



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Annual General Meeting **Draft Minutes**
Thursday October 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Gordie Howe Sports Complex, Main Hall, Saskatoon, SK

Members in Attendance:

Daryl Sexsmith, Kate Germin, Jan Sedgewick, Andrew Brisbin, Randy Chapman, Doreen Chapman, Sheryl Riis, Ann Popoff, Alison Meinert, Ivan English, Jeff Thorpe, Arlene Wharington, Lane Zabolotney, Joanne Ferguson, Darrell Lutzko, Karen Biddulph, Sandra Sawatsky, Gail Motsi, Dan Kishchuk, Bob Katarynych, Bill Bishopp, Ken English, Cathy Rae, Keith Pahl, Monique van Bergen, Harmon van Bergen, Randy Robinson, Rob Klenz. (28 members present)

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

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- 1. Introductions and welcome:** President, Lane Zabolotney, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
- 2. Order of business:** No other suggestions made. Agenda approved.
- 3. Reading and approval of the 2016 SNSC AGM Minutes:** Approved.
- 4. President's report:** Lane Zabolotney
 - Wildwood clubhouse will be open on weekends again this year. The City of Saskatoon will not charge us rent since we are also welcoming the public/non-members.
 - We are partnering with The Friends of the Bowl Foundation (FOBF) to establish our Vision 2020 SNSC home. Ivan English will talk about this later in the agenda. We need volunteers for the fundraising efforts.
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Daryl Sexsmith
 - Financial statement copies are available here as well as they were reported in the last Kivilski. Link to financial statement:

- The Blind skiers continue to do their own fundraising and their own finances. Their information is then included in the club's overall statements.
- Kathy Butler has reviewed the club's financials. Kathy does not wish to continue to do the club's financial review. She has done this for several years on a volunteer basis. Thank you to Kathy.
- Information Services Corporation has accepted our 2016 financials.
- We have a \$50K term deposit, which has been set aside for Vision 2020.
- We have no debt. All assets and retained earnings are from membership fees for our use.
- We had a very good membership year in 2016 in spite of the low snow conditions.
- We are now depreciating our purchases as of 2015. Previously equipment was fully expensed at the time of purchase.
Question – Jan Sedgewick wonders about the wording, "several sets" when talking about children's skies, boots, poles and inline roller skis. Daryl answers that there is a record of how many we own from when they were purchased.
- Daryl Sexsmith will continue to be the bookkeeper for the club and Gail Motsi will let her name stand as Treasurer.

Motion: by Daryl Sexsmith that the financial statements dated June 30, 2017, as reviewed by Kathy Butler, be approved. Seconded by Ivan English. All in favor. Carried.

Motion: by Daryl Sexsmith that the requirement for an audit of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 is waived and that a financial review of the books is conducted instead. Seconded by Bob Katarynych. All in favor. Carried.

Motion: by Daryl Sexsmith that the Executive be empowered to appoint a qualified person to conduct the financial review for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Seconded by Lane Zabolotney. All in favor. Carried.

Question – Jeff Thorpe asks if we give an honorarium for the financial review work. Daryl Sexsmith answers that we do not and the future cost will depend on whom we can find to do this for us. Funds have been set aside in the 2017/18 budget for audit fees if required.

6. Committee and program chair reports:

- Facilities Committee - Ivan English
Access Ivan's report here –

Question – Bob Katarynych asks, who will be responsible for running the snowmaking equipment? Ivan – The original purchase would be part of the FOBF fundraising and the SNSC would be responsible for running it, including ongoing costs.

Question – Sandra Sawatsky asks, how big are the hills and how will they be made? Ivan – They will be made as part of the construction. Dan Kishchuk has been working on design plans for the hills and they will compare to or be better than the Jackrabbit training hills we have already at Kinsmen Park.

Question from the floor – How many kms of trails are planned. Ivan – capacity for 2.5 kms around the facility and another 10 kms or more on the golf course. A map of the facility and area for proposed trails is shown.

Question – Bill Bishopp asks, does the Holiday Park Golf Course grounds keeper communicate with the Wildwood grounds keeper. Ivan – Yes, and Wildwood is very supportive and has no negatives with us using the golf course in the winter. We have a very good track record working with Wildwood. We are coming forward with a very good plan to work with Holiday Park.

Question – Will there be an area for snowshoeing at the new Vision 2020 home? Ivan – There can probably be areas found for snowshoeing in the future, but for now we are focusing on skiing.

