TBA
- f. **Chief Hike** – Cheryl TBA
- g. **Sunshine Coast all day hike and BBQ** – Birgit August ???
- h. **Gentian Lakes** – Jenny TBA

10. Communication System Changes: Julie noted that the WIKI was not being supported well and has been left behind in development resulting in several crashes and difficulties for members.

- a. She and Francine researched other systems and recommend that the club change to MEMBEE which appears to meet our needs except for a couple of functions and is well supported.
- b. The Membee system costs #88 per month = \$1056 per year + GST so an increase in fees would have to be considered to \$25.
- c. Benefits after the initial work involved in changing
 - i. The data from the WIKI just has to be given to the company and they will format it.
 - ii. There will be an automatic membership renewal reminder included with which is a liability form
 - iii. All trip can be handled – even summer trips
 - iv. One has to be a member to access the system
 - v. It will be driven directly from website so there is not confusion re the 2 systems as there is currently
 - vi. Processing fee is similar to the BPT fee that is paid now – 2/3%

D. Cons of new system

- 1. Currently no apparent ability to have a sign up page for meals etc. (since this is supported well, these changes may materialize.
- 2. Only 1 person will be able to log in as it costs per person – i.e. have a user name and password but this info will be shared between 2 exec members -

Francine and Julie who are the functionaries who require it.

3. No small group emailing system e.g. to specific trip members only.

Communication to members will be sent out initially via the WIKI to inform members of the change., Please be aware that email addresses will change and watch for the new ones in your junk mail.

A name is needed for the MEMBEE system.

Francine and Julie both expressed concern that members please be cognizant of the fact that they are volunteers and not IT experts and therefore hiccups will occur especially initially so patience will be required.

Margaret Landstome correctly pointed out that a motion is required for the membership fees to be raised to \$25.

Julie proposed and Margaret seconded – Passed

11. **Election of Officials:** Executive have decided that the executive should be elected as a total group in 2020 and not in sections to suit the functions of the positions. Currently,
 - a. **Cheryl is standing as Trip Administrator,**
 - b. **Jenny is standing as New Member Coordinator**
 - c. **Jenny is standing as Cabin Coordinator**
 - d. **Solanges is standing as Treasurer.**

Calls were requested from the floor especially for Jenny's positions as this is the last year that she wants to do this and it is best to have time to "train". Cheryl volunteered to stand next time for Cabin Coordinator.

Since on one else stood from the floor Julie proposed that the three were acclaimed - Passed

12. **Door Prizes** were won by Grace Shaw and Angelika Kleta.

13. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.**

Respectfully submitted by : Jenny Thomas