



Sept 13, 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, Dan Brisbin, Bruce Simms

Regrets: Jeff Thorpe

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 - notice re Sask Ski AGM Sat Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Dan will be there to represent the club and pick up the MAP grant cheque. The Cross Country Canada (CCS) AGM is immediately following. Dan Brisbin suggests that another member attend as well, since he is the CCS president and may have a conflict of interest.

2. Approval of Agenda – approved.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

- **Motion** by Kate Germin to approve the April 26, 2018 minutes, seconded by Lane Zabolotney. All in favor. Carried.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Club Archives – taken to U of S archives. They can be viewed on line. Kate will check out the link and get back to the club. The U of S Archives would like a copy of Cliff Speer's SNSC History booklet.
- Groomer and Trailer Purchase – A 2018 Can Am Defender has been purchased. It is presently stored in a container with the Eb's equipment. The Eb's groomers have done the machine break-in. They recommend a windshield for warmth and half-doors to prevent snow build up in the cab. Approximate costs are: windshield \$600; doors \$900. Discussion re adding both purchases to the budget. Discussion where the Defender will be used this year. Next spring we can apply for a facilities grant for these items retroactive from Cross Country Saskatchewan. This can be

done for purchases up to 12 months prior.

**Motion by email** – In July, the equipment manager advised that the Club's trailer was no longer safe to operate and would cost a lot to repair. He recommended replacement with a new trailer. On July 11 Gail Motsi wrote, "I move that the Club purchases a trailer for a total cost of \$2,500 to \$3,000 excluding taxes." By July 12, five of the nine executive members had voted in favor and the trailer was purchased, licensed and insured.

#### 5. Financial Report – Gail Motsi

- Gail presented the reviewed financial statement. No questions from the executive. This will be presented at the AGM on Oct 18.
- No August 2018 financial report was available, but Gail indicated that there had been only a couple of expenses and no revenue..

#### 6. Facilities Committee Update – Ivan English

Construction at the Gordie Howe (GH) site is underway. Hills for the Jack Rabbit program, in the ball diamond area, are pretty good. Speed skaters will have ice this year. Since there is no building this year, they will use ATCO trailers as warm up huts. We are still working on the Holiday Park (HP) golf course particulars. We will continue grooming of Wildwood and Kinsmen this year. City will continue to groom HP this year. Things are not definite as to the grooming trail at HP but Ken English will talk to Dan Gene re our thoughts to increase trails in some areas.

Ivan spoke to Mike Norton, ski trail architect. Mike is very interested in helping us and will be talking to the golf course architect. As it stands the city is not really interested in discussion re changes for grooming on the golf course since they are focused on the Gordie Howe construction project, but they have given us the go-ahead to work with their golf course architect on possibilities.

Fundraising – Discussion re how and when to ask for donations from membership including a notice in the forthcoming Kivilski and an email blast to members after the AGM.

The budget, for AGM approval will put forth that the club match member donations. Gail says we have talked about \$25K and this will be in the budget for AGM approval. Discussion re the Can Am Defender acknowledged as a donation-in-kind.

We will have increased operating costs once we do the full move to GH area.

#### 7. Adult/Hiper Update – Bruce Simms

- Training activities moved to Cranberry Flats because Diefenbaker Park is closed. Roller skiing on Sundays. Wasquesiu fall camp coming up on Set 21 & 22, 2018.
- Robin Butler is coaching the Canada Games group.
- Alison & Geoff Meinert's Junior Hiper group has started their fall activities.

#### 8. Jackrabbits Report - Eric Lamb (via email)

- We want to raise the fees to \$40 per session from \$35. This will cover a slight deficit in the program from last year and deal with likely increases in snack costs etc.
- We have cut back some of the Jackrabbit classes from last year due to a lack of coaches stepping forward. This includes combining some of the level 3/4 classes and eliminating Track Attack. Track Attack skiers are now being encouraged to join Alison Meinert's program. As additional coaches step forward we will open new spots.
- The biggest long-term barrier we see to the program is the availability of coaches. We are depending on the same faces, with only a small number of new coaches retained for more than 1-2 years. With the Ski at School and Alison's program also active, we are spreading our coaches pretty thin. We see new coach recruitment/retention as our chief priority, and will be proposing a paid coach model to coincide with a move to Gordie Howe. This year for the Bunny Rabbit program, we are experimenting with pairing youth (12-15) who have been through the Jackrabbit program with a coach to help teach. Long-term we would see developing a group of paid youth coaches who teach under the supervision of an adult head coach as a way forward.
- **Motion** by Lane Zabolotney to increase Jackrabbit fees as per Eric's suggestion above. Seconded by Bruce Simms, all in favor – Carried.
- Dan Brisbin read the "Cross Country Canada minimum mandatory coaching qualifications" document.

#### 9. Hiking Update – Sheryl Riis

- The fall calendar is updated and hikes start on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 10. Old Business

- Website Training Session – Lane Zabolotney  
Lane will work with Lesia Design to find a Saturday that works to train the executive on website usage.
- Ski at School - Designated Groomer – Lane Zabolotney  
Jan agrees that we will hire a groomer for the ski at school daily grooming. Jan is talking to people with regard to this. This groomer would have to be trained and coordinated with existing Wildwood groomers. Lane will send Jan an email to coordinate this.

## 11. New Business

- Equipment Manager – Rob Klenz has resigned. A message has been placed in the Kivilski looking for interest in becoming our equipment manager. Discussion about how the job could be made less onerous, e.g. having the city groomers purchase gas and using a member with a truck for hauling.
- Suddenly Saskatchewan Magazine – We have been asked to put an ad in a special edition concerning GH.

**Motion** – by Gail Motsi that we put an ad in the Suddenly Saskatchewan Magazine. Lane Zabolotney seconded. All in favor. Carried. Ivan English will contact Jim Germaine, the editor, to discuss the design, size, cost and ownership rights.

- AGM – October 18, 2018 at the Gordie Howe Complex
  - Lane Zabolotney – stepping down as President but is willing to continue to respond to [info@saskatoonnordicski.ca](mailto:info@saskatoonnordicski.ca)
  - Dan Brisbin – Past President
  - Ivan English – Facilities Committee Chairman
  - Gail Motsi – Treasurer
  - Kate Germin – Secretary
  - Bruce Simms – MAL Hyper/adult instruction
  - Randy Chapman – MAL Eb's Trails
  - Sheryl – MAL touring group
  - Eric Lang – MAL youth program
- Lane reviewed the agenda of the AGM.

- 2018-19 Budget - Gail Motsi presented budget. A few changes discussed and will be made before it is tabled for approval at the AGM – i.e. addition of the cost of an ad in Suddenly Sask under Publicity, increase in the budget for trail mapping at HP to \$5,000, slight increase in expenses for Youth program, and addition of \$2,000 in equipment for modifications to the Defender.
- Warming Huts Survey – Gail Motsi  
The City of Saskatoon tested out three warming huts last year and is issuing an RFP for the design and placement of permanent huts this year. We have been asked for input into where they should be placed in the city this coming winter. Discussion. Gail will submit 3 suggestions – the San site, Kinsmen Park and North Meewasin Trail.

12. Next Meeting Date – TBA

13. Adjournment – by Lane Zabolotney at 9:10 pm

Membership report sent in by email – Jeff Thorpe

- The Zone4 database for 2018-2019 is open now. I have not yet notified the general membership because Eric Lamb wanted to give Jackrabbit families a head start on registering for youth classes. I will send a general notice in a few days.
- The new membership form includes a space for making donations to club programs.
- The new form gives people a choice between receiving the Kivilski by email or by mail, but not both.