



**Mount Cain Alpine Park Society
May 19, 2021 Minutes
Planning Meeting 2 for the upcoming 2021-22 Season**

The Mount Cain Alpine Society acknowledges that Mount Cain is located on the territory of the 'Nan̓gis First Nation.

Our meeting is taking place virtually on Vancouver Island the territory of many indigenous groups, we are grateful to the opportunity to live, work and play on these great lands and acknowledge all First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people who have and do call this place home.

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Meeting chaired by David Mazzucchi online

Adoption of the May 10th Planning Minutes

M: David Mazzucchi S: Erin Pickering Motion: PASSED

Adoption of the May 19th 2021 Agenda Planning Mtg 2

M: David Mazzucchi S: Erin Pickering Motion: PASSED

Agenda:

1. Subcommittee Reports
2. Priority Items Group 2
3. Additions to the Agenda - Mike Green: PAG member; David Mazzucchi – photo of tree damage.

Attendance

Directors	Director	Executive Role	In Attendance
1. David Mazzucchi	Snow School & Ski Shop	Chair	
2. Eric Sprenger	Tech Support	Treasurer	
3. Erin Pickering	RV Park	Secretary	
4. Greg Muirhead	Patrol	Vice Chair	
5. Darryn McConkey	Grant Applications		
6. Dean Hunchuk	Buildings & Construction		
7. Kathryn Wykes	Operations- Groomers		

8. Ken Griffith	Human Resources		NO
9. Mike Green	Operations- Road/Generators/ Bus		
10. Dave Steele	Operations- Lifts		NO
11. Rob Burgess Webb	Hospitality (Interim)		
12. Pete Davidson	Occupational Health and Safety		NO
13. Matiss Valdmanis	Special Events		
14. Alec McBeath	Administration		
15. Jen Lash	Communications		

1. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Donation Sub- committee: Reported by Jen L. - no report at this time.
- b. Lodge Building Committee: Reported by Dean H

Finalized building plan/needs and wants have been provided to architects; planning being rendered. Dean is grateful for the support of Scott & Scott for their invaluable assistance. Next step: plans to engineer. Sewer upgrade moving along.

2. Priority Planning Items Group 2:

A) Reminders for the 2021-22 Season

- 1. Ticket Booth- Continue mandatory membership & consider school group membership?

Maintain current memberships: family and individual; addition of school groups upon constitutional review.

Action: Bylaws subcommittee will look into bylaws around voting and non-voting memberships & AGM Resolution – create a classification for organized group non-voting membership.

Action: Bylaws subcommittee to review and make any suggested changes before the AGM for all resolutions can be voted upon.

- 2. Archiving Document Project - Have files scanned and stored digitally.

Files have been relocated to Cain office. Next steps digitize.

Action: Erin to collaborate with David Mazzucchi and Greg Muirhead to identify key documents and scan them for digital storage.

- 3. Loading L1 from both sides. - Spoke with Dave Moody, does not have issue with this – ACTION ITEM FOR LIFT DEPT.

B) Policy Development

1. Fat Bikes - trails or designated runs? policy?

Discussion: Contact the Fat Bike community to engage in bilateral conversations to see how we can benefit each other best

– if there is a member of this community who wishes to present a policy, they are welcome to, but at this time we will not be supporting fat biking on Mount Cain terrain.

During 2020-21 season Fat bikers were destructive to freshly groomed runs after hours – this is a safety issue because their tire tread is large and leaves a divot. It is not practical for the grooming team to have to redo their work because of this.

Motion to not allow fat bikes on Mount Cain ski runs, inbounds, at any time during operational days.

M: David Mazzucchi S: Matiss Valdmanis Motion: PASSED

2. Investment Policy

- a. Find volunteer financial advisor
- b. Regrow our contingency fund and/or create asset management strategy development.

Action: All departments asked to develop a plan/strategy for assets (Usage and maintenance).

Action: Eric to determine a contingency growth plan strategy. Consider adding an equipment specific contingency fund.

3. Skin Up Policy – Suggestion that skinner must purchase one up ticket.

Discussion: This is an insurance issue if they step under the rope. Providing a ticket for skimmers will complicate matters since we do not put a ticket checker at L3. This sends mixed messages to our membership about skinning during operational days.

No one up tickets will be provided.

4. Paragliders – policy completed – Eric and Alec have taken care of.

C) Lights on the bunny hill & face for night skiing

1. Does night skiing fit the Cain demographic?

Discussion: We may not have a big enough customer base to make it economical. New generators have capacity for lights. There is many people skiing at night right now would this reduce conflict with grooming? night skiing would increase the work load of volunteer ski patrol. Suggested that it be just one or two runs.

This only seems feasible if we get a grant for the toboggan hill. **DISCUSSION POSTPONED.**

E) Repeater to improve radio comms. Mt Cain Channel 3

1. Need up to date price list. (Requires more information – would be good to research and revisit at 2022-23 planning meeting)
2. L4 portable repeater? (Look into this)
3. Mt. Cain channel 3 use, and either lift crew or patrol on separate/own channel - too much radio chat

Discussion: Channel 3 - does this exist? Licensed? May be something we are already paying for – need to inquire – a third channel could act like the “lift phones” for that department.

Many personal radios are using channels but have not been granted permission by board. (Many users may not actually have operator's license to be on the radios) - so many “ears” impact operations and chatter lead to important calls being missed.

Could we improve protocols around radio use? Can we reinstate a no chatter policy?

Action: Eric, Kathryn and Jen to connect regarding third channel and licensing permissions. Action Item - figure out if we have channel 3 and then develop SOP for each channel

F) Summer grooming, terrain park for next season

Discussion: The amount of time it would take to groom – with all the snow we get – would likely not be worth the effort. This would increase number of injuries on the hill. Not going to proceed right now.

G) Designate new Heli LZ with patrol location/lodge.

1. Already outlined in Patrol Operating Manual
2. Could be reviewed once new buildings have been constructed
3. Heli landing in front of Dozer shop and adjacent to Grader door worked out really well but there was no patient to be loaded.

Action: to be revisited during December board meeting – once new building is constructed.

H) Website

1. Request to spend \$3K to redo the website
 - a. Consideration: Check-front is how we have set up all payments – any website changes should be done through collaborating with Check-front to avoid a complete overhaul and retraining of staff

Discussion: Jen wants information for the weekend to be on landing page, not buried. Check front is eager to work with us and are willing to adjust templates to best serve Cain. Suggest reallocating promotion budget to website.

Request: \$3000 for website maintenance – up from \$2000 for promotions.

Action: Jen to connect with Check front regarding reorganizing website design.

3.Additional Items:

1. New member required for PAG membership (Nimpkish Woodlands Advisory Committee (NWAC))

Discussion: Mount Cain has a seat on this committee, Mike Green is looking to step down from this role. Committee discusses TFL woodblocks in the area with stakeholders. Annual discussion in advance of AGM. There are approx. 4-5 meetings a year. Meetings are held in the North Island when not virtual. Ideal candidate will be a board member and have knowledge in the area of resources; land use and land value would be ideal.

Kathryn Wykes has put her name forward for this role, she will connect with Mike Green for details.

2. Discussion of Photo of Tree Damage near L4 – Inquiry? - No action.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 25th 7pm;

Monday May 31st, 7pm;

Tuesday June 1st, 7pm (if necessary)