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Nordic Ski Club Saskatoon
Minutes
NSCS Fall General Meeting
October 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

- List of Attendees:** Kirsten Ketilson, Jan Sedgewick, Bill Bishopp, Ann Popoff, Renate Bishopp, Sandi Sawatsky, Lorne Duczek, Bob Katarynych Keith Pahl, Randy Chapman, Alison Meinert, Doreen Chapman, Nancy House, Rob House, Nathan Sedgewick, Dick White, Bruce Simms, Debbie Anderson
- Executive:** Jan Sedgewick (President, Publicity & Website), Bill Bishopp (Membership), Sandra Sawatsky (Touring/Hiking), Kirsten Ketilson (Secretary), Alison Meinert (Youth Programs), Randy Chapman (Eb's Trails), Dick White (Equipment), Bruce Simms (Instruction), Debbie Anderson
- Documents:** Spring AGM Meeting Minutes, Agenda, 2010/11 budget, balance sheet

LIST OF DISCUSSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Added blind skiers and financial statement. Rob moved to approve minutes, Bill seconded. All in favour.

2. Approval of Minutes of Spring AGM

Minutes were circulated. Bill moved to approve the minutes as circulated, Alison accepted. All in favour.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Bill noted that Kathy was approved to review our books by means of a letter received from ISC. Jan reviewed executive vacancies and indicated that the staff of Eb's will be taking over the organization of the loppet including registration, promotion, and that there were still other vacancies on the executive.

4. Reports from Programs – Plans for the Upcoming Season

a. NSCS Participation in Kinsmen Park Upgrades (5 million from PCS)

Jan reviewed the proposal to upgrade the park and indicated that the CoS were aware that the NSCS is a major stakeholder in the park and would have input into the upgrade process. A group of people will be needed to provide input to the upgrading process. Snowmaking, something that the club has been interested in, may be included in the upgrade process. Another comment was made that a winterized facility is also needed at Kinsmen Park for skiers.

b. Wildwood Clubhouse Rental

Jan reviewed plan to rent Wildwood Clubhouse from Wildwood Golfcourse (CoS) for months of January and February due to the large volume of programs occurring at Wildwood. Reviewed negotiated fee of \$800/month and how fee was negotiated, how clubhouse was expected to be used. Jan indicated that the current contract is only for one year, and will allow NSCS to determine whether rental of facility through winter months is something the club should pursue in future years.

c. Website Design

Jan indicated that we were reviewing proposals to re-design the website and indicated that original designer (volunteer) had stepped down.

d. Strategic Plan

Jan reviewed plans to seek out strategic planner to create a 10 year strategic plan for the club. Reviewed example of recent fund available (Jack Adilman Fund) that was missed because the club does not have a long-term vision of what is needed in terms of trails, equipment, etc. We are seeking

e. Executive Changes

Robin Butler has stepped down from representing Competition group, this group will be meeting next week to decide who will represent group on executive. Stan Windels has also stepped down as blind skier representative, will need new representative. Randy Chapman has stepped in for Heather Bernhard to represent Eb's Trails in the short term.

f. SaskCup Races

Saskatoon will be conducting two SaskCup races that will be considered Head to Head Races by CCS.

g. Telephone Line

Telephone line has been cancelled as of mid October.

h. Hiking and Touring

Hikes are outlined in Kivilski and lined up until November, and will wait until snow falls to set ski plans. Meeting times and places are outlined in Kivilski and should be updated on the website.

i. Youth Programs

Registration is next week, will be starting December 1st. Will be offering lessons on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons for bunnyrabbits (3-5), and jackrabbits. Changes are due to club falling in line for CCC recommendations for time on snow. Track Attack is moving to Tuesdays and Thursdays and Sundays because of number of people on Wednesdays. There will be an increase in fees for the youth programs due to increase in number of hours of instruction, fees to rent Wildwood Clubhouse, and more refreshments/snacks. Kirsten made a motion to approve the increase in fees, Nathan seconded the motion. All were in favour. General discussion that fees for youth programs were still low but changes would be explained in detail

j. Instruction

Adult instruction dates would be outlined by Cliff Speers and will be printed in the Kivilski. Instruction organized by Eb's is different and club is not involved in this.

Bruce reviewed that were still trying to organize a CANSI Level 1 course for this year.

Bruce also indicated that still reviewing potential for a loppet preparation course to be a taught by a member.

