



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Brain Sport Community Room 616 10th Street

Members in Attendance: Daryl Sexsmith, Randy Chapman, Sheryl Riis, Sandra Sawatsky, Ben Pickford, Bob Katarynych, Ann Popoff, Sheila Ann Whiteway, Bill Bishopp, Renate Bishopp, Alison Meinert, Geoff Meinert, Kevin Robinson, Brad Gnyp, Ken English, Ivan English, Bruce Simms, Jan Sedgewick, Eric Lamb, Dan Brisbin, Dan Beveridge, Lorne Duczek, David Larsen, Debbie Anderson, Ivy Hodgins, Moira Theede, Kathy Strankay, Cass Cozens, Kate Germin, Jeff Thorpe, Monique Lalonde, Winfred Gurssmann, Robin Butler, Kathy Butler, Belz B.? (35 members present)

Guests in Attendance: none

1. Introductions and Welcome: President Dan Beveridge called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. All members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda: Dan Beveridge read the proposed agenda that had been circulated with the meeting notice. Dan Beveridge moved the adoption of this agenda. All voted in favor. Carried.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM: The draft minutes from the October 9, 2013 Annual General Meeting were circulated. Two small corrections were suggested to clarify the minutes. President Dan Beveridge declared the minutes adopted as corrected

4. Presidents Report: President Dan Beveridge spoke about volunteerism and how recruiting and maintaining volunteers is the biggest challenge facing the Club. He said there is a small group of volunteers that keeps the Club going and that the limited time that volunteers have means that the Club tends to be re-active rather than pro-active. He also challenged the membership to think about who we are as a club. Are we primarily about programming or facilities?

5. Treasurers Report and Review of the 2013-2014 Financial Statements: Treasurer Ben Pickford passed around copies of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 (attached) and a proposed budget for 2014-2015. Ben thanked Kathy Butler for reviewing the financial statements on behalf of the membership. The revenue and expense statement showed net income of \$10,510.98 for the year due largely to an increase in membership and the Club receiving grants to cover the purchase of new equipment. The Treasurer reported that there was no significant change in expenses from previous years. The balance sheet showed that the Club had Retained Earnings of \$49,909.56 as of June 30, 2012. The treasurer answered a few questions from the membership on the financial statements.

Jan Sedgewick asked if the funds donated through the National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) will show up on the Club's financial statements. Ben Pickford indicated that these donations will show up as revenue on the Club's books when the Club requests these funds and is ready to spend them on a designated project. Ben suggested that the Executive request regular reports from the National Sport Trust

Fund on how much money has been donated for each of the designated projects.

Geoff Meinert asked if the Club receives the same grants each year. Ben responded that the amount receives in grants varies somewhat from year to year and referred Geoff to the proposed budget that shows the amounts received in grants over the past few years.

Moria Theede asked if a demographic spread was available regarding the membership numbers. Ben responded that the number of members can be calculated by dividing the Cross Country Saskatchewan fees that are listed on the budget sheet by \$10 per member.

Ben Pickford moved that the June 30, 2014 financial statements as reviewed by Kathy Butler be adopted. All voted in favor. Carried.

6. Motion to Waive the Need for an Audit for 2014-2015: Moved by Ben Pickford that the SNSC waive the need for an audit for 2014-2015 and that the club have a review conducted. All voted in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ben Pickford that Kathy Butler conduct the review of the SNCS financial records and statements on behalf of the Club membership. All voted in favor. Carried.

7. Report on Youth Programming: Jan Sedgewick reported that the youth programs are almost full to capacity. There are 118 children registered in 134 spaces. There is still room in the Bunny Rabbit and Level 4 and Track Attack programs. The class sizes are now limited to ten children. There are 12 -14 new coaches who have volunteered and will receive training this winter.

Alison Meinert was thanked for coordinating the youth programs for the last ten years.

Jan Sedgewick moved that the fees for the youth programs be raised from \$25 to \$35 per child to cover the cost of increased coach's' honorariums, training costs for coaches and criminal record checks for coaches. All voted in favor. Carried.

8. Review of the proposed 2014-2015 Budget: Ben Pickford presented the proposed budget that had been prepared by the Club's Executive and Program Chairs. The budget is projecting a \$3,600 surplus.

Moved by Ben Pickford that the proposed 2014-2015 budget be approved. All voted in favor. Carried.

8. Facilities Committee Report: Ivan English reported that the committee's goal is to find a home for the SNSC. The committee has been advertising for suitable land and a number of land owners have been contacted directly by the committee. A

suitable site would need to be donated by the land owner or the Club would need to look for corporate or other large donations to pay for the land.

A member asked if the Club is a registered charity. Ben Pickford responded that the Club is not a charity, however, donations for three specific projects can be made through the National Sport Trust Fund and the donor will receive a tax receipt.

Bill Bishopp asked who the trustees are of the funds donated through the NSTF. Ben Pickford responded that the Executive of the SNSC will control the use of the funds.

A point was raised that the Club should look into the whether or not gifts of land or goods can be receipted through the NSTF. Executive to follow up.

Dan Brisbin asked if Kinsmen Park will be available for skiing this winter. Ivan English reported that Kinsmen Park will be available this winter but skiers will need to park in the lot by the YWCA.

Ivan English further reported that the Facilities Committee is looking into grooming trails at the Willows golf course this winter.

9. Report of Blind and Visually Impaired Skiers Group:

Monique Lalonde reported on behalf of the Blind and Visually Impaired Skiers. She reported that the group is mostly recreational skiers. She said that having the clubhouse at Wildwood open during their skis last year was a great benefit to the group.

10. Report of the Membership and Volunteer Committee:

Eric Lamb reported that this committee consists of himself and Kirsten Kettlesen and that they could use more members. The committees mandate is to recruit and maintain members and volunteers.

11. New Business:

Geoff Meinert urged the Executive and Facilities Committee to continue pursuing other places for ski trails in Saskatoon. This started a long discussion on possible location and the wish of many members to have better places to ski in or close to Saskatoon.

12. Election of 2014-2015 Executive

The executive nominated the following individuals for election:

President – Dan Beveridge
Past President - Dan Brisbin

Vice President - Dorothy Quayle

Secretary – no nomination

Treasurer – Daryl Sexsmith

Directors (five positions) - Eric Lamb, Sheryl Riis, Randy Chapman and Jan Sedgewick.

There were no further nominations.

Bob Katarynych moved that nominations cease. All voted in favor. Carried.

It was noted that the Executive has the power to appoint people to the two vacant positions.

13. Announcements: Brain Sport was thanked for the use of their meeting room. Jan Sedgewick was congratulated on receiving the Firth award. The Firth Award is a national award that honors women who have made a significant contribution to Cross Country Skiing. The award is named after the Firth sisters who are from the Northwest Territories and were on Canada's Olympic Ski team many years ago.

14. Adjournment: Dan Beveridge moved that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor. Carried.