

SNSC Executive Meeting

March 8, 2021 at 7pm.

Venue: Zoom

In Attendance: Gail Motsi, Kate Germin, Jeff Thorpe, Geoff Meinert, Brian Anderson, Brian Suderman, Sheryl Riis, Ivan English

Absent: Lane Zobolotney, Sue Wall

Guest: Jana Hambledon

1. Approval of Agenda – agenda approved
2. Review Correspondence –Lane (including final draft of FAQ) – deferred to next meeting
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: January 25, 2021
Moved by Geoff to approve. Jeff seconded. All in favour.
Carried
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other items)
 - a. Graphic design and branding volunteer – Lane, Kate, Geoff
No word as yet from Lane re volunteer.
 - b. Online courses for members (Leave No Trace, Be Prepared Trekking) – Kate
Executive did not seem all that interested so Kate did not follow up on this. No further word from Ralph Bock.
 - c. Approval of Dec. 14, 2020 minutes via email - 7/10
Executive members

d. Trail counting device for Ebs and City trails – Kate, Ivan Brian S. looked into it. Expensive.

Geoff says Canmore uses a trail camera like hunters use. It might be labor intensive for someone to look at all photos. Discussion re sample days versus monitoring all month long. Kate to check with provincial Parks and Rec about their data requirements for application to designate a recreational area. Ivan states it would be good to get a snap shot of how many cars are in the parking lot at any given time. Discussion as to where a trail counter could be set up. Membership estimated as 5% of total usage (2015 Canadian Ski Council and CCS data) for an estimated total of 25,000 this year. Discussion re the need for concrete data in order to talk to the City. This issue to be further discussed at meeting in April.

5. City of Saskatoon

a. Kinsmen storage – Kate – emails to Mayor and Councilor; Ivan – email to City admin. Final letter back from the city says that we need to be like any other user group, providing our own storage. Discussion that the SNSC should be looked at as more of a public service group than a user group since most skiers using the trails we groom are not members.

b. Spring meeting with City Council – Ivan to draft letter requesting meeting and circulate for comment.

c. Sask Lotteries Community Grant Application for Ski At School (2021/22) - \$5,120 requested; \$3,500 approved

d. Alternate use for Winter City grant (\$4,538) - approved for Tidd Tech renovators, honoraria for groomers at WW and HP, and ski equipment for adults and teens. Renovator knives are purchased, skies for adults and teens have been ordered by Jan Sedgwick from Eb's Source for Adventure.

6. Grooming

a. Honoraria for Groomers – Gail. Discussion re groomers equality of grooming hours. Discussion re how to decide which groomers get the honorarium and how it is decided. **Moved** by Gail that we provide a \$100 honorarium as a token of our appreciation to each groomer. Ivan seconds. All in favor with one abstention. Carried.

b. Groomers Meeting & Grooming Day – Geoff, Brian A Meeting was held in January with all groomers to figure out what equipment is needed at each site. Brian has priced out the side by sides versus snow mobiles. Discussion re the purchase of a small Japanese truck with tracks installed. A grooming day is still a possibility but it is dependent upon the weather. This would more be a day to plug for volunteers and to bring up the subject on our social media platforms, than as a teaching day.

c. CCS Special Facilities Grant – up to \$20,000, 50% cost, application by March 31, 2021 – Brian A./Geoff – One time only grant allocation because there were no competitions

this year. The criteria is things like membership size, kms of trails maintained, ability to match the grant money. The only thing the grant money cannot be used for is building a building. Geoff suggests submitting the application for grooming equipment. Deadline is March 31st. There is definitely a need for pulling machines and perhaps one more groomer machine. You can apply for one or more things to add up to the total amount. Same process as the regular facilities grant.

Discussion if repairs of equipment can be requested in the grant. Discussion re need for pulling machines, drags and tracksetters plus where they are needed.

Motion by Jeff that the SNSC submit a bid for the CCS special facilities grant for up to \$60k for needed grooming equipment, committing 50% of the cost from club funds. Ivan seconded. All in favour. Carried.

d. Exec. Approval of Bear Cat repairs in excess of budget via email – 7 Exec. Members approved, 1 abstention

7. GHSC - Ivan

a. Fundraising volunteers - training will be held as to how to get sponsors. Should not be too onerous of a job.

b. Federated Co-op Community Grant – not ready to apply as yet. Need to talk to the City first about HP. FOTB my apply for this grant.

c. Update on Jack Adilman Grant – was submitted by Brian Kostoroski of FOTB, but was rejected. Reasons for rejection are not known.

d. Use of new facility next year – building getting close to being completed. This year we had a grant to help pay for lighting on additional nights. Discussion re how each group will be using the facility next season. Discussion re the facility that we pay for, being open to the public or not, providing introductory lessons and use of ski equipment for public to try out the sport.

We should have use of the equipment garage next year.

Snow making is still in the plan. This will mean a lot more volunteer hours to deal with the man-made snow.

Ivan proposes that the club donates to the FOTB sooner than later to show our continued support and help the FOTB to move forward. Discussion re donating and how much. The ski club will match the dollars of club member's donation. Discussion as to when the Club does the donation to the FOTB. Discussion re the amount of money we donate.

Motion by Ivan that we donate \$25K to FOTB. Brian A seconded. All in favour. Carried.

e. Potential Loppet next year – Ivan suggests that we hold a loppet at our new home site next season.

8. Eb's Trails Update – Kate
Report held over until next executive meeting due to timing.

9. Youth Programs and Hiper Update – Geoff
Report held over until next executive meeting due to timing.
 - Purchase of Club toques and buffs – Jana – parents asking about toques \$20 and buffs \$15 as we chose to design with club logo etc. Discussion re our club doing the sales or go through a store like Eb's Source for Adventure. Geoff spoke of how youth hiper does the logo clothing purchases going through the Jakroo Sport Clothing company. Ivan suggests we use this as a fundraiser item.
Jana will look into how this can be done through the Jakroo company.

10. Membership – policy on refunds – Jeff and Jana
Many requests for refunds. Some people wanted membership refund, some wanted lesson refunds. Decisions for refunds have been made on an individual basis by individual program directors. We need a general policy on this. To be discussed again at next meeting.

11. Touring Update – Sheryl
Report held over until next executive meeting due to timing.

12. Financial Report, February 2021 – Brian S.

Full report held over until next executive meeting due to timing.

Invoices must be submitted ASAP so grant follow-ups can be submitted.

13. Any Other Business – none at this time.

14. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7pm

15. Adjournment – By Gail at 9:05pm