



September 03, 2015
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Jan Sedgewick

Present: Dan Beveridge, Bruce Simms, Dorothy Quayle, Sheryl Riis, Kate Germin, Randy Chapman, Jan Sedgewick.

Regrets: Daryl Sexsmith, Dan Brisbin, Eric Lamb, Jeff Thorpe.

Meeting Chaired by Dan Beveridge. Minutes taken by Kate Germin.

1. Review correspondence

We have no correspondence. We need someone to pick up the mail. Jan states this has usually been the job of membership person or the treasurer.

NOTE: In post meeting correspondence Daryl Sexsmith indicates that he has been picking up the general mail and Jeff Thorpe picks up any membership related mail (Sept 14, 2015). We will continue with this.

2. Approve order of business (Approved)

3. Review 2015-04-22 Executive Meeting Minutes. (Approved)

4. Roller skis for youth.

Email motion: by Daryl Sexsmith – that we authorize \$1200.00 to purchase Roller Skis for the Junior Racing Group, as per Alison Meinert's request. Motion passed by email vote August 19, 2015. (Note, the roller skis have been included on the MAP grant request, therefore 75% will likely be covered by the grant.)

5. Decide on supporting Youth Hi-Per program.

Discussion about bridging the Jackrabbit program with the Hi-per program. This would expose the 8 to 14 year olds to Hi-per racing. See proposal below, in Supplementary Materials. Discussion re making this a club program.

Motion: by Kate Germin that the Youth Hi-Per program, as outlined by Alison Meinert be made a club program. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Review Blind Skiers membership fees. Daryl Sexsmith-tabled since Daryl is absent.

7. Develop executive director job description. Dan Beveridge, Jan Sedgewick
Dan has put sample job descriptions on line. We may not hire someone this year yet, but we are lining things up to move forward on this. Dan suggests a trial contract for approximately \$10K.

8. Information. Club hours at Wildwood clubhouse. Jan Sedgewick

This is a preliminary discussion. If we open the clubhouse for Saturday, Sunday and 2 evenings a week, it would cost approximately \$1800 for the season. Storage space is included in that. The club as a community will be promoted in this way. As people come to rely on the times the clubhouse is open, we expect more participation.

9. Information. Purchase of a new trail groomer. Dan Beveridge

Discussion re taking advantage of grant money as it is available. Cost estimate of a new groomer is \$8000. Dan informs us that Ken English is in favor of a new groomer. As part of the new groomer discussion we talked about the setting of track at Willows. It is undecided as yet if we will track set at the Willows this coming season. A new trail groomer will

allow for a more efficient, side-by-side unit in the future, when we purchase more equipment as money comes available.

10. Approve financial statement. Daryl Sexsmith - tabled since Daryl is absent.

11. Develop budget (this year had \$17K surplus)
Discussion to bring previous years expenses/budget forward for the next year with discussion of whether there are proposed extra expenses or increases to amounts that were budgeted for each item last year. Clubhouse rental (\$1800), roller skis (\$1200) and trail maintenance equipment purchase (\$8000). We propose to also support the Ski-at School program (\$5000). The above items will be added to the next year budget. The executive director position may take \$10000 but we will not budget for this just yet.

12. Plan Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Date: October 7, 2015. Venue: Jan Sedgwick will check if Brain Sport meeting room is available. Other options were discussed if Brain Sport is not available. Refreshment discussion did not take place.

13. AGM order of business. Approved. See agenda below, in Supplementary Materials.

14. Set executive slate: Dan Beveridge will post of Facebook, the need for new people's interest in being on the executive.
-Dorothy would like to step down as Vice President to leave room for a new person to be groomed to become president next year. She will stay on as a director.
-Bruce Simms, Sheryl Riis, Randy Chapman and Jan Sedgewick will continue on as directors.
-Kate Germin will continue as secretary.
-Daryl Sexsmith will continue as treasurer.