Bruce also indicated that any club member wanting to take CANSI Level 1 course will be reimbursed for course fee.

k. Competition

HiPer has a meeting in next week to find consensus with regards to who will represent competitive programs. Alison and Kevin will be taking team to Halifax for games, many other members will be participating as Saskatoon has strong background in competition coaching. Nathan Sedgewick has also circulated proposal on October 27, 2010 for junior racing team that executive will be reviewing at November meeting. Starting this year will also be charging for Grapefruit Cup races; this \$\$ to go toward offsetting costs for renting Wildwood Clubhouse.

l. Blind Skiers

Keith Pahl reviewed status of blind skiers. Joanne Ferguson is new blind skier president and will be taking over from Stan Windels. Robert Gurley (sp?) is the relations person; Keith has said he will represent blind skiers at spring and fall general meetings.

Ron Walsh has been invited by Sons of Norway to go to Norway for yearly world class event of blind skier skiing. Gets \$1000 from Sons of Norway to go, happens at end of March. Asking for NSCS support to go to event; hoping to get a guide in Norway. Discussion that would need to submit a proposal to the executive for review outlining proposed cost. Also general discussion that could approach provincial bodies for financial support – contact for paranordic would be Jeff Whiting. Ron Walsh will also be attending Ski for Light in Kananaskis and will need a guide for event. Anyone interested should contact Ran. Jan asked that a paragraph outlining need for guides for blind skiers and requirements for guides

m. Eb's Trails

Randy presented that significant amount of blowdown at Eb's that has been cleaned up, trails have been mowed, trails are ready for snow. Randy indicated that significant enthusiasm among tracksetters to set track and start winter skiing. Saturday is day for woodcutting at Eb's

n. Membership

Memberships coming in steadily, always some delays.

o. Kivilski

No September Kivilski due to computer issues. Last Kivilski was printed at Staples, cost was lower and was printed very quickly (1 day).

p. Equipment

Dick reported that equipment storage container (8ft wide x 20 ft long) was on order and will be put in place at Wildwood Golf Course. 1 drag updated by welding for work at Wildwood. A bit of maintenance needed on machines. Review of size of clubhouse and use of space for equipment storage; only using approximately ¼ of space that are paying for.

Discussion of size of equipment storage container and how much equipment that could be stored given size (length) of skidoos and attachments. General discussion of whether 40 ft long storage container was needed. Dick reviewed that this storage container was at significantly higher cost (approx \$6K new) and that plans to purchase 20 ft container were significantly advanced. Jan reviewed costs for rental of storage container from CoS (\$300). Dick indicated he was open to suggestions.

5. Review of 09/10 Financial Statement

Bill reviewed financial balance sheet on Ben's behalf. Total assets are \$30,868.93 not including equipment assets. Income and expenditure statement for 2009-2010 also attached and has been reviewed by Kathy Butler and sent in to ISC. Total revenue and total expenses reviewed. Bill moved that the balance sheet and income statement for 2009-2010 be received. Randy seconded the motion. All were in favour.

6. Proposed Budget for 2010/2011

Bill reviewed proposed budget for 2010-2011 on Ben's behalf. 2010-2011 budget has been prepared by Ben based on input from program directors and executive committee. A deficit of 3,366 is proposed that will draw from club assets. Each item in budget was reviewed. Question about publicity/website cost of \$3000; discussion that this may be on the higher end for an estimate for website design, final cost will be decided once all proposals are received and reviewed.

Review of budget for Eb's Trails; general discussion that needed to know the amount of money that had already been spent to prepare trails for winter. Randy reviewed costs that had already been spent (approx \$1,400) and indicated that additional money would be needed for tracksetting. A proposal for budget of \$2,100 was indicated for 2010-2011. Alison made a motion to increase the amount of budget for Eb's Trails to \$2,100, Sandra seconded the motion.

Clarification requested on what costs for printing, postage and admin were for, and why racing expenses were approx. \$4K in 2005-2006.

Discussion of Vision 2020 costs and whether this cost would be worthwhile.

Bill indicated that with the adjustment for Eb's on the expenses side, would make proposed total expenses \$34,350 and proposed deficit of \$3,966.

Question as to whether provincial government had been approached to subsidize costs for maintaining Eb's Trails. Some of costs received in MAP funding include maintenance for Eb's. Indicated that were open to volunteers who were willing to contact the government, rural municipalities in area, towns, etc. to obtain additional funding for trail maintenance.

Bill moved that we approve budget as circulated with one amendment for Eb's Trails. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favour.

7. Other Business

a. Junior Racing Team

Discussion of proposal from Nathan Sedgewick for junior racing team. Bill moved that we accept the proposal for the junior racing team and authorize the executive committee to review the proposal and made adjustments to the 2010-2011 budget as needed. Bruce seconded the motion. All were in favour.

8. Adjournment

Total time of meeting was 2 hours 10 minutes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Katarynch. Motion carried.

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Any questions about, comments on, or revisions to the meeting minutes should be made to Kirsten Ketilson (kirstenketilson@sasktel.net).