**HIGHLANDS TRAILBLAZERS**

**September 22, 2019**

**Present:**

Al White, Steve Czerny, Richard Lemoine, Pat Elson, Kelly Sinclair, Iona Tough, Scott McCulloch, Martin Rydlo

**Regrets:**

Martha Whitton, Gord Salt, Al Magi, Chanse Dionne, Jan Bergstrom

**Approving Agenda**

Agenda approved as circulated.

White/Tough Approved

**Approving Minutes**

Minutes for July 28, 2019

Minutes for August

Approved as circulated.

McCulloch/Elson Approved

**Business Arising**

**Roller Ski Loop**

Would the team really use a 1.5 km loop? It won’t be the full answer to the challenge but would help.

Recommend that application process to NEC begin concurrently with fundraising knowing that the application will also be approved. Will need to test and decide on location taking into account terrain and access. Could also serve as an early snow loop.

Walkers is open to providing some support.

Agreed to form a small group to explore possibilities.

**.22 Range**

Proceeding with NEC appeal process but also looking to potentially support Hardwood efforts to establish a range.

**Lights**

Technical issues from last year are hopefully addressed.

**Snowmaking**

In process. Piping will be ordered and laid. Routing has been determined.

**Coaching Update**

Jen Scholte has picked up many responsibilities. Sam Greer will be available for some support.

**Van**

Need to book van in for an inspection at Hannas, including seatbelts and anchoring for seats.

**Profile Raising**

HTB has a booth at the Collingwood market October 5 and 12) to raise profile. Martin is looking for volunteer support (4 – 6 people).

Should we look at some of the other markets? Possibly Stayner and Creemore?

Claire and Martin are planning to circulate the first Newsletter at end of September.

Social media will kick off the first week of October. A social media person has been hired (Susan). Also building a stock file of photos.

**Ski Swap**

Team Unify has been set up with a ski swap event with descriptions for each job. There are about 25 – 30 required for Sat, 15 – 20 for Sunday, 3 – 4 for clean up.

There will be food for volunteers.

There is a possibility of a bake sale as a fundraiser for HTB.

Jen Scholte will organize and coordinate the “Dust em Off”. Will need to do a physical set up in the rental area.

**Fundraising**

Event planned with Kikkan and Jeff will not move ahead.

Possible movie showing with rental of Simcoe St theatre. Would need to consider what movie. Could we link to World Snow Day?

Committee will work on developing a fundraising plan for May on. Marketing for spring opportunities should begin in January at the latest

**Team Unify**

Seems to be working well. Jackrabbit information is being entered. Next phase will be entering volunteer information.

Jackrabbit Registration is going well. Tessa is searching for leaders.

Board needs to keep in mind thank you for the leaders in the program.

Need to build stronger link between JackRabbits, Track Attack and Comp Team.

**Next Meetings**

November 3, 2019

December 15, 2019

January 26, 2020

March 8, 2020