- Jeff Thorpe will take the membership position.
- Eric Lamb will step down from the executive but remain active as a volunteer with the website.
- Dan Beveridge will become past president.
- Dan Brisbin will step down after many years of serving on the SNSC executive but will remain active as a volunteer with various club projects.

Program chairs:

- Youth – Jan Sedgewick
- Eb’s Trails – Randy Chapman
- Hiking – Sheryl Riis
- Adult Instruction & Hi-Per – Bruce Simms
- Equipment - Rob Klenz
- Membership – Jeff Thorpe
- Facilities – Ivan English
- Loppet –
- Communications -
- Event Coordination –
- Bus Trips -

15. Club program requirements. Jan Sedgwick - Tabled.

16. Ski Fit Saskatoon/Ski-at-School Program. Jan Sedgewick has applied to CCC for a Ski at School program grant. It will focus on introducing children from grades 3 through 6 to the sport of Cross Country skiing. She has also applied for an activity and access grant from MEC to offset program expenses. A grant application to Cameco was unsuccessful. The executive supported this program and assigned \$5000, if needed; to make sure the program proceeds. Jan will be organizing the program for this season. CCS will be providing funds to cover instructor fees.

17. Identify club representative for CCS AGM on Sept 19.

Bruce Simms will be able to attend this meeting. Jan will see if Alison Meinert will attend on behalf of SNSC as well.

18. Decide on supporting bus trips. Discussion re the proposal made by Ken Achtymichuk. See proposal below, in Supplementary Materials. **Motion:** by Dan Beveridge that we support the idea of SNSC bus trips and offer support with the planning and organizing as well as request volunteers from the membership. All in favor. Motion passed. Attached below, is a letter of response to Ken.

19. Next meeting date.
October 29, 2015. 7pm at Jan Sedgewick's residence

20. **Motion:** to adjourn by Jan Sedgewick.

NOTE: after the meeting was closed there was informal discussion about the need for toilet facilities at Kinsmen and Wildwood. Jan agreed to look into the cost of porta potties for the season.

Supplementary Materials:

#5. Youth Hi-Per program:

This program alternates between two and three sessions per week from September through March and consists of 60 sessions. Dryland training commences in September to build fitness, and continues on-snow at the first opportunity.

Skill Requirements: Participants in the program need to have intermediate classic and skate skiing abilities equal to completion of at least one year of Jackrabbits Level 3 program. Please discuss with the coaches if you are unsure of the level of your athlete.

Equipment Requirements: We encourage that all athletes have both classic and skate skis, if the athlete only has 1 pair of skis they need to be waxable skis. **Waxless skis are not recommended.** Specific classic and skate poles are required – the boots can be combi boots. Good running shoes and a waist pack for water and snacks. Roller skis are provided as part of the program, but athletes require a helmet, gloves and kneepads. An equipment information night will be held in October to review on-snow equipment requirements.

Travel: Sunday snow sessions will alternate between Blackstrap Provincial Park and Saskatoon. Transportation to and from the venue will be the responsibility of the athlete. Carpooling is encouraged.

Program Specifics:

- Coaching is provided by NCCP certified coaches.
- Dryland training (roller skiing, hikes, games, relays, fitness stations, scavenger hunts)
- On snow training (games, relays, scavenger hunts, skill stations, races, loppets)
- Waxing workshops for parents
- Coaching and support at local Grapefruit Cup races. Waxing services will be provided at Provincials and designated SaskCup races.
- Registration into Tuesday night local Grapefruit Cup race series.
- CCS Racing License
- Registration into Provincial XC Ski Championship in Saskatoon.
Dates: September: Sunday 3-4:15pm, Thursday 6:30-7:45pm

October-March: Sunday 3-4:15pm, Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm, alternating Fridays 6:30-7:30pm. No skiing over Christmas Break

Cost: \$200/person (does not cover membership to club)

#1. The \$200 includes the grapefruit registration (\$20), CCS license (\$10) and Provincials (estimated at \$25). We plan to talk to Robin and see if the younger kids can get a deal, but for now we assumed full price.

