

# News from the Volunteer Advisory Committee

Hello Weasels! Thanks for all your hard work during the J1 Nationals and at the IPC World Cup. Without you events like these simply would not happen.

We would like to take this opportunity to pass along some updates from the Volunteer Advisory Committee. This is the group which meets with the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) to make sure that the needs of us volunteers are being met.

Approximately a month ago the Advisory Committee met with VANOC. It was very informative and productive. The overall tenor of the meeting was one of full engagement and cooperation between the volunteers and the Alpine sport managers of the games. We look forward to working together in the future.

## 1. VANOC Recruitment Update

As of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. VANOC has 1506 volunteers in the Alpine bucket, short approx 800. If you know any friends who would like to volunteer please encourage them to apply.

VANOC has developed a recruitment plan with major milestones and there will be significant interaction between VANOC and the course crew management. We anticipate that Crew Chiefs will have an opportunity to select their teams sometime during April.

A youth program to encourage youth from 15 – 19 to participate is now available. They must work with a parent or guardian. VANOC has published details and we will make these available on the Weasel website.

## 2. Accommodations update

A Homestay program has been launched with tickets to events at the sliding centre or Winter Olympic Park being offered as a perk.

Transit will be available 24 hours per day, including from Squamish and Pemberton, so that workers from these outlying areas will have transportation to and from Creekside when needed.

## 3. Volunteer numbers & schedule

Volley start days for 2010 will be Feb 5th thru to the 28 and that the Net crew will work on getting the B Systems in place prior to that.

The volunteer army will likely be required around the February 5<sup>TH</sup> 2010. Testing on Men's and Ladies track will start Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The speed event training runs will be start on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February (the day the games open) with the men's downhill scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> and the Ladies on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. Operations Update from Rod Macleod

Track Crew will start October 2009, building a high density fundament on both tracks. Size of paid crew is still being determined. The net crew will start with 14-16 and add more staff as required.

Rod reported on planning for 2010.

- a. 14 on net crew
- b. Machine driver training is proceeding very well with the track firm and good depth top to bottom.
- c. Will be starting to make snow for the games as soon as practical after October 30 09.

## 5. General

We discussed morning meeting areas during the games, and layered start times. Security issues, in and out of secure areas, clean areas, dirty areas, and resulting frustrations. More details later.

Dave Moore has been appointed as Training Liaison for the Games. Congratulations Dave!

Security for the games. The stewards will perform the same tasks they have done so well over the past number of events. They will be controlling public access to viewing areas and presumably ensuring the public use the tunnels as required and determined by the FIS.

Again, the meeting was very cordial and productive. The next meeting is scheduled to occur before April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will update you then. If you have any concerns please let us know and we will get them resolved.