



January 12, 2017  
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club  
Executive Meeting Minutes  
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present: Randy Chapman, Lane Zabolotney, Daryl Sexsmith, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis, Gail Motsi.

Guest: Ivan English

Regrets: Dan Brisbin, Jeff Thorpe, Bruce Simms

Meeting Chaired by Lane Zabolotney. Minutes recorded by Kate Germin.

Meeting called to order by Lane Zabolotney at 7:10pm.

1. Review correspondence – Lane Zabolotney

- Letter from Rob Howse re dogs on ski trails. Lane Zabolotney has written an article for the next edition of Kivilski with regard to dogs on SNSC existing trails. See B. in supplementary materials below or the Jan 2017 Kivilski.  
As agreed at the previous Executive Committee meeting, the SNSC Executive is interested in ideas from members who are willing to work on preparing and maintaining a dog friendly ski trail. Ivan English will speak to Jeff Hehn from the Fat Biker's group to see what their thoughts are on possibly amalgamating a dog friendly ski area with a fat bike trail area.
- Letter from Cliff Speer asking for an update on the Kinsmen Park developments. Lane will talk to Andrew Roberts of the City to find out what the next phase is at Kinsmen Park. The Facilities Committee is focusing on the Holiday Park/Gordie Howe Management Area. Ivan will talk to Cliff in response to his letter and also inform him about the Vision 2020 progress.
- Letter from Dan Beveridge proposing recognition and reward of groomers who put in more than 50 hours. Discussion re who to thank and how much

and in what format. Discussion re a club event as a wind-up and present this thank-you at that time. Discussion re beginning this year only, not to be done retroactive. Tabled until more members of the executive are present for this discussion.

- Call for Expressions of Interest to Attend Winter City Shake-Up in Edmonton, Alberta, February 16th to 18th, 2017. The City of Saskatoon would pay a portion of the costs for a representative of selected organizations to attend. SNSC would not likely be selected according to the criteria. There are forms to fill out and it is a short time of notice. The Executive was also of the view that the event would not be the most suitable one for promoting the Club.
- WinterShines Saskatoon (January 28 to February 5) – Gail wonders if the SNSC is participating this year. We have participated in the past but volunteers to do so have been in short supply. Ivan mentioned the triathlon that would involve some Club members. Tabled to possibly make plans for next year.

2. Approve order of business – Approved.

3. Review and approve minutes of November 17, 2016 executive meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising:

Revised SNSC bylaws approved. Discussion re taking out the actual cost of memberships in the bylaws since they may change from time to time. Plan that for next AGM.

Kate will post these amended bylaws on the SNSC website.

5. Financial Report – Daryl Sexsmith

- The financial report is pretty much on track. Memberships started to come in as the snow started to fall. We are a bit over budget on printing/postage, as we needed increased membership cards this year. This happens about every three years.  
The Junior HiPer group has increased in numbers so their revenue is higher, but with more members they will have increased expenses.

Discussion re purchase costs. Explanation of equipment purchased as planned.

- Update on National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) and discussion on the use of funds – Gail Motsi.

A table of the amounts the SNSC has in the NSTF is submitted indicating an additional \$1,500 has been donated since October, for a total of \$6,050 for all four projects. Gail has written a piece for the Kivilski, thanking people for donations. Discussion re there is no advantage to leaving money in the trust fund as it earns no interest. Discussion re it is planned to leave the money there for bigger ticket items. It may be worthwhile to let members know what projects may be planned for the money and then what it has been spent on. Plan: discussion at the end of season as to what this trust fund money may be used for.

Discussion re setting up Zone 4 to accept donations from members. Gail will follow up with Zone 4 and the Trust Fund to see if this can be done.

- Blind skier's financial reporting – Lane Zabolotney.

Daryl states that we have already addressed this issue. The Blind Skiers have become part of our club but they maintain their own bank account. They keep their own books and the SNSC treasurer compiles this within our financial statements. The Blind Skiers collect their own membership and submit that to us. We pay some of their expenses, like rent of the Wildwood clubhouse. They also fund raise and get their own grants. They want independence **and** to be affiliated with the SNSC, it is a mutual compromise.

