

## Mount Cain Alpine Park Society Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2023

Location: Virtual

*Mount Cain is located in the territory of the 'Nan̓mgis First Nation. The mountainous area near the Davie River, or Dzudzux'an, is known as Papikalan in Kwak'wala, meaning 'place of marmots. The Mount Cain Alpine Society honours and respects our relationship with this nation and are grateful to be able to recreate on these lands.*

Attendance:

Name	Director	Executive Role	In Attendance
Erin Pickering	Hospitality	Chair	Yes
Eric Sprenger	Tech Support	Treasurer	Y
Dean Hunchuk	Buildings and Construction	Vice Chair	Y
Greg Muirhead	Patrol		Y
Christian Tuters	Ski Shop and Snow School		Y
David Mazzucchi	Grant Applications		no
Darren Anonson	Operations- Snow Machines		Y
Mike Green	Operations- Road/Generators		N
Dave Steele	Operations- Lifts		N
Lynette Tanaka	Human Resources		Y
Drew Nagainis	Occupational Health and Safety		Y
Alec McBeath	Administration		Y
Jen Lash	Communications	Secretary	Y
Max Oudendag	RV Park		N

Meeting called to order at

1. Review and adoption of Previous Minutes

### [January Minutes](#)

- Motion: Erin
- Second: Eric
- In favour:
- Opposed: 0

2. Review and adoption of the February Agenda

- Motion: Eric
- Second: Drew
- In favour:
- Opposed: 0

### 3. Old items

- New chair of Parking Lot Committee – Greg
- Email to Cabin Owners about Pole Drive – Jen - completed
- Provide capital expenditure/residual revenue from 2021/22 to Board – Eric - still in progress
- Filming at Mt Cain - Darren – no update at this time
- Christian will get ski shop inventory to Eric/Danielle - completed
- Jen will promote Ski Shop, buying membership online, camping donation – in progress
- Christian and Erin let ski shop and ticket booth know about it
- Jen will change Monday April 3rd to a Magic Monday – done
- Send Jen updates prices for ski school – Christian – in progress

### 4. Standing Items

- Review Financials / Budget - Planning meeting item – Update contingency fund from \$100K to ?
- New Building Subcommittee
  - Plans almost finalized and building code spec's being finalized. - should have plans by middle of February.
  - Dean to review building budget for March meeting.
- Parking Lot / Camping Subcommittee

### 5. New Items

- Backcountry Weekend plans – poster posted; Eric and Darren to coordinate a terminal for fund raising.
- T Bar repairs update – L1 running as it should (Erin provided update).
- Rental Shop approval with \$6500.00 in new rental gear – Motion: Christian, Seconded: Jen – 0 opposed, Motion carries for additional \$1500 (\$5000 was budgeted)
- DOD schedule – Saturday-->Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> – Christian has signed up!
- Motion to switch accounting firms. Chan, Nowell, & Boates in Campbell River – rates have been going up, service going down. Options: Russett and Lanyon? Few number of Non-profits – have space available. Motion: Eric proposes moving to Russett and Lanyon. Seconded: Darren. None opposed - Motion carries.

## **Director Updates:**

### **Erin Pickering Director of Hospitality, President,**

Chair

- CWSSA Spring Conference April 25-27 – attendance?

Hospitality:

- Motion to make Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> North Island Appreciation Day - offer a discounted ticket day for Communities Sayward north, based on postal code – 25% discount. Seconded by Dean. 0 opposed; Motion carries.
- Fundraiser for Foundry Port Hardy – services for 12-24 year olds – Kidsfest?
  - o Erin will talk to Jamie about possible North Island special item on menu.
  - o 50/50 draw?

### **David Mazzucchi – Director of Grant Applications**

- I met online with the North Island MLA Michele Babchuk and then later had a phone conversation with Kellen Truant, the Operations Manager for Vancouver Island District SA03 about the funding that the Province provides us for clearing snow off of the access road. Kellen assured us that renewing the \$15,000 / year funding should not be a problem, however increasing the funding to \$50,000 / year may not be feasible within their budget. Thank you, Mike Green, for your help with this.
- The January version of Sponsorship poster has been distributed and a sign placed on L1 for our lone Tier 1 Sponsor, 100% Cannabis – Port McNeill. There will be a February version of the poster with at least one more sponsor.

