



September 08, 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, Kate Germin.

Guest: Ivan English

Regrets: Dan Brisbin, Sheryl Riis

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

Meeting called to order by Dan Beveridge at 7:05pm.

1. Review correspondence – none.
2. Approve order of business –
add: financial statements; approve last year's budget
3. **Email motion** – Bylaw amendment
From: Directors shall form the Executive. The Executive will consist of the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five additional directors.
To: Directors shall form the Executive. The Executive will consist of the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five additional directors. Either the Vice-President or Past-President positions can be replaced by a President-Elect position.
4. **Email motion** – Ski at School. 2016-05-02
That we commit to \$1200 for Ski at School next season if this application is successful.
Note: not successful. Read into the minutes

5. **Email motion** – Para Sport Tour. 2016-05-02
That we support the Para Sport dream tour and purchase a flag for \$200.
All in favor. Passed. Read into the minutes.
6. Prince Albert National Park grooming letter.
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6AxIqtgIP1rLTVEQzZHGHUT1E>
The exec members will each review the letter and get back to Daryl Sexsmith with changes on Google drive.
7. Review 2016-03-24 minutes
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1aaFwjRb5-g7NdHsnBFw-XBsODGpnCRBNPtE4LIrskII> Passed as amended
8. Information. Google for nonprofit account. – Google has agreed that we are a nonprofit and we can each have a free Google email accounts. This is a huge savings of \$500/year. There are many different uses.
9. Information. Website – Dan Beveridge.
The quote to just update our website is \$1000. We hesitate to invest in a 5-year-old website. Discussion to update the whole thing or just the trails page. Updating the trails page would be around \$1000. If the whole website is updated, the estimated cost is \$4000 to \$8000. As a user it feels cumbersome. Adding to the news feed is very cumbersome.
Discussion re looking into other websites, like Square Space. Some of our own maintenance would be easier with a company like Square Space. Tentative thoughts are to discuss with Lesia Payne of Lesia Design Inc. about what Square Space has to offer and to budget \$ for it.
10. Information. Fencing – Dan Beveridge.
Discussions with groomers re putting up 1 to 2 foot snow fences in some of the areas where we groom. Many areas at the Willows could certainly use it. We could likely put fencing up at Wildwood since they put fencing up themselves.
11. Information. Ski at school.
Discussion re the \$4000 that has been added to the budget as requested. Money for skis was given last year. No grants so far this year. The City of

Saskatoon has a new busing program for school groups that may help with the busing. Discussion re how to sustain such a good program. One suggestion is asking parents for a minimal amount of money for this? Discussions about the schools valuing this program enough to help with funding. We will request information from Jan Sedgewick.

12. Information. Facilities committee proposal – Ivan English.

Discussion of the proposal as written so far. We plan to have a synopsis of the proposal, to develop a Vision 2020 home at the Gordie Howe Management Area, ready for the AGM. Suggestion that the proposal be put forward to the City of Saskatoon to be approved in principle first, then we can work on the details. Ivan spoke about the financial commitment that needs to be understood by the membership. Ivan is willing to present this at the AGM. Daryl Sexsmith reminds us that we already have a start financially, with \$40K.

Mainly, we need to decide where we will groom this year. Ivan suggests there will not be a change from where we groomed last year.

13. Decision. Financial statements – Daryl Sexsmith.

This year the blind skier's statement is put into the SNSC financial statements. Kathy Butler reviewed and signed off on the financial statements.

New this year – we will depreciate the new equipment, i.e. the new groomer will be budgeted \$1800 per year until fully depreciated. Other equipment purchased in previous years was fully expensed when purchased and is not being depreciated. The equipment is listed in the financial statements so that the membership is aware of what we own. Ski at school ski equipment and the roller skis will be listed as part of our equipment.

We had a very good year last year. We had surplus from the provincial race. Grants for equipment were received.

Motion: By Daryl Sexsmith that the 2015-16 financial statements as presented is approved. All in favor – carried.

14. Decision. Executive slate – Dan Beveridge.

- Daryl Sexsmith is willing to stay on for one more year as treasure. Next year he suggests dividing the job into two positions, a bookkeeper and a treasurer. If someone comes forward to begin to learn the job of treasurer

that would be great. Daryl will then stay on as bookkeeper.

- Lane Zabolotney will stand for the roll of president since he is more familiar with the club now.
- Bruce Simms is willing to stay on as member at large.
- Kate Germin will continue as secretary.
- Jeff Thorpe will continue as membership director.
- Sheryl Riis is willing to continue until someone is found to take her place.
- Randy Chapman will stay on as director unless someone else from the Eb's committee wants to take his place.
- Dan Beveridge will be the past president.
- We then need two directors and a vice president.

15. Action. AGM preparation – Dan Beveridge.

Set date: Thursday, October 20th at 7pm.

Location: Lane Zabolotney will check into the location.

Agenda: Dan Beveridge is preparing the agenda.

Notice: Kate Germin will put this in the website news feed. Dan Beveridge will put it on the events calendar.

Budget: To be discussed and set:

- Discussion re a contract to have someone to explore/research fundraising and grant opportunities/corporate sponsorships, \$5000? They will help us to raise our fundraising capacity and the Facebook page.
- Discussion with regard to the expenditure to the job description of a paid executive director. We cannot hire someone without a job description.
- Major equipment, no money budgeted for purchase of new grooming equipment. One snow machine is getting old but will hopefully last another season. There is \$3000 budgeted for equipment maintenance. We could dip into surplus if a major breakdown.
- Discussion re adding a \$500 amount to the publicity/website and Kivilski.
- Discussion re adding \$10K to the term deposit.
- Ski-at-school operating budget is \$4000. Discussion re asking for parents to donate a minimal amount of money.
- Snow fencing \$1000 and V boards \$3500.
- We can expect a slight decrease in memberships with the increase in membership fees. Figure on 10% less \$ from membership.

- Vision 2020. Discussion re hiring someone to polish the proposal, budget \$1500.
- 16. Cross Country Saskatchewan Meeting – Bruce Simms will attend.
- 17. Next meeting date. Thursday, October 27th, 2016 at Kate's home.
- 18. Adjourned by Dan Beveridge at 9:20pm.