

Edelweiss Ski Executive Meeting Minutes
21 October, 2020 - 8pm-9 :30pm
Via Zoom Videoconference

Participants :

- Éric Béliveau, Pres.
- Isabelle Ranger, Vice-President
- Mario Gagnon, Head Coach
- Ken Carter, Volunteer and Race coordinator
- Chantal Martel, Treasurer
- Katie O'Brien, Special Events
- Connie Zuberbuehler, Branding
- Pierre Leduc, Secretary

Agenda:

1. Éric asked if there were any additional items for the agenda

- Pierre mentioned the possibility of going over the Club's core values at some point (not tonight).

2. Recap of Streiff activities

- Unfortunately, there were slight additional fees to bring the equipment up the hill and we are likely to come in roughly 10% over the original budget.
- The large rock near the top of Streiff is gone.
- The plan was to drill and excavate the other part of the hill (mid-way) but the steep incline in this area made use of the equipment challenging. Blasting may follow which may result in delays.

3. Quick discussion of fundraising and race fees

- At this point, it is still unknown how many races we will have this year.
- SQA fees will be confirmed in approx. 1 month.
- We could take race fees in 2 instalments this year given the uncertainty and unknowns.
- Discussion of collecting fundraising and race fees in various instalments given that race fees are not yet confirmed.
- Fundraising orders must be confirmed in the next 2 weeks.

- Proposal :
 - Proceed with fundraising activities now (confirm which families will order the baskets vs. just pay the club the fundraising fees.)
 - Collect SQA fees in Jan (once confirmed)
 - Collect club racing fees once the race schedule is confirmed.

Action item:

- Éric to speak with the gift basket provider this week to confirm additional details on contents of the baskets.

4. Discussion of how the training schedule could be changed based on the region's Public Health designation (Red / Orange etc...) & Recap of memo sent to club and SQA plan – outlook for season, any concerns, issues we need to address ahead of SQA guidelines - Mario Gagnon

- Under red zone, there can be no training at all – just free skiing.
- There can be no additional training such as Speed Camp, December trip (normally to Killington but this year to Ste-Anne), or Mont-Edouard.
- SQA is working with Public Health to try to find a solution
- We are likely to know within a week or so whether the restrictions will be relaxed a bit.
- Also challenges as different athletes live in different zones which may have different restrictions.
- Could even be challenges with sending very young athletes on lifts without adults.
- We will have a detailed plan on what to do in each “colour” in the zone – this will follow.
- Athletes and families will have to manage their time in the lodge very carefully. For ex: we cannot have everyone in the lodge at the same time for lunch.
 - A plan will have to be devised to ensure athletes arrive dressed and that lunches are staggered.
 - Also no “floater” coaches (from group to group)
- SQA: A committee must be set up for each club to manage the approach to training for the club during the pandemic including: Head coach, President of the club, and 2-4 additional members.

5. **Registration fees and option to begin fundraising with Isidro instead of Wreaths**

- Similar costs to wreaths per family and the fundraising for the club would be the same: Last year was 3 wreaths for \$75 and this year would be \$75 for two baskets.

6. **Board elections/renewal process – Isabelle Ranger**

- Currently gathering information on various bylaws from other clubs and organizations.
- 8 positions total on the Exec:
 - In order to ensure continuity, suggest length of 2 years each, staggered:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer
 - Volunteer coordinator
 - Secretary
 - Merchandising
 - Special Event Coordinator
 - Equipment Manager
 - Head Coach participates in meetings but does not have a vote.
- Further discussion about ensuring transition to the next Executive.

7. **All-hands (all parents) call**

- Aiming to organize in mid-Nov. with an update of all activities.

8. **Other items**

- **Dry land cancellation – refunds?**
 - Mario Gagnon: this is still being discussed with *Les Sommets*. A few scenarios are being considered, including the possibility of adding additional training at the end of the season.

- **Number of registered athletes in 2020:**
 - Similar this year to previous years.

- **Katie:** suggestion to hold a brainstorming session next meeting to find ways to keep club families involved / engaged (as we cannot hold our regular potlucks and other social activities.)

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