### **Drew Nagainis- Health and Safety:**

- Planning Meeting Item – Return Dishes to accommodations
- Snowmobile Skills Test Update = Dozen ski patrollers have completed and now Sebastian is training liftees.

### **Mike Green, Operations, Roads and Generators**

- Working on plans for 2023 road work.

### **Christian Tuters Ski shop and Ski school:**

- Rental gear quote for \$6,170.80 for new rental equipment
  - o Offering staff free rentals for the season sucks up a lot of rental gear

- Still working on quote for more rental snowshoes
  - We have very few pairs and they are not in good shape
  - Currently no children's snowshoes
- Pole drive is not bringing in many poles
- Merch is running low long lead time on orders
  - Looking into other suppliers and will need to order earlier going into next season
- School group invoicing is improving, Jenna and Jaclyn are working on it.
- Online store to be running past the end of the season.

### **Dean Hunchuk – Buildings, Construction and Maintenance**

- New fan installed in ski shop over waxing tables
- Signage for new washroom has been installed. Response to bathrooms has been very positive. (Final cost was about \$25-26K – about \$10K over budget).
- Spoke with Jamie at the Café. He wants to take the money allotted to the new BBQ (\$2,500) and put it towards a new industrial hood fan system over the café stove.
- Caretaker Erik was called back to his regular job early and has resigned from his position. Jean-Luc Kokol has agreed to come up to the mountain every second weekend until the end of the season. Campbell Wilson will take over the caretake role for the weekends that Jean-Luc is not there (Campbell doesn't want to train anyone else this year unless they're here for the next 10-20 years).
- Issues are being dealt with as needed – electrician in lodge over weekend (3<sup>rd</sup> floor lights, plug in main floor closet, "EXIT" signs).

### **Darren Anonson – Ops Snow Machines/Events**

Cats are running good, big thanks to the grooming crew for putting out some great product and keeping the cats running



## Events

Cain cup a big success over 40 people involved and we donated \$192 plus some non-perishable food items to the Port Hardy Harvest Food Bank. Big thanks to Christian for taking that on, Jen for computing times, Kieren for registration, Danielle, Jenna and Chrystal for doing timing and Kim for doing photos.

Backcountry Fest is shaping up to be a great success

Events passes/comps thoughts: letter needed for pass.

Planning meeting discussion - Blackout dates (Backcountry Fest?)

## **Dave Steele – Ops Lifts**

### **Lynette Tanaka, Human Resources**

We have hired Tucker from ticket booth to cover the day-time bathroom cleaning shifts as Erik's last day was yesterday, Monday February 6. This role is perfect for an existing staff member as it is pretty minimal (yet integral), being that it's only approximately 1-2 hours/day @ \$20/hour. Thankful Tucker was keen to take it on, and received the training last weekend. Lynette to review times per day.

I would also like to confirm Tucker's preferred pronouns are he/him/his and NOT they/them.

### **Max Oudendag, RV Park Supervisor**

#### **Greg Muirhead – Ski Patrol**

- Off to a great start this year. Patrol is running smoothly. Very qualified group of patrollers this year. Strong retention and new additions have added tremendous value to the patrol community.
- There will be, (has been) some purchases this year to re-supply stock that has run low over the past few years. Will need to order new snow fencing and re-supply of bamboo for boundaries. The cold snap destroyed a lot of our existing equipment.
- North Shore rescue documentary film maker has reached out and wants to create an episode surrounding the west bowl incident. \*discussion\*
- Squamish Chief newspaper reporter story on patrollers.
- New Medical Director for Mount Cain; Dr. Courtney Thompson. Courtney and Greg will be examining current policies and protocols re: pre-hospital / patient care and identify best practices moving forward. With a medical director our policies and patient care standards will be current. Further to this point, Patrol currently has three medical doctors on staff who are on a regular patrol rotation with different patrol teams. There is action moving forward right now to implement a doctor on the hill sign in policy. Currently have six Medical Doctors that have shown interest in the program and will be participating in future conversation on how to best implement this program at Mount Cain given our unique location and facilities.

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