



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club

Minutes

Executive Meeting

March 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Residence of Bill and Renate Bishopp

List of Attendees: Kirsten Ketilson, Bill Bishopp, Alison Meinert, Jan Sedgewick, Debbie Anderson, Randy Chapman, Renate Bishopp

Regrets: Bruce Simms, Keith Pahl, Dick White, Dan Brisbin, Heather Bernhard, Sandra Sawatsky

1. Approval of agenda

Jan distributed agenda. Addition was made regarding award from Saskaloppet. Agenda was revised and accepted.

2. Review of January 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Small revision to minutes in item 3. Minutes were accepted and approved.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Jan indicated that was aware that 3 people had passed the CANSI course. Indicated it would be nice to know more details about who attended the course, who passed, how it compared to budget, etc.

Regarding club name amendment, will need to have membership vote on name change at a general meeting, this tabled to spring general meeting, and anyone with input on Non Profit Corporations Act to contact Jan.

Regarding financial report, the current financial report replaces that received prior to January 6.

Discussion about date of Saskatoon loppet and whether it was beneficial to have loppet included as part of Winter Shines festival given the low amount of publicity received for the loppet through the festival and low level of participation from Wintershines organizers. Need to revisit the date of the loppet and whether it is worthwhile to delay until a February date given that it is likely to be warmer.

Canada Games update provided by Alison. In general team did very well, one top 20 male finisher (Andrew Brisbin), the rest did very well (30 to 35 out of 52). Females also did very well. Female sit skier was top finisher and won several medals.

4. Eb's trail equipment proposal

Randy provided an update regarding Eb's Trails. Recent meeting had two focuses (a) grooming and (b) trail maintenance. Decision made regarding grooming – what type of equipment needed, but there is a significant issue related to trail maintenance (mowing, clearing, etc.) on 52 km of trails. Issues related to maintenance were identified; however no solutions were identified for the short term. Group agreed that permanent grooming equipment was needed due to the substantial commitment required from volunteers to maintain the trail system.

Discussion of whether there was sufficient volunteer base to maintain Eb's trail and how additional volunteers could be solicited. Jan provided information on how Eb's trail system length and complexity compared to other trail systems in province and participation in maintenance of those trail systems. Jan suggested that participation of other groups may be needed to look at long term maintenance of Eb's trails (e.g. local municipalities, government of Saskatchewan, other). Discussion of how Eb's trail development fits into Vision 2020 process, and question whether a list of priorities was available for Eb's trails. Suggestion that discussion be tabled to after Vision 2020 process is completed (end of March 2011) but that Eb's Trails committee develop further details on plans to solicit more volunteers, financial support for equipment. Discussion of logistics of storing equipment permanently with respect to location, theft, vandalism, etc. Discussion of whether there could be a priority list developed with respect to equipment.

Randy made the motion that the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club executive give Dick White and Randy Chapman the mandate to develop a more detailed proposal regarding the acquisition and placement of sufficient grooming equipment for the The Eb's Trail System to be presented for membership approval at the spring general meeting in 2011. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favour.

5. \$700 Donation

SNSC acquired a \$700 donation from some people who appreciated the work that the club does, specifically track setting. Donation was to be spent on behalf of the volunteers. Suggestion that maybe it was a good idea to purchase a skidoo helmets or equipment for track setters. Jan will follow up with donors to clarify if proposed use for purchase of additional equipment would be a suitable use of the money. General discussion that club was not able to issue receipts for charitable donation if money did not go through the Sport Trust Fund, which grants money specifically allocated to club back.

6. Financial report

Ben circulated the financial report via email prior to the meeting. Kirsten made a motion to receive the financial report. Randy seconded the motion.

Discussion of additional money and expenses expected. Amendment needed to report that need to separate out fees related to Vision 2020 process and publicity and website.

7. Executive vacancies for upcoming season

Jan will be moving to Past President in 2011. Debbie and Sandra are stepping down from Touring. Bill is interested in stepping down from membership position on executive. Alison is also considering stepping down from youth. Kirsten, Randy and Renate will be staying on. Request to have email to confirm whether others will be staying on (Bruce, Ben, Dick); Dan likely to move off executive as will no longer fill Past President role.

8. Spring general meeting date and format

General agreement that should be held April 14, 2011 at 7 pm and that should be held in a restaurant. Amigos was suggested as an alternative that had a large meeting space.

9. Vision 2020

Meeting will be held on Saturday. Approximately 12-15 participants anticipated. In general process has gone well to date, report to be presented at spring general meeting.

10. Membership fees for 2011 and beyond

Discussion that membership fees could be collected online in future in addition to paper registration.

Kirsten made a motion that the *ad hoc* membership committee be granted the authority to prepare a proposal to revise the membership options available in the 2011-2012 season to present at the spring general meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. Agreement that would like ability to remove the couples fee from the membership option, and amend to be youth, adult, family membership options. Discussion that also would like family fee to be increased, and that possibly fee to be revised to show the membership fee plus a per member over the age of X fee. Discussion that in the canoe club, members under 18 if joined with an adult were not charged membership, unless they joined individually. All were in favour.

11. Trail groomers committee

There is no trail grooming committee, wondering whether it would be possible to have a separate trail grooming committee or a separate trail grooming contact. This would be beneficial for youth programs, instruction, and other purposes.

12. Program reports

Program updates were provided.

13. Kivilski deadline

Discussion of Kivilski and how it will evolve. Discussion that it will become more of an archival document, at beginning, middle, and end of season.

Kivilski deadline set.

14. Saskaloppet Award

Saskaloppet draw agreed to occur at spring general meeting.

15. Next Meeting

Next executive meeting to occur in fall as called by the new president.

16. Meeting Adjournment

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Date: March 10, 2011

Distribution: Attendees, Regrets