

Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Annual General Meeting Approved Minutes
Wednesday October 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church 2801 Preston Avenue

Members in Attendance: Daryl Sexsmith, Randy Chapman, Doreen Chapman, Sheryl Riis, Keith Pahl, Sandra Sawatsky, Ben Pickford, Bob Katarynych, Ann Popoff, Sheila Ann Whiteway, Brett Smith, Bill Bishopp, Renate Bishopp, Dick White, Wendy White, Ken Jensen, Alison Meinert, Tim Haight, Kevin Robinson, Brad Gnyp, Cliff Speer, Ken English, Ivan English, Sandra Thrasher, Dan Kishchuk, Bruce Simms, Jan Sedgewick, Dorothy Quayle, Eric Lamb, Clive May, Birgitte May, James Lokken, Dan Brisbin, Sara Madariaga (34 members present)

Guests in Attendance: David Larsen, Gloria Jensen

1. Introductions and Welcome: President Dan Brisbin called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. All members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Dorothy Quale, seconded by Sheryl Riis that the proposed agenda be adopted with the order of items 11 and 12 switched. Carried. All in Favour.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of 2012 AGM: Moved by Kevin Robinson, seconded by Alison Meinert that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 11, 2012 be approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Review of the 2012-2013 Financial Statements: Treasurer Ben Pickford passed around copies of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 (attached). Ben thanked Kathy Butler for reviewing the financial statements on behalf of the membership. The revenue and expense statement showed net income of \$10,135.51 for the year due largely to an increase in membership. The balance sheet showed that the Club had Retained Earnings of \$39,398.58 as of June 30, 2012. The treasurer answered a few questions from the membership on the financial statements.

Ben Pickford moved, seconded by Eric Lamb, that the June 30, 2013 financial statements as reviewed by Kathy Butler be adopted. Carried. All in favour.

6. Motion to Waive the Need for an Audit for 2013-2014: Moved by Ben Pickford, seconded by Jan Sedgewick, that the SNSC waive the need for an audit for 2013-2014 and that the club have a review conducted. Carried. All in favour.

Moved by Ben Pickford, seconded by Bruce Simms, that Kathy Butler conduct the review on behalf of the Club membership. Carried. All in favour.

7. Review of the proposed 2013-2014 Budget: Ben Pickford presented the proposed budget that had been prepared by the Club's Executive and Program Chairs. The budget is projecting an \$820 surplus. The treasurer answered a few questions from the membership on the proposed budget.

Moved by Ben Pickford, seconded by Dorothy Quale, that the proposed 2013-2014 budget be approved. Carried. All in favour.

8. Motion that membership and program fees for the 2013-2014 year remained unchanged: Eric Lamb moved, seconded by Jan Sedgewick, that the 2013-14 membership fees remain at the current level of \$40 individual, \$35 youth or \$70 for a family. Carried. All in favour.

It was noted that the Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS) fees will be going up in the next two years (beginning with 2014-2015) and that the Executive will need to review these changes before proposing fees at next year's Annual General Meeting. It was raised by a member that the CCS fees are per person and that the club is absorbing the fees for children under the family membership fee. The member asked the Executive to contemplate this before proposing fees for the next two years.

Moved by Eric Lamb, seconded by Alison Meinert, that program and lesson fees remain unchanged for 2013-14 season at the current rates of: Youth Lessons (Jackrabbit) \$25 for one day per week lesson or \$50 for two days per week lessons, Racing \$150 for season, Grapefruit Cup \$20 for season, Adult Instruction Courses \$60 (members) or \$80 for non-members. Carried. All in favour.

9. Report of President and Executive:

President Dan Brisbin summarized the Executive's activities for the previous year. He encouraged the Club to consider soft growth as well as the growth of hard assets when planning for the future. He defined soft growth as growth in membership, volunteer engagement, volunteer training, a full range of cross country skiing activities and increased participation in the sport.

10. Report of Committees and Program Chairs:

Membership: Eric Lamb reported that membership increased to 720 members in the past year. He reported that there was increased efforts to recruit members and volunteers in the past year including membership tags and signs at Club groomed facilities encouraging all users to become members.

Blind and Visually Impaired Skiers: Keith Pahl reported on behalf of the blind and visually impaired skiers group. He reported that there are currently 19 blind and visually impaired skiers and 17 volunteer guides. The group requests the ongoing support of the Club in three ways: 1) recruiting volunteer guides; 2) placing information on the blind and visually impaired skiing program on information boards at Kinsmen Park and Wildwood and; 3) use of the Wildwood clubhouse on Saturday mornings.

An issue was raised by a member who was considered that some of the guides of blind and visually impaired skiers are not members of the SNSC. Dan Brisbin responded that the Executive is following up on this issue and that it is important for insurance purposes. Keith Pahl responded that this will be discussed among the group.

Facilities Committee: Dorothy Quayle and Ivan English reported on behalf of the facilities committee. This committee was mandated by the Vision 2020 report to work towards creating "A Home for All Skiers" in the Saskatoon area. The

committee is investigating several locations and is currently having another look at Jim Smart's property and a neighbouring piece of property south of Saskatoon.

A member from the biathlon group indicated that they are also seeking a facility and suggested that the clubs work together. He suggested working with other sympathetic groups such as the Wildlife Federation.

The committee reported that they are looking into ways of securing tax receipts for donations to a future facility.

A member asked if Kinsmen Park will be available for skiing this winter. A member responded that Kinsmen Park should be available this winter as there is no construction planned. Temporary lighting has been requested from the City of Saskatoon for the training grid area.

Volunteer Committee: Eric Lamb reported that the membership form will be more specific this year on volunteer opportunities.

A member asked if there will be opportunities to volunteer at the Winter Games in Prince Albert. Dan Brisbin responded that there will be opportunities for volunteering. There will be a Level 1 officials course in Prince Albert in November to qualify potential volunteers.

11. New Business

Cliff Speer's member's motion. Moved by Cliff Speer, seconded by Dan Kishchuk that the **April 18, 2013 travel expense claim of Cliff Speer related to the volunteer grooming of ski trails for the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club in Kinsmen Park for 346 km of in-city travel be reimbursed at the prevailing Club mileage rate.**

Vice President Dorothy Quayle chaired this part of the meeting to allow President Dan Brisbin to present the Executive's position and answer questions on behalf of the Executive.

Cliff Speer spoke on the motion. President Dan Brisbin responded that the Executive denied paying this invoice because it had not been the policy or practice of the Club to pay for in-city volunteer travel. Many members spoke for and against the motion.

Bill Bishopp raised a "Point of Order" and reminded the membership that another option was to amend the motion. There was no interest in making an amendment.

A vote on the motion was held. The results were: 18 votes in favour, 9 votes against, 3 abstentions. The motion was passed.

12. Election of 2013-2014 Executive

The executive nominated the following individuals for re-election:

President – Vacant
Past President - Dan Brisbin
Vice President - Dorothy Quayle
Secretary - Daryl Sexsmith
Treasurer - Vacant
Directors - Eric Lamb, Tim Haight, Sheryl Riis, Randy Chapman

It was explained that Bruce Simms (director) and Ben Pickford (treasurer) are willing to serve for another year, however, cannot be re-elected because they have served for five consecutive years which is against the Club bylaws. The Executive may appoint them for another year if the positions remain vacant.

Further nominations from the floor were requested for all positions. There were no further nominations. Bob Katarynych moved that nominations cease and that those nominated for positions be elected. Dick White seconded this motion. Carried. All in favour.

Eric Lamb moved, seconded by Dorothy Quayle that Ben Pickford be appointed as treasurer and that Bruce Simms be appointed as director for another year.

It was noted that the President position remains vacant and that it will be important for the Executive to fill this positions as soon as possible.

Bill Bishopp suggested that elections should be in the spring and that the intent of the Bylaw Committee was to have elections in the spring.

13. Adjournment: Sheryl Riis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. All in favour.

14. Entertainment and Refreshments: Renate Bishopp provided refreshments and Daryl Sexsmith showed slides from a canoe trip on the MacKenzie River.

Secretary: _____
(Daryl Sexsmith)

President: _____
(Dan Brisbin)