



Nov 25, 2019
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Final Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Gail Motsi

Present:, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis, Ivan English, Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe, Kimberly Dobrowolski, Brian Anderson, Susan Wall.

Regrets: Eric Lamb, Dan Brisbin

Meeting chaired by Gail Motsi. Minutes recorded by Susan Wall.

Meeting called to order at 19:05pm by Gail Motsi

1. Agenda approved.
2. Correspondence
 - CTV reached out to Alison Meinert regarding new facilities at Waskesiu. Neither SNSC or CCS elected to comment on the issue since neither were aware of the facilities and how they would affect skiers.
Wintershines asked if SNSC wanted to participate.
 - Ivan will check with Road Runners/ Jeff Hane to see how we can help in the triathlon or participate in Wintershines in some way.
 - Gail suggests that a ski promotion event would be best when celebrating the opening of the new facility.

3. Donation in Memorandum

- Kate received an email from someone wanting to donate money to Eb's Trails in memory of a loved one. The existing blue signs represent \$30 donations. Kate suggested a memory bench crafted by the neighbor to the north of Eb's Trails. Kate is to find out what the caller was thinking about and the size of donation being considered.
- It is possible to donate money through the National Sports Trust Fund to Eb's Trails in order to get a tax receipt.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion by Brian Anderson to accept Sep 16, 2019 minutes. Kate seconded. Carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report - Kimberly**

- as of end of Oct 2019 we have \$19,000 in revenue. Our annual operating budget is \$75,000. Around \$11,000 in membership fees of a total of \$25,000 budgeted is still to come in. Accounts are paid up to the end of October.
- Half of the Member Assistance Program (MAP) grant has been paid. The other half comes in at the end of the season.
- The City of Saskatoon Kinsmen Park grant of \$4,000 has not been received yet. All paperwork is submitted and grant will be given when grooming is started.
- Ski at School funding is \$6, 000. It comes at the end of the season.

- A motion was made by Gail via email to change the signatories at the bank to delete Gail Motsi and Kate Germin and add Kimberly Dobrowolski and Susan Wall as previous and new Treasurers and Secretaries. Approved by 7 executive members. Motion carried.

6. Facilities Update

- Ivan indicated that Friends of the Bowl have 5 million left on their fundraising campaign before being eligible for Federal grant money. Construction on the ski facility will start when this funding is obtained – hopefully in spring of 2020.
- Ivan attended a recent meeting with FOTB. The snowmaking equipment and night lighting included in plans presented 2 years ago were not mentioned. Ivan is concerned that these items have been forgotten. This needs further discussion, as we don't want another fundraiser for snow-making equipment.
- A second concern was that having a drainage sump put in the storage garage is said to be too expensive. There will be nowhere for snow to go from the machines. This needs further investigation.
- Golf course renovation: still needs \$148,000, particularly for the hill enhancement. It is good to move forward without the hills.
- Discussions are underway regarding grooming of Holiday Park. The City of Saskatoon will likely want to groom the

area this year, while SNSC would like to groom additional trails.

- We currently have a container for storage at Gordie Howe for snow machines and outdoor storage at Holiday Park.

7. **Eb's Trails**

- all trails have been cleared and wood has been prepared.

8. Equipment Update

- Equipment is ready to go. Randy is storing the Skandic at his house. Richard has been working hard at Wildwood.
- Defender and Rhino are at Eb's. Both need repair. Rhino needs a new clutch.
- Maintenance: \$2,164 is the budget for maintenance for both Eb's and city equipment. Expenses are likely to be higher.

9. Youth Program Update –

- Programs start Wednesday with dryland.
- Canadian Tire donated \$225 through Jumpstart and Daryl has asked for the names of the families who applied. Brian is to inquire with Canadian Tire regarding equipment grants.

10. Adult/Hiper Update – training is underway.

11. Ski At School Update – Jan has helpers and planning is underway.

12. Touring Update – Sheryl Riis

We had 7 successful fall hikes. 5 included fall suppers. The largest hike had 40 participants. Gail is to transfer the job of managing the yahoo contact group to Jeff Thorpe.

-Touring will meet at 9:45am on Sundays in the Lawson Heights mall parking lot to go to Eb's as soon as snow comes.

13. HiPer Update – La Ronge races are re-scheduled to Dec 21/22 2019. Lake Louise training camp was a success with 42 athletes.

14. New Business

- Kate wants to remain on the executive as the director of Eb's Trails. Randy and Lorne will help her.
- Gail made a motion that Kate German be appointed by the Executive as the director of Eb's trails. Seconded by Sheryl Riis. Motion carried.
- Eb's Day will be Feb 16, 2020 with Feb 25th as the alternate date. Jeff and his team will organize Eb's Day again this year.
- Nordiq Canada is fundraising for club projects but will charge a 5% administration fee. Gail did not think this fundraising effort was necessary given the other fundraising that SNSC carries out without a fee. The Executive decided not to apply for funds through Nordiq Canada.
- Survey of Recreational skiers: Jeff will let adult skiers know that the survey is underway.

15. Issues raised at AGM

- Mileage is currently at \$0.4/km. Treasurer will investigate a possible increase, but mileage claims are minimal.
- Toni suggested that the Vision 2020 strategic plan be reviewed and updated. Gail suggests that we wait until the new facility is open to re-visit this. All agreed.
- Wildwood signage: Should it improve? Brian will talk to Richard. Kate has pinflags at her house we could use for far end of Wildwood.
- The email system 'mailchimp' that we are currently using now requires a fee of \$13/month. The Executive approved this additional cost.

16. Date of Next Meeting: January 13th 2020 at 7:00pm.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm by Gail Motsi.