



April 06, 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, Jeff Thorpe, Ivan English.

Regrets: Bruce Simms, Dan Brisbin.

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.

- a. Email from Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS) requesting summary of our club activities for 2016/17 season and inquiring as to effectiveness of "Rediscover Winter" poster campaign. Plan: Lane will respond.
- b. Email from CCS advising of Spring General Meeting on April 29, 2017. Gail Motsi thinks she may be able to attend but will confirm.
- c. Email from Dan Beveridge regarding groomer appreciation. This will be dealt with under New Business.
- d. Email from CCS, asking if we are planning to host any Sask Cup races or loppets in 2017/18. If so they request a form

filled out and submitted by April 24, 2017 so a calendar of events can be presented at the CCS Spring meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

2. Approve order of business – Short discussion re the need for a piece from the Facilities Committee in the Kivilski re the Gordie Howe Management Area Vision 2020 home – Ivan English will write this. Otherwise agenda approved.
3. Review and approve minutes of February 23, 2017 executive meeting – Approved.
4. Matters arising from previous minutes:
  - a. Website update – discussion re the need to update the website. The money has been budgeted and approved at the AGM but there is still discussion as to who will do the upgrades and what exactly is needed. Discussion also re when this money is being spent, ie: which fiscal year. Phillip Wasylow is a member that has expressed an interest in helping the Executive with Communications. We will await word from him on this.
  - b. Dan Brisbin will follow up with asking Eb's Source of Adventure re sponsorship.
  - c. Sask Trails Association meeting follow up – Jeff Thorpe. There was a presentation on Open Street Maps. Jeff will try to add Eb's Trails on this worldwide site. Any trails can be added to this site by carrying a GPS.
  - d. Ivan English will write a letter of support re Chappell Marsh with regard to a possible trail system for Fat Bikers and skiing with dogs.

## 5. Financial Report – Daryl Sexsmith.

A report to the end of March 2017 was distributed. Not much activity is expected until the end of April. The year has been on track financially. Membership revenue and grooming expenses are both down this year due to poor snow conditions.

MAP grants covers 75% of some costs – V boards and more roller skis were ordered for HiPer group.

We could be in a good position to purchase a big-ticket item like a snow machine for grooming. One of our snow machines is very old and may need replacing soon. Ivan suggests that we look at buying a new snow machine and applying for the facilities grant now. A new snow machine will compliment our existing grooming fleet and help with the growing grooming needs as we develop the GHMA trails. Decision is made for follow up on this snow machine purchase. Ivan will talk to Rob Klens to price out a new snow machine. Gail and Daryl will apply for a facilities grant, which could cover 50% up to \$10K.

## 6. Facilities Update – Ivan English.

The meeting with the Friends of the Bowl Foundation was very positive. The Foundation has successfully fund raised for the present football stadium and building. They are happy to have the Saskatoon Nordic Ski club as part of the plans for the second phase of developing the Gordie Howe Multi Sporting Complex. There is a new facility proposed to replace the baseball stands and the facility attached. Four groups will share the new building, the Speed Skaters with Track & Field on the west side; Baseball with SNSC on the east side of the building.

We were invited to put together a needs assessment. The Facilities committee held a meeting of our club executive, program directors, and other interested persons. There were concerns as well as positive perspectives heard. Some of this meeting group did a walk around of the GHMA to propose a trail.

Jackrabbit and other program people talked about where to put mounds and lighting. The needs assessment was put together and submitted to the Foundation and the City. We will be responsible for assisting with fund raising as the plans move forward. The area will be surveyed. The building may be started with in the next 1 to 2 years.

We can use the facility in the interim – the speed skaters are happy to have us use it next season. It is a good idea for us to begin grooming next season and then slow but sure move towards programing and the best trails possible. We can have good trails in the area...working towards even better trails. Discussion re how fundraising would be dealt with. We need to put together a business plan. Dorothy Quayle and Dan Kishchuk of the facilities committee are working on this.

Gail Motsi - Discussions re applying for Saskatoon's Winter City Grant for signage and equipment. Application is due the end of April 21, 2017. Gail and Ivan will work on the grant to tie in with the new GHMA facility.

There is a plan to do a 'walk around' the GHMA with Andrew Roberts from the City in May 2017.

7. Adult/HiPer Update – no report available at this time.

8. Youth Training/Ski at School Update - no report available at this time.

9. New Business – Lane Zabolotney

- a. Groomer gift – Proposed again by member Dan Beveridge by email. Discussion re gifts for volunteers in general, re one-time gifts for groomers. Sheryl Riis is concerned re others may wonder why other volunteers do not get this. In recognition/appreciation of those that have given time and

effort to grooming the SNSC trails.

**Motion:** by Gail Motsi that we accept Dan Beveridge's proposal that 7 groomers and 1 equipment manager receive a \$100 gift certificate. Seconded by Lane Zabolotney. 6 in favor, 2 abstentions. Carried.

- b. Signs re joggers and fat bikers on ski trails – Richard Koch brought to our attention that joggers and fat bikers are using the trails at Wildwood. Discussion re increasing signage to discourage this and what to say on a sign. Right now we educate people with signage. It is agreed that we will increase signs for this misuse next season. We will revisit this at our fall 2017 Executive meeting.
- c. Introduce Philip Wasylow – not present – Lane will email him and ask if he is still interested to be on our executive.

10. Next Meeting Date – Sept 7, 2017 at Kate's home.

Ivan English wonders how to deal with important matters that arise in the interim re GHMA. Plan: email messaging and set of impromptu meetings as needed.

11. AGM Meeting date – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

12. Adjournment meeting at 9pm.