



April 26, 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, Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe, Dan Brisbin.

Regrets: Bruce Simms

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

Meeting called to order by Lane Zabolotney at 7:05pm.

1. Review Correspondence:

- Email from Jakeroo Custom Nordic Apparel Company – plan: to forward this to Alison Meinert.
- Victoria Park usage email – Lane will respond stating we do not choose to use this area for grooming trails.
- Leisure guide: Do we want to advertise in the Spring Leisure Guide? – Discussion re same – No.
- **Motion by email** - On April 14 Gail Motsi wrote, "I move that the Club purchases a new UTV on tracks, 2017 CanAm Defender HD 10 for a total cost of \$28,000." By 10pm on April 15, seven out of the nine executive members had voted in favor. Carried.

2. Approval of Agenda – approved.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

- **Motion** by Lane Zabolotney to approve the amended March 8, 2018 minutes, seconded by Ivan English. All in favor. Carried.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Jeff Thorpe – discussion re why Zone 4 fees are as high as they are – now being charged for mail-in membership, we encourage people to sign up as families and we pay CCS for each child out of that family fee. Gail sent an explanation email detailing Zone 4 charges.
- Kate picked up the flags from the City that we will use next season to deter walking on ski trails.

5. Financial Report – Gail Motsi

- Gail submitted and reviewed the financial report.
- Membership is now closed and membership revenues are on budget. The remainder of the MAP grant was received in April. We just received the \$500 grant for Eb's day. We purchased the new groomer machine and the remainder of the CCS facility grant, the National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) donation and the City capital grant have been requested to help cover the cost.

We have also reported to the City on the Ski at School Program and are waiting for the City sports participation grant for that program. We have received another sports participation grant for Ski At School for next year.

6. Appointment of Auditor – Gail Motsi

- Cathy Butler has stepped down as our volunteer doing yearly financial reviews. We solicited the membership for another volunteer without success. Gabe Ng, the financial reviewer for the Saskatoon Canoe Club, has quoted \$1800 to \$2200 to conduct the work.
- **Motion** – by Gail Motsi to hire Gabe Ng to do the SNSC financial review, seconded by Lane Zabolotney. All in favor. Carried.

7. Facilities Committee Update – Ivan English

- The earth turning has begun – as the building is started, earth will be moved for making hills in the teaching area. Things are at a bit of a standstill as far as the golf course is concerned. Those discussions continue with the City of Saskatoon.
- Fundraising – several of us are involved on the fundraising committee with the Friends of the Bowl. This fall we will be moving forward with asking our membership for donations. FOTB are at \$22 Million. They are hoping for Federal and provincial support yet. We are in very good shape because we have partnered with FOTB. The ski club could consider donating a portion of the retained earnings, by matching the member's donations up to a certain amount. This will be addressed at the AGM.

8. Adult/Hiper Update – No report at this time.

9. Youth Training/Ski at School Update – Jan Sedgewick's report is in the Kivilski.

10. Hiking Update – Sheryl Riis

- The spring hikes are planned and entered on the web site calendar.

11. Eb's Update – Randy Chapman

- There was very good track for most of the season. The trails were last groomed on April 7th and we had skiing on good track until April 12th. There have been a number of equipment breakdowns, leaving groomers to walk out of the backcountry. Leaving the groomer behind in these instances is a difficult issue. Discussion re perhaps, looking at trading the Rhino in for a newer machine down the line. In the meantime we have a member-volunteer who is a mechanic and has helped with repairs. He is willing to help with maintenance as well.
- We may be able to use the new city ATV for the mowing in the fall to break it in.

12. Old Business

- Website – Lane Zabolotney
Changing administrators and permissions – Lane has been working with Eric Lamb and Lesia Payne to figure out who has administration authority and who has permissions to alter the content. Eric will remain, as administrator and each of the executives will be given permission to update the site as needed for their programs. A training date will be set up to teach this.

- Winter City YXE Grant – Ivan English
No ideas as yet to apply for this grant this year. Possibly we could combine with another sporting group for this grant in 2019-2020. It would be great to have an event to showcase the Gordie Howe area once it is open.
- Membership fees – Jeff Thorpe
Family membership fees were increased this year from \$75 to \$100. Parents are registering two children on two separate carts (\$40 each) instead of registering for a family (\$100). Discussion re increasing the fee to \$50ea. This would encourage folks to register as a family. Plan - We will look at the fee amounts again once we move to Gordie Howe Management Area.
- Funding for youth group – Discussion re the possibility of increased funding from the city if we designate the youth as a separate entity. Gail suggests that we are getting funding for the ski-at-school group already without separating it out.

13. New Business

- Mailing out the Kivilski – when registering as a member, people can choose to get Kivilski via email and/or regular hard copy mail. There were 33 people that requested the mail out. It requires the effort of the volunteer plus the cost of postage. Many of the mailed out copies go to folks that get both electronic and hard copy. Plan, in order to phase out the hard copy in the future we will change the option to either or and not both.
- Old file storage – There are several boxes of old files, minutes and other memorabilia that were previously stored at the Boathouse. Discussions as to what to do with these boxes of old materials. Ivan English will take them to store in his garage until it is decided what to do with them. Kate will see if there is an archive group at the university who might be interested.
- Groomer compensation – The groomers at Wildwood had pressure to groom in a special way for the ski-at-school program. The ski-at-school groups did not stay on the trails that were designated for them, causing increased work on the trails to maintain them for regular member use. The Ski-at-school programmer asked for trails to be renovated more frequently than the volunteer groomers were able to keep up with. Gail says that there is money available in the Ski-at-school fund to hire a groomer specific to the program. Lane suggests that the club executive will be instrumental in finding a groomer to specifically groom for the ski-at-school program.
- 2018-2019 Executive Composition – Eric Lamb is planning to come on the executive next season as the coordinator of the Jackrabbit program. Lane Zabolotney is not planning to let his name stand for the president position, he was hoping to make a clean break and not to stand for past President either.
- CCS AGM is April 28, 2018. Dan Brisbin will attend since he is on CCS executive. Lane will also attend for SNSC.

14. Next Meeting Date – Thursday Sept 13, 2018 at 7pm. Location TBA

15. Adjournment – by Lane Zabolotney at 8:40pm