#2. Assume 10 kids, with it the first season, it's hard to estimate numbers.

Revenue: 10 kids @ \$200 = \$2,000

Expenses: Coaching 2 @ \$10/session (same as jackrabbits) @ 60 sessions = \$1,200

Grapefruit cup: 10 @ \$20 = \$200

CCS License: 10 @ \$10 = \$100

Provincials: 10 @ \$25 = \$250

Total planned expenses = \$1,750

This leaves a profit of \$250, but there will be some other costs, guest coaches, mileage, etc. The thought is the program is fully funded through registration and no cost to the club, although the first couple seasons will be a learning curve. There should also be grants available that should be able to offset costs or allow us to purchase additional equipment, skis, roller skis, etc. Profits are generated by the people purchasing club memberships.

We don't expect any faculty rental as we will be running the same time as Jackrabbits, we didn't talk about the need for Park Passes into Blackstrap, this may need to be addressed. The cost to the parent is \$3.33/session versus \$2/session for Jackrabbits, but we are providing more. You

could not include the \$55 of extra registration, but my guess is less people would sign up to do them, and thus not get as much out of the program.

#3. Alison is looking into a team jacket or outfit. We definitely want to have some team gear, but currently deciding what that is. Unfortunately the CAD dollar is in the pits which makes Mt Bora stuff more money. Clothing would be optional and would be an additional cost if the parents want to pay for it. We would look for sponsorship to help offset some of the cost. Alison is also looking at that.

#4. Alison and I are planning on coaching the youth racing program, so you would need to find a coach(s) for group 4. I see there being two streams, a competitive stream, which we would coach, and the Jackrabbit program Lvl 3 – TA would be more recreational. Likely if they are wanting to race, they should do more training than just two days a week between Dec-Mar. Ultimately there are plans to grow the racing group to include separate groups for L2T, T2T and T2C athletes but we are starting small are focusing on the L2T and T2T and combining them into one program.

#13. SNSC AGM 2015-10- Order of Business

1. Introductions and welcome
2. Order of business
3. Reading and approval of the 2014 Minutes
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report - Decision: 2015-16 audit
6. Youth programming report – Ski at school

7. Proposed budget - Decision: approve budget
 8. Committee and program chair reports
 - a. Facilities committee
 - b. Blind skiers
 9. New business
 10. Election of 2015-16 Executive
 11. Announcements
 12. Adjournment
- Resources: 2014 minutes, budget, financial statement
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#18. Bus Trip Proposal:

From: Achtymichuk ken.connie@sasktel.net

Date: Tue, Aug 25, 2015 at 12:52 PM

Subject: SNSC Inquiries: Bus Transportation for SNSC Members to Loppet Events.

To: info@saskatoonnordicski.ca

Attention: Executive of SNSC

I am interested in preparing a proposal to the SNSC regarding the potential of arranging commercial bus transportation for interested club members to various loppet events for the 2015-2016 ski season. I wish to know if anyone else has researched this topic in the past and what the findings were. And, if anyone else is interested in pursuing the investigation (again), to please send me their contact information. As well, I wish to know the timetable that applies to the online membership drive for the 2015-2016 season.

Here is an outline of what I believe to be the necessary process (additional suggestions are welcome).

To obtain price quotations from various bus companies that would be able to provide transportation to and from various loppets (PA< Edmonton, Humboldt, Good Spirit, Duck Mountain, La Ronge. Etc).

These prices would be based on a minimum and maximum number of skiers (also, cancellation penalties due to weather, etc).

To prepare a bus ticket proposal to be included with the 2015-2016 online membership registration with the SNSC.

To obtain permission from the SNSC executive to include the bus ticket option in the 2015-2016 online registration.

To review the response to the online bus ticket purchases and hire the buses as the demand dictates.

Thank you.

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