6. Discussion: Blind Skiers' use of Wildwood clubhouse – we paid for the rental of the WW clubhouse. It is our way of coming up to about \$500 in expenses to cover their memberships. Discussion re in the future, part of the blind skiers fees could be considered to go toward grooming?

7. Facilities Subcommittee – Ivan English

- a) The motion was put forward at the SNSC AGM that our president and the chair of the Facilities committee would meet with the City of Saskatoon. This was done in December 2016 and our proposal for Vision 2020 was well received.

Major areas that were talked about are:

*The building* – we have to work out a sublease agreement with the Speed Skaters.

*Lighting* – this is leased out to various different sporting groups, we need to talk to each lessor.

*Hills/mounds for the Jackrabbit ski lessons* – Present hills are too far away from the facility. We will be in touch with the Friends of the Bowl to make plans there.

*Use of the hilly areas of the Holiday Park Golf Course* – this is part of negotiations with the City of Saskatoon. It includes discussions on wider pathways that may take time. Lane and Ivan will walk through the proposed trails with the City in the spring.

*Sanatorium Area* – This is ongoing discussion with the City. At present there is concern by the City that if there was a gate from the Sanatorium area to the golf course there might be vandalism.

b) Timing is an issue. There is a legacy and fund raising going on with the Friends of the Gordie Howe Bowl. They are interested in partnering with other sporting groups. Timing may be just right. We may not have everything right away but it is exciting to get involved in the changes that are already planned for the area. The Friends of the Bowl are interesting in working with us and to know what we want. Ivan will provide details on SNSC's requirements for the building and fields to Friends of the Bowl.

c) Future of the Facilities Committee – Discussion. Yes, we want the Facilities Subcommittee to continue to work on the Vision 2020 project. The subcommittee also played a role in deciding where the club will groom each season.

**Motion:** by Kate Germin that Ivan English be appointed to the last remaining open Member-at-large position on the SNSC Executive. Second by Daryl Sexsmith. All in favor. Carried.

Ivan English will come up with a new mandate for the 'Facilities Subcommittee' as it moves forward with the planning process of the Vision 2020 home at the Gordie Howe Management Area.

d) Friends of the Bowl "needs Assessment" – Ivan English will be meeting with them and putting together a summary of our needs and wishes for our Vision 2020 home at The Gordie Howe management Area.

8. Adult/HiPer Update – Bruce Simms  
Report held until Bruce in attendance.

9. Youth Training/Ski-at-School Update – Daryl Sexsmith reports that the Jackrabbits and Ski-at-School have started and are in full force now that we have some snow.

10. Communications Update – Kate Germin

- Website – There are two issues with the website, one is to discover which members can do the updating of club information and the calendar, the other is to decide if the website is still usable and member friendly or if it needs to be overhauled/updated. Kate will continue the research on both of these issues and report back at a next meeting.
- Kivilski – It was agreed that the next edition of the Kivilski should be issued on January 15<sup>th</sup> as planned because Ebs Day needs to be publicized. Kate will prepare an update on Vision 2020 for the newsletter and provide photos of trail grooming. Other program updates or executive inputs have already been provided or will be submitted by Friday morning.

11. Discussion – Membership benefits with retailers. Dan Brisbin has proposed that the Club negotiate SNSC member discounts at local stores, similar to what the Saskatoon Road Runners have done, perhaps in return for acknowledge on our website. Right now we do not advertise any business in the Kivilski or our website, nor do members get membership discounts at any businesses. There is a potential for members to get a 10% discount at certain businesses. Perhaps a list of local businesses that are willing to give a discount to SNSC members could simply be listed in the Kivilski and the website. This is on hold for further discussion at a later date since it is too late to implement this membership year.

12. Any Other Business – Sheryl Riis will put a message on the Yahoo Touring Group for the Sunday tours to Eb's Trails.
13. Next meeting 7pm, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at Kate's house.
14. Lane Zabolotney adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm.