



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club

## Minutes

Executive Meeting

November 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Residence of Jan Sedgewick

**List of Attendees:** Kirsten Ketilson, Dan Brisbin, Bill Bishopp, Alison Meinert, Jan Sedgewick, Dick White, Debbie Anderson, Sandra Sawatsky, Randy Chapman, Ben Pickford, Nathan Sedgewick, Larry McGuire

**Regrets:** Bruce Simms, Keith Pahl, Renate Bishopp

**Documents:** Nov 20 Budget, Snowmaking proposal, Proposal from Eric Lamb for use of Wildwood Clubhouse, Junior Racing team proposal

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and amended. All were in favour.

### 2. Approval of October 14 minutes

Kirsten sent out the minutes a few days after the meeting, there was a revision made and version 1 is the correct version. Minutes were sent again on November 22. Bill moved to approve the minutes, Alison seconded. All were in favour.

### 3. Business Arising from Minutes

No business outstanding from the minutes that is not already in the minutes.

### 4. Snow Making Proposal

Larry McGuire attended the meeting on behalf of himself and Jeff Whiting, and presented more information on the snowmaking proposal he and Jeff had submitted. Briefly, the system involves portable high pressure wands with approximately 300 ft of hose attached; this would be attached to hydrants. Bobcat and quad would be needed to move snow around that was generated by the wands in areas where the wands couldn't reach. Storage for wands and hose would be needed, preferably warm storage with a drain for the houses. Would be used at Kinsmen Park and would require some cooperation with the City of Saskatoon, possibly a few more hydrants in the park. System would be approximately \$30,000, would be used on south end and snowmaking would need to be completed at night.

Discussion of how the hoses would be maintained – Larry responded they needed to be cleaned that the Saskatoon Firefighters might be interested, and had said previously they needed more information. Discussion of where additional hydrants might be located. Question about what surface temperature needs to be, response was -8°C air temperature as in article

about equipment. Larry indicated that the snow might need to be made by City of Saskatoon employees. Question about how much water would be needed – Larry responded that needed 150 gallons/minute, 80 hours to make snow for approx. 2 km. Also question about an additive that was needed, needed more information about additive properties.

Jan indicated that Jack Adelman Fund deadline has passed (15 November 2010), however we should include this in discussions with CoS regarding upgrades to Kinsmen Park. Dan indicated that we should give Larry authority to contact City to find out answers to our questions (water use, additive). Larry indicated consultation with the CoS was time intensive and would need a commitment from the ski club that there was definite interest in proceeding with system.

Discussion that we liked the portability of the system, and that whether this was wanted or not by the membership should be included in the Vision 2020 process. Ben suggested that we table the idea until April 2011. Larry indicated that this would be acceptable as he needed a minimum of 6 months to prepare the proposal.

## 5. Financial Statement

Ben circulated the financial statement, last column on right is this year. Ben moved that the financial statement be approved. Bill seconded the motion. Some discussion of the importance of formally reviewing and approving the minutes as members of the executive, and whether expenses for Eb's Trails were up to date and included all fall grooming activities. All were in favour. Jan indicated that the person from the CoS who deals with the Leisure Services branch where we get our grant on.

## 6. Vision 2020

Kirsten reviewed the work of the Vision 2020 committee to date, and indicated that a RFP had been issued in October to 7 organizations, of which 2 had responded with a proposal by the deadline. Vision 2020 committee has met and has decided to endorse the proposal from Action Associates (Toni Villiers) due to lower cost, ability to meet our schedule (spring 2011), and general approach outlined. Kirsten indicated that additional budget was going to be needed for a total of \$7600 to complete the strategic plan as proposed by Action Associates.

General discussion about whether this was a worthwhile way to spend \$7,600 as this money could also be utilized to double the budget for any of the existing programs for this year. Comment that it would be difficult to double the budget for any single program without a long-term plan, and that different organizations (CCS, CCC, CoS) have indicated that having such a document would be a good idea for future funding. Question about whether the document would outline measurable objectives.

Kirsten made a motion that the executive allow the Vision 2020 committee to proceed with subcontracting Action Associates for an amount not to exceed \$7600 to complete the 10 year strategic plan by April of 2011. Dan seconded the motion. Nine in favour, one opposed.

## 7. Junior Team HiPer proposal

Jan presented Nathan's proposal for junior racing team and details. Dan moved that we accept the proposal received from Nathan Sedgewick and allow it to proceed as proposed. Kirsten seconded the motion.

Discussion about the proposal involved question about whether base level funding will pay for part of this program (point 2 of the proposal). Clarification that this refers to a coaching grant at lowest level that would be received from CCS – recommendation that this be modified to read “coaching support” with removal of base level and high-performance. Bill indicated that he was in support of the idea, as it combined the idea of high-performance training for junior athletes with a coach prepared to conduct the training. Alison indicated that Nathan would also be supported by the coaching hierarchy.

All were in favour.

Dan brought up issue of people who are transporting team members needing insurance for additional people. Dan will research this and will report back to executive in terms of insurance requirements for people transporting participants.

#### 8. Use of Wildwood Clubhouse Proposal

Jan presented proposal from Eric Lamb regarding use of Wildwood clubhouse during January and February. General agreement that was a good idea. Dan indicated that there might be an additional fee for insurance (\$250) if we were to charge a drop in fee for use of the clubhouse to the public, this to be verified.

Related to the key, it is possible to get a storage box similar to what realtors use for approximately \$60 at Burnett's which has a combination on it. Bill suggested that we have a central clubhouse coordinator who tracks which group will use clubhouse when. Jan indicated that she was happy to coordinate the clubhouse until such a point as someone else stepped forward.

Nathan commented that might need to use Wildwood Clubhouse for core/strength training for junior team in the event of cold.

The proposal was accepted and will be communicated to the membership. Other proposals for use of clubhouse were encouraged. All were in favour.

#### 9. Wintershines Nordic Ski Festival

Jan mentioned that festival would proceed similarly to 2010. Touring/hiking was asked to provide volunteers to help with people who come to use the skis provided by Eb's and indicated they would be able.

Wintershines also plans to host school children at river landing, one of activities is cross country skiing. Wintershines will also be using our equipment (skis) which we have for purpose such as this. Wintershines is willing to hire someone to teach cross country skiing class. Jan has volunteered and is wondering whether this money for coaching should come through the club. General agreement that fee for coach should be external to club.

Bill moved that we allow ski equipment to be used in instruction program in Wintershines program at river landing. Sandra seconded the motion. All were in favour.

#### 10. Club communication - website and newsletter

Still waiting on response from one website developer, Jan will handle website re-design and approve subcontractor as publicity committee.

Jan indicated that club communication was generally poor, had forwarded information about "mail chimp" to Renate (similar to a bulletin board), also used by the RoadRunners group of Saskatoon. Use of this is a work in progress. General agreement that a message board similar to the hiking/touring e-mail group would be useful. Jan asked for permission to send little updates regularly via e-mail.

Bill indicated that he was asked that the condition at Wildwood (tracksetting) be updated to the touring yahoo group. Randy volunteered to receive phone call/email from Robin/Barrett/Kevin when trails were set at Wildwood and would post to yahoo group.

#### 11. Reports and Correspondence

Jan indicated that had received letter from George James indicating that the Ski for Life would not proceed in 2010-2011.

Jan will be attending the Saskatoon Speaks Focused Visioning Workshops on November 30 Parks, Recreation & Sport, and Social Well-Being and it is a 4 hour strategic planning session at TCU place in the afternoon. Anyone who is also able to attend is invited to contact Jan.

Jan attended a meeting about grant programs available from the City of Saskatoon. There are some that may be available for 2011-2012.

Clarification about email from Rob House regarding potential funding of athletes wishing to attend international events. Bill indicated that the blind skier was invited to compete at event in Norway, different from those that choose to go.

#### 12. Membership Fees 2011/12 and Online Process

Jan indicated that we need to start thinking about online membership fees, and what could be done in terms of which program would be used (Zone 4).

#### 13. Other

- a. CANSI course planning and discussion is being done by Cliff Speers. No update available. Jan mentioned that people who plan to take course may need to be pre-approved.
- b. Alison indicated that if she is able to find volunteers and motivation will apply for a \$500 grant through CCS to set up a ski playground.
- c. Next Kivilski deadline is December 1, 2010.

14. Next Executive Meeting

Executive meeting set for January 6, 2010 at Jan's house again.

15. Adjournment

Kirsten moved that the meeting be adjourned. Total meeting time 2 hrs 30 minutes.

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