



Nordic Ski Club Saskatoon

Minutes

Executive Meeting

November 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Residence of Sandra Sawatsky

List of Attendees: Bill Bishopp, Dick White, Heather Bernhard, Jan Sedgwick, Dan Brisbin, Sandra Sawatsky, Kirsten Ketilson, Bruce Simms

Regrets: Renate Bishopp (Kivilski), Ben Pickford (Treasurer), Alison Meinert (Instruction), Robin Butler (Competition/biathlon), Debbie Anderson (Touring/Hiking), Stan Windels (Blind Skiers)

Documents: Pedals to Planks Letter, CANSI Course Budget

1. Review and Alteration of Agenda Items and Assignment of Priority to Agenda Items

- Bill moved that the agenda be accepted. Heather seconded, all in favor.

2. Review of Minutes from October 15 2009 Executive Meeting

- Bill moved that minutes be approved as circulated. Dick seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. All were in favour. No additional business items were identified through review of meeting minutes, no revision of agenda was identified.

3. Discussion of track setting purchase

Dick presented the equipment committee's recommendation that a Tiddtech® renovator, groomer, tracksetter, and roller be purchased at a cost of \$7150 USD including shipping, customs and GST. Cost includes roller at cost of \$1250 USD. Decision of whether the roller was to be purchased was still under discussion at the equipment committee level.

- Dick made a motion that the executive council accepts the recommendation from the equipment committee for equipment purchase up to a total of \$10,000 CDN. Dan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred regarding some of the discussion at the equipment committee level. These items included whether additional funding was available for the purchase, whether the City of Saskatoon might be able to complete track setting within the city in the long term, whether the purchase should be delayed, and where the equipment would be stored in the long term. All were in favour of the motion.

4. Sale of Alpine 82 Snowmobile

Dick presented some history on the Alpine 82, and lack of storage in the shed. Dick made a motion that a closed bid process be offered to the membership closing 15 December 2009 for the purchase of the Alpine 82. Kirsten seconded the motion. Discussion occurred that even if there were no bids, a nominal fee be charged to anyone else who was interested in the snowmobile, and further discussion would need to occur at the next executive meeting. Question about who would circulate information. Agreed that Bill would send information by email based on info from Dick. Agreed that bids must occur sight unseen. All were in favour of the motion.

5. SARSAV (Search & Rescue) Desire to Use Eb's Trails

- Jan indicated that SARSAV want to have 1-2 day exercise of a downed person in a wilderness area, and would like to do this on Eb's Trails. Would be on foot, 80-100 people, and involve a high proportion of the trails. SARSAV indicated that they would be able to walk on sides of trails. Initially indicated would like to do exercise in early February, could do last part of February. Need to complete exercise prior to March 31, 2010 due to funding issues. Would involve closing off one of parking lots for helicopter access. Have investigated other locations (Dundurn, Lily Plain) that would not be feasible.

- Heather indicated that she had talked to MOE CO (Dennis Engle) and he did not think it would be feasible and had suggested that SARSAV find another location. However, Dennis indicated that MOE does not have authorization to prohibit certain recreational uses in provincial forest. Dennis indicated that a letter from SNSC to SARSAV would be appropriate that outlined the reasons why this use would not be appropriate. Heather also indicated that we should indicate that if SARSAV used the trails during the winter season, the trails would not be able to recover.

- Bill indicated that a use that would be compatible with Nordic skiing would be OK, and that we think use is incompatible with our high season use in the winter. Dick agreed that use was incompatible.

- Jan indicated that we cannot prevent them but we can ask them to respect our volunteer efforts.

- Bill made a motion that the SNSC cannot support incompatible uses of Eb's trails. Heather seconded the motion. Discussion as outlined above. All were in favour. A letter will be sent by Heather and Jan that will outline the reasons why the use would not be favoured by the SNSC.

6. Executive Meeting Schedule

- Discussion of need to have regularly scheduled meetings. Option of a certain date in the month (e.g. the 20th) versus a certain interval (e.g., third Thursday, second Thursday, etc.). Agreement that this would be done every second Thursday until other agreement was reached.

- Executive Meeting Schedule 2010: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 08

- Spring Annual General Meeting & Social Date set as 30 April 2010

- Jan indicated that the SNSC membership be informed of the set meeting dates via the website and the newsletter (Kivilski).

7. Kivilski Schedule & Deadlines

- Bill identified that need to identify when Kivilski will be issued, and deadlines for submissions.

- Next issue was identified as to occur in early January (January 5th ish).

- Council agreed that deadline for submission to Kivilski for early January issue is Friday, December 11, 2009.

8. CANSI Course

- Bruce indicated that pre-course would likely be cancelled due to lack of snow and other reasons.

- Bruce indicated that need to make a decision as to whether Level 1 course for CANSI in January would proceed. Bruce indicated that SNSC had left the decision quite late. Bruce indicated that the consequence of having no CANSI course is that one instructor would continue without certification, and there would be no opportunity to train other instructors. Bruce provided some history of the issue in that Jeff Whiting was coming up for renewal and Cliff's certification is in arrears.

- Jan indicated that no one else has come forward that is really interested in the course and she was not interested in supporting members of other clubs to take the CANSI course.

- Bruce motioned that CANSI courses be cancelled for this year & re-considered for 2010-2011, and that any SNSC members that are interested in taking the course be re-imbursed the fees for the course in another location. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favour.

- Dan indicated that we should strive to use certified instructors as much as possible.

9. Pedals to Planks Letter

- Bill motioned to receive the letter from Cliff Speers. Kirsten seconded the motion. All were in favour.

- Question was whether Pedal to Planks program will occur this year. Bruce indicated that it wasn't likely. Bill indicated that no action needed for this year in response to the letter. Jan indicated that she would respond to the letter received from Cliff Speers in a letter format.

10. Canoe Club Phone Line Change

- Jan indicated that the canoe club has decided they are not interested in sharing the phone line. Further discussion will occur based on costs of continuing the phone line.

11. Finances

- Bill made a motion that the financial report from Ben be received. Heather seconded. All were in favour.

12. Adjournment

Heather made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favour.