



November 17, 2016
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present: Jeff Thorpe, Randy Chapman, Lane Zabolotney, Daryl Sexsmith, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis, Gail Motsi

Regrets: Bruce Simms, Dan Brisbin

Meeting chaired by Lane Zabolotney. Minutes recorded by Kate Germin.

Meeting called to order by Lane Zabolotney at 7:05pm.

1. Review correspondence:

We received a \$140 cheque as a thank you from the Inside Track Rewards Program. This is a Cross Country Canada program.

2. Approve order of business:

Approved.

3. Review 2016-10-06 executive meeting minutes:

Approved.

4. Financial report: Daryl Sexsmith

A financial report to end of October 2016 has been circulated, see below. At that time we had received approximately \$7500 in membership fees. Membership registrations have tapered down of late. It would be good to get as much membership renewals as possible. Jeff Thorpe

will send out a registration reminder to all previous members. All other finances are on track. We have 19 youth in HiPer program this year so there is extra revenue there from last year.

5. Ski at School: Jan Sedgewick

See emailed report below.

Discussion re giving Jan permission to request a fee decrease or free rent at Wildwood. The executive will invite Jan to be part of the planning of the area at the Gordie Howe Management Area. Lane Zabolotney will email her about this and invite her to the meeting with the city. It is important that we speak as a unified voice for all dealings with the City of Saskatoon.

6. Motion: By Kate Germin that we appoint Randy Chapman, Bruce Simms and Sheryl Riis as Directors. Second by Daryl Sexsmith. All in favor. Carried.

7. Information: Facilities Committee:

At the AGM the SNSC membership has voted in favor of the Facilities Committee's recommendation to go ahead with the plan to make the Gordie Howe Management Area our home. There will be a meeting set up this month to walk the grounds with the City of Saskatoon management team, Lane Zabolotney (SNSC president), Ivan English (Facilities Committee chairman) and Jan Sedgewick (Youth Programming Coordinator).

8. Hike Report and Touring: Sheryl Riis

Lots of great hikes this year. Cliff Speer's last hike was a resounding success. 42 members joined that hike. This is a record number!

Re overnight ski trips: Anyone that wishes to set up a trip, can post on the SNSC Yahoo Groups and do the organizing.

Discussions re Snow Shoeing: In the past people snow shoeing on the SNSC trails have been very respectful of the tracks. They can join in any time along the trails and we welcome them to join the touring groups.

9. Discussion: dog loop:

Once again we received an email from a person wanting a trail at Eb's for dog skiing. Our policy is no dogs.

Lane will draft a message for the next Kivilski suggesting that members that are interested in constructing a dog friendly ski trail are welcome to come forward with ideas or proposals so we can look into a way to assist. No existing trails will be made into dog friendly trails but we are certainly open to assisting interested members to build one.

10. Discussion: website upgrade:

There are a few things out of date on the website. It is thought that Eric Lamb still helps and works on the website. Some of the executive used to have access but now do not. Each executive member needs to get his or her SNSC email back in order to get into the calendar.

Things need to be recoded. Kate will do some research as to redoing our website.

11. Review AGM minutes: Reviewed and amended by executive. They remain 'draft' until approved by the membership at the next SNSC AGM.

Approved 2015 AGM minutes and draft 2016 AGM minutes will be uploaded to the website. Jeff Thorpe will send out a message saying so when he requests members to register.

12. Next meeting date:

Jan 12, 2017 at Kate's home.

13. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by Lane at 8:35pm.

Supplementary Information:

A. Financial Report to end of October 2016:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6uszIAboUr2NUoxTkNqVnFwYzNHVGV6X1Ffd0EtVjNiN01v>

B. Ski-at-School report: Jan Sedgewick

Hello to the Executive;

Just an up-date on what is going on with Ski At School.

We opened registration on Nov. 9th and by noon Nov. 10th all 70 sessions were full.

We have 4 main lead instructors: Rob Howse, Cathy Rae, Jan Sedgewick (me) and Neil Sedgewick. Roger Ganes will take the lead on 3 sessions and assist in 10. We also have straight assistants: Aileen Flaten, Monica Taylor, Dick and Wendy White, and Dan Beveridge.

Each class session will pay a flat \$30 to participate. \$2100 additional revenue if all can attend.

After our meeting with the city in Oct. Andrew Roberts encouraged me to apply for the Youth Sport Subsidy grant, which I did. He had spoken with Lynn Lacroix and she had said they would consider an application in the new light of the Ski At School program. If we get this it will not be in place until the 2017-18 ski season. I am also working on the Sport Participation grant, but the application is not due until Feb. 2017 and will be granted for the 2017-18 season as well.

Andrew had said that he was "looking into another way to help out", this being in reference to the rent we pay for the clubhouse. I have not heard back from him.

We have the remainder of last years \$7500. MEC equipment grant on order. The sizes will allow us to fit almost everyone from a toddler to a person with size 46 boot. We also have approximately 5 years worth of hot wax to maintain the skis. It would sure be great to have a couple of opportunities throughout the season to host open houses on a Saturday or Sunday and to use this equipment to "skivangelize" Saskatoon.

We will be compensating both the Lead and the Assistant instructor. The Lead will do the extra hour of admin required prior to the session(1 hr admin and 2hrs instruction). I have received approval to apply for what we received from CCS last season for Lead Instructor compensation. I will be informing them of the increased enrollment (60 up to 70) and will see if they can cover the extra sessions. The Assistant will assist for 2 hours per session. This compensation will come from the SNSC budget and the participant fee.

I am asking for permission to write Andrew and to have the Executive work with me to "ask the city to partner with the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club on providing the Ski At School program. We have partnered with CCC, Alta Gas, CCS, SNSC, Eb's Source For Adventure, the Saskatoon Public and Catholic School Boards, and the participating classes. Will the city support this program by either removing the rent for all Ski At School sessions or reducing it to say \$25 per day"?

The city and the school boards have a joint use agreement which as Johnny Marciniuk, Separate system Phys Ed consultant says "allows us to use City facilities such as the parks, rinks, oval and pools as well as reduced charges at the Field House and zoo entries. Golf courses and driving ranges are not included in the agreement as they are lease operations. In exchange the City utilizes all of our schools and gymnasiums for community programming" My argument to this is that the reason they cannot access golf courses and driving ranges is that the lease operator would loose a substantial amount of revenue to the schools, as they are open during the fall and the spring, when the lease is in place. That lease goes from March 15th to Nov.15th. Our program would not impact revenue for this leaser at all. With the funding and support we have in place right now we should not need the full \$3500 allocated in the SNSC budget. If we get a break on the rent the saving would be even more significant.

I also ask that discussions with the city regarding Holiday Park ski area include me. Since I run the 2 largest programs, participant and youth wise, in the club I need to be in the loop.

Does he have any kind of timeline on the renovations being done in the Wildwood clubhouse? They are replacing the carpet and then redoing the service counter and the cabinets in the Pro shop area. Will this work also affect the "slat wall" in the pro shop area? The pro shop area is crucial to our ski equipment storage. Can he let us know if they can be done this work so that we can move in on Jan.3rd at the latest?