Question – Bill Bishopp asks if the usual tracks will still be at Holiday Park? Ivan – Yes, the City will still groom what they have been grooming in the last few years. The new trails will evolve. The trails presented tonight will be in addition to what the City already grooms.

- Ski at School - Jan Sedgewick
The program is a 'go' again this year at Wildwood. We received a City of Saskatoon Sport Participation Grant for up to \$6000 of expenditures. If we spend \$6000 they will match that. We have a consistent group of coaches and three more have been trained.

We offered ski instruction to 1500 kids last year in grades 4, 5 and 6. We received very positive feedback with regard to building ski interest for families. Partners for this program are: City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Schools, CCS, CCC, SNSC, Eb's Source of Adventure and Mountain Equipment Coop.

- Youth Program - Jan Sedgewick
Registrations are going strong but are a bit down from last year. We plan to use Kinsmen Park again this year. There are more youth registered for Sundays than Wednesdays. More coaches are being trained and the previous coaches are taking further training.
- Youth Hi-Performance – Alison Meinert
Youth Hiper program bridges the Jackrabbits into racing. It is for ages 8 to 15 years. We have 20 participants this year that have taken out race licenses to participate in the Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS) Sask Cup Race Series. We start with dry land activities and training in September.
SNSC is hosting the Provincial Sask Cup races at locations yet to be determined, but will likely include Blackstrap, Wildwood or Holiday Park Golf Courses.
Bruce Simms has been appointed to the Cross Country Canada board of Directors.
- Blind Skiers - Joanne Ferguson
We meet every Saturday from 10am to noon at Wildwood. We have already started activities for this year. There are 10 member skiers plus guide members. Two members and one guide are planning to go to Ski-for-Light at Sovereign Lake this year.
- Hiking – Sheryl Riis
Sheryl introduced herself as the hiking coordinator. Hikes are planned every spring and fall. Each hike is 10 to 12 kms with as many as 40 hikers at times. The group usually goes for a community Fall Supper afterwards, or occasionally a wiener roast.
- Adult Instruction – Bruce Simms
Major change for adult instruction this year is that Bruce is now CANSI qualified. He will teach an additional class or two at Wildwood.

- Eb's Trails - Randy Chapman

A reminder to people that we have 52 kms of trails through the Nisbet Forest.

Heather Bernhard has painted and cleaned, sprucing up the buildings by both parking lots.

Bob Katarynych has undertaken to update the maps at the junctions, and is working with Heather to repair and replace signs.

Woodcutting for the shelters is soon to happen, led by Jeff Thorpe.

Trail crews have cleared the deadfall, mowed and scythed the whole system.

The equipment is repaired; we are ready to convert the wheels to tracks on our ATV side-by-side.

Question about when Eb's Day would be scheduled and a suggestion that it be held on Family Day when there are no Jackrabbit lessons

Question and discussion re beaver dams that could flood the trails. The matter has been looked into.

7. Update to Operating Procedures – Gail Motsi

Updated operating procedures document was circulated for the information of members. No questions were raised.

8. Proposed Budget – Gail Motsi

Proposed budget for the 2017-18 season was circulated and discussed. See link:

It indicates an estimated \$79,403 in revenues and \$66,179 in expenditure. On the revenue side, the MAP Grant, CCS Facility Grant and City Grant for Ski at School are already approved. The use of NSTF funds for the purchase of a new groomer are proposed for approval. The additional amount for racing is related to hosting the Sask Cup Provincials. On the expenditure side, funds are required to upgrade the website, additional funds are required for more adult instruction courses, racing costs are higher due to the provincial race, and equipment purchases includes fund for the purchase of a new groomer. Gail noted that funds had not been budgeted for the trail designer and proposed that the budget be amended to add \$5,000 for this purpose.

Motion: by Gail Motsi that the draft budget for the 2017-2018, as prepared by Gail Motsi and amended to include \$5000 for design fees, be approved. Seconded by Kate Germin. All in favor. Carried.

9. Executive Nominations -

- a. President: Lane Zabolotney
- b. Vice President & Treasurer: Gail Motsi
- c. Past President: Dan Brisbin
- d. Secretary: Kate Germin
- e. Directors: Jeff Thorpe, Ivan English

There are no other nominations from the floor.

Motion: by Doreen Chapman that the slate for executive be accepted.
Seconded by Arlene Wharington. All in favor. Carried.

10. Executive Elections – All in favor of the above slate. Carried.

11. Announcements – There are no announcements.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by Lane Zabolotney at 9:15pm.