



March 08, 2018
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present: Randy Chapman, Lane Zabolotney, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis, Ivan English, Bruce Simms, Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe,

Regrets: 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 – Gail Motsi

- A thank you note from Regina Ski Club with a donation of \$205 for Eb's Trails maintenance.

- Lane will reply to Dan Jean (City of Saskatoon groomer) that we could certainly use the "do not walk on ski tracks" signs that he is offering.

2. Approval of agenda – approved as presented.

3. Approval of previous minutes - **Motion** by Lane Zabolotney to approve the minutes from the Jan 11, 2018 executive meeting. Seconded by Gail. All in favor. Carried.

4. Business Arising from previous Minutes

a. SNSC brochures – Jeff made 500 of them – they will not outdate for a while – if fee rates change we can put a sticker over that area.

b. WinterShines – Gail Motsi

All plans were in place but we had to cancel due to not enough snow. The snow did come at the last minute, but it was also cold and we had already advertised the cancellation. The final observation is that it is very hard to get volunteers for such an event. Gail talked about organizing a group ski beginner lesson for newcomer groups in Saskatoon next season.

c. Website – Lane Zabolotney

- Re changing administrators and permissions. Lesia responded with how to remove the permissions. The administrators need to be changed by Lesia, but we need to change the various permissions ourselves. Lane will look further into this.

d. Clubhouse hosting – Lane Zabolotney

– It was a real struggle to get volunteers to host the Saturday open clubhouse at Wildwood. The usage stats showed very little use. The City did not publicize that the clubhouse was open on the weekends. The volunteers may have been bored to spend their 2-hour shifts. This will be a moot point once we move to the Gordie Howe Management Area. Discussion re increased volunteer needs for events and maintenance of our Vision 2020 home.

5. Financial Report – Gail Motsi

Financial report has been circulated. See attached. Gail reviewed the report. Membership registrations are higher than expected with a total of 712 members to date. Several grants will soon require reports to the City or CCS – Eb's Day (Heather has it in hand); CCS Consultant Grant (Ivan to check whether a report was submitted for Mike Norton's work); CCS Racing (Dan to submit once it is determined whether another race will be held); Sports Participation Grant for Ski at School (Jan has it in hand and has submitted an application for another grant in 2018/19). Discussion re why Zone 4 fees are as high as they are. Gail and Jeff will check into this. There is another City grant available for Winter City YXE. Gail asks if a member of the executive would volunteer to fill out the grant application. Winter City YXE grant, Ivan will take a look at this application which needs to be sent in by May 18, 2018 and is for a project to be done November 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

- Discussion that delegates attending the Winter-City-Shake-Up conference in January of 2019 could be invited to EB's Trails.

6. Facilities Update – Ivan English

- The Facilities committee met last week and we are recommending that the SNSC formally commit to the plans in place for our involvement including fundraising at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex. The committee has worked on the various components over the last months and feels that our core needs have been met and that we should formally vote on this at the executive level. Ivan is still waiting to hear back from the FOTBF about operational costs to make sure

we don't commit to something that we can't afford, but based on previous talks we don't anticipate the costs to be beyond our club's abilities. Discussion re garage plans for storage of grooming equipment, plans for the Jackrabbit/lighted loop, and the facility building. Report for the proposed trails on the Holiday Park Golf course discussed and will be presented to the City by the Friends of the Bowl.

We have asked FOTB about operating costs. Estimates right now are under \$20K/ year but likely lower. A lot of clubs manage much higher operating costs. It is doable but we might like not be working on such a shoestring budget.

Motion – by Ivan English that the SNSC Executive confirm the club's commitment to continue the partnership with Friends of the Bowl in the develop of the new Nordic ski facility. Seconded by Kate Germin. All in favor. Carried.

7. Adult/HPR Update – Bruce Simms

There was a lot of rescheduling due to weather. There was a lot of interest in the classes this season so enrollment was good. Most classes were held at Kinsmen.

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

9. Hiking Update – Sheryl Riis

For skiing at Eb's Trails the touring group meets on Sunday mornings and sometimes other days of the week.

10. Eb's Update – Randy Chapman

- a. Eb's Day – There were 128 registrants. The track was in good shape, we received much positive feedback.
- b. Discussion re the designation given to Eb's trails by the Forestry Department and a question re how our club can assure use of such a wonderful area for years to come. Discussion.

11. New Business

- a. Purchase of Groomer – because the FOTB has equipment to move the heavier snow, we think we should go with a side by side ATV similar to the Eb's grooming machine. Ivan will work with Bob Klencz on the research of machine type and purchase.
There will be an email motion to approve the recommended machine.

b. Gift Certificates for Groomers – the previous gift certificates were to be a one time thing. Discussion re groomers receiving honorarium as a token of appreciation.

Motion - by Ivan English that the club gives a \$100 honorarium to the same groomers as last year as well as the equipment manager.

Seconded by Bruce Simms. Four in favor. Four abstentions. Motion passed.

12. Next Meeting Date – April 26th. Place TBA

13. Adjournment at 2130 by Lane Zabolotney.