

## **SNSC Draft Executive Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

**Venue: Zoom**

**Present: Ivan English, Gail Motsi, Lane Zabolotney, Kate Germin, Brian Suderman, Brian Anderson, Jeff Thorpe, Geoff Meinert, Susan Wall, Sheryl Riis**

1. Approval of Agenda – approved with two additions.
2. Review Correspondence –Lane No correspondence to report. FAQ's are not yet posted. Best to put it on the contact list on our website. Gail will post the final copy there this month.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes - March 8, 2021: Motion to approve by Ivan. Seconded by Geoff M. Passed.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other items):
  - a. Graphic design and branding volunteer –Lane: Lane will connect with his co-worker who had offered to help with design and branding ideas
  - b. Trail counting device for Ebs and City trails – requirements for data - Kate, Ivan: Kate spoke to Joe Mulligan from Sask Trails Association. Eb's South parking lot now has a trail camera. SNSC has not renewed its membership with Sask Trails Association. This might be helpful with trying to gather trail data. At the meeting with the City of Saskatoon in fall it is worth asking if the City would like to have a more accurate estimate of skiers. Geoff M. has asked if CCS would invest in trail counters to be used by clubs across the province.
  - c. Spring meeting with City Council – Ivan: Letter to Council has been drafted and circulated. It is now with Michelle Beverage in the mayor's office. The next step would be a meeting with a standing committee.
  - d. Donation to FOTB – Ivan: There have been discussions regarding the corridor that links the golf course to the new club house. It is too narrow to host official races. FOTB have agreed to widen this stretch to 10m. FOTB has been notified of our \$25K donation.
5. Cross Country Saskatchewan
  - a. CCS Special Facility Grant – Gail, Brian A.: Grant application has been submitted. CCS is looking it over. Many funds have been requested. Meanwhile, SNSC has also ordered two new snowmobiles.
  - b. CCS Spring AGM – Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. via Zoom – Anyone wishing to attend should let Gail know, Ivan indicated an interest. Several positions are up for re-

election, although it appears that many of these directors are willing to let their name stand for another term. All clubs need to have a report prepared for the meeting. Gail will draft this up. SNSC got a request to bid on SaskCup and Loppet events for 2021/2022 race season.

- c. Bid form for provincial events including loppet - SNSC will bid on a SaskCup, but is not sure which weekend we will bid for. It might be possible to also host a loppet next year at GHSC, but we need to coordinate with speed skating and perhaps combine the loppet with the SaskCup event. Applications for events are due May 3 2021. We will have an email discussion about the possible dates.
6. Financial Report, March 2021 –Brian S.: In general, our income is \$111,000, this is higher than the \$83,000 budgeted. Donations have increased considerably from approximately \$3,400 last year to \$8,330 this year. Coaches have yet to be paid so there is still one large expense left. We made \$1,000 deposit for each snow machine ordered and the \$25,000 donation to FOTB still needs to happen.
    - a. Invoices for payment – All invoices need to be submitted asap.
    - b. Grant reports – Winter City (Apr 30), TIO Grant (May 6), COVID-19 (?), MAP (Apr 30): The Winter City grant was applied to TiddTechs and honoraria for groomers, and some adult skis for Ski at School. All grant money was spent and a report submitted to the City. Kirsten is working on a report for the TIO Grant from the City. Gail will check with CCS on the deadline and format for the COVID-19 Emergency funding. We have received half the MAP grant. A Report will be sent to receive the remainder of the grant. There is roughly \$12,000 in grant revenue still to come.
    - c. NSTF project donations –Donations to NSTF have increased for all projects. We can remember that money can be requested if we need it during next year’s budgeting.
  7. Membership – Jeff: Currently 1253 members. Membership is open until May 31. The biggest donor interest is in city grooming. Geoff Meinert will be opening registration on Zone4 for summer HiPer training.
    - a. Policy on refunds: Jeff feels we need a clear refund policy for lessons There were many requests for lesson refunds this year. Membership is non-refundable, this is outlined in the bylaws. Instruction fees should be refundable only due to serious, unforeseen circumstances. Jeff will write something on Zone4 registration stating no refunds unless extenuating circumstances.
  8. Eb’s Trails Update – Kate: Successful year. 9 Grooming visits to Eb’s. There was a committee meeting last week. The Biffy’s are full. We could get them hydrovac’ed, an estimate for this is in progress. Option 2 is to dig new holes and move them. Campfires

are allowed on crown land. It is very dry there, but we cannot demand that people not light fires. Snowshoe trails are a great success. We would like to encourage snowshoers to become members. Separate snowshoe maps are being considered as well as updating the ski maps. It would be great to have a proper wooden sign with a shelter over it for maps, similar to the ones at Waskesiu. The committee is looking into building one of these. Feral hogs have been sighted in the area, but as of yet, not on Eb's land. Joe Milligan from Sask Trails Association is looking into extra funding from Parks and Rec to help us pay for Eb's Trail use by so many non-members.

9. Youth Programs and Hiper Update – Geoff : Starting in May is the first time HiPer will register and train all summer. CCS has some money for HiPer training which will be applied to weight training costs. Kevin at Eb's Source for Adventure would be interested in a) sponsoring jackrabbits, b) sponsoring night lighting, or c) providing a rental fleet of skis for the club to rent at Holiday Park to make a bit of money. Some or all of the sponsorship money from options a) and b) would be given to FOTB. Geoff will work on details of this with Kevin and bring it back for discussion.  
There is no update on toque and buff sales for programming.
10. Touring Update – Sheryl: There is a crown land petition going around to stop the sale of crown land. Should we participate as a club? This petition is geared more towards community pastureland owned by the crown and wanting to be purchased by local farmers. Therefore the petition does not apply to us. Hopefully people continue to meet up for hikes on groups.io.
11. Any Other Business:
  - a. Storage of Kivilskis: Kate called U of S archives to see if they would store these. The man there said he would take them. Kate is willing to get them and drop them off there. Also to be aware, the software that is currently used to produce Kivilski costs \$400 and is currently being paid for by the producer.
  - b. Ivan is on the board at GHSC. He is looking at the governance and notes that there will be some director positions on this board in the next year or two.
  - c. Kate needs approval for money to make changes to the Biffy's at Eb's. This will be done via email.
12. Next Meeting Date: Monday Sept 13 2021, hopefully in person at our new facility.
13. Adjournment 9:00 pm.