



January 07, 2016
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present: Dan Beveridge, Jeff Thorpe, Randy Chapman, Lane Zabolotney, Daryl Sexsmith, Bruce Simms, Dan Brisbin, Kate Germin.

Regrets: Sheryl Riis

Guests: Alex Ernesaks, Sabina Proctor, John Srayko

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

Meeting called to order by Dan Beveridge at 7:07pm.

1. Review correspondence: None
2. Order of business approved.
3. Review 2015-11-26 SNSC executive meeting minutes: All in favor. Approved.
4. Sask Trails Association Membership (STA). Randy Chapman - Explanation re STA being an advocacy group to support the upkeep, planning and promotion of trails throughout the province. All are in favor of SNSC continuing with the yearly STA membership of \$50/year. See minutes from March 12, 2015.
5. Executive composition. Dan Beveridge – Tonight there are three guests present that have expressed an interest in helping on the executive. Each Executive member introduced him or herself and explained their jobs.

At present there are three positions open on the executive board. They are: Past President, Vice President (Bylaws could be changes to allow for this to be a President Elect position, allowing for a

mentorship period), and a Member at Large. Since the president position has not been filled, Dan Beveridge will serve as president for the rest of this membership year.

Dan Beveridge explained the vision 2020. We are not in a financial position to achieve Vision 2020. We need to create a 2020 budget - start longer term financial planning instead of just yearly budgets which are mostly reactive. He also explained that we have a lot of policy gaps, e.g. conflict of interest and discrimination policies. Dan also sees a need for an executive director a part time paid position, the organizing of a grooming seminar and redesign of the website. What gets done is what those on the board are willing to take upon themselves on a volunteer basis. Do new board members see a fit between some of these needs and their interests? John Srayko volunteers to help with the website and to help with a communication policy.

6. InnoSoftware web host. Daryl Sexsmith – InnoSoftware has been web host for the SNSC website and was set up approximately 2 years ago. The SNSC treasure has not received all of the invoices for these services. The cost is approximately \$105 for this 2-year period. There is a monthly \$5 cost for each Executive member to have a Google email address. The total owing is \$575.
Motion: by Dan Beveridge to pay the above costs owing. All in favor. Carried.
7. Zone 4 fees. Dan Brisbin will look into the charges by Zone 4 and report back at the next meeting.
8. Grooming accounting. Daryl Sexsmith – explanation re using Canada revenue agency depreciation amounts for equipment. Daryl has had discussions with Cathy Butler as to how this should be done. Daryl has done all of the background work. Now it just needs to be entered into the accounting system. Discussion re how this depreciation method will help with grant application with regard to estimated grooming costs. Tabled.
9. Eb's Trails Report: Randy Chapman – There has been a minimal amount of snow accumulation to date but the trails have been packed

and tracked. Although some tracks have grass showing through, there has been enjoyable skiing to date. Snow is forecast soon and all trails will be groomed again as soon as possible. Some of the cows that were pastured in the area for the summer were not removed until now. This caused safety and track problems so we are happy to have them removed. Eb's Day - reminder date: February 14th, 2016.

10. Family in Motion – Barb Shirley is coordinating this but hasn't found enough volunteers.

Provincials coordination - Dan Brisbin will coordinate. This will be held at Blackstrap Feb 27 and 28, 2016. Dan will be sending out emails for volunteer requests.

11. Volunteer appreciation. Jeff Thorpe - Discussion re how to show that we appreciate volunteers. Jeff will contact the people that have volunteered to see if they have any ideas.
12. Bus trips. Lane Zabolotney - Still trying to decide on which trip/Loppet to do. Picatic is the on line registration site that has been chosen. Odyssey is the bus company that has been chosen. Discussion re trial of trip to La Ronge or Duck Mountain. One night stay over.
13. Adult instruction. Bruce Simms - All 3 learn-to-classic-ski classes are full. There has been trouble with the problems of grooming at Kinsmen due to lack of snow and the water main break. Suggestions re adult lessons at Wildwood but the instructor chooses only Kinsmen. Bruce will be looking for more certified instructors. CANSI level 1 certification of instructor is needed for the club. We may be able to get funding/cooperation from Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS).
14. Facilities committee – Still going ahead with investigations of the Sanatorium site, Holiday park area and Gordie Howe Campground area. A meeting was held with Meewasin Valley Authority, City of Saskatoon and SNSC. It was very positive.

15. Bylaw amendments – Dan Beveridge will present thoughts on possible changes at the next meeting. Anyone who wants to help is welcome.
16. Job description for the paid position of Executive Director. We will each submit our thoughts by email on what this job should entail.
17. Next meeting date. Thursday, Feb 11, 2016 at Kate Germin's residence
18. Meeting adjourned by Dan Beveridge at 8:55pm