



October 29, 2015
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Jan Sedgewick

Present: Dan Beveridge, Bruce Simms, Daryl Sexsmith, Jeff Thorpe, Kate Germin, Randy Chapman, Dan Brisbin, Jan Sedgewick.

Regrets: Lane Zabolotney, Dorothy Quayle, Sheryl Riis

Meeting Chaired by Dan Beveridge. Minutes recorded by Kate Germin.

1. Review correspondence: There is no correspondence.
2. Approve order of business: Suggested additions added to agenda.
3. Review 2015-09-03 executive meeting minutes: Approved.
4. Executive composition: **Motion:** - by Dan Beveridge, that Bruce Simms becomes a member at large. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion re need for president: Tabled because Lane Zabolotney is not present.

5. Signing authority: **Motion:** - by Daryl Sexsmith that Jeff Thorpe be added to the signing authority to replace Eric Lamb whose signing authority is to be removed because he is no longer on the executive. . All in favor. Carried.
6. Youth coach honorarium rate: Jan Sedgewick - Honorariums are eligible for MAP funding at a rate of 75%. Several coaches, last year, donated portions of their honorariums back to the club. **Motion:** - by Jan Sedgewick, that we continue with the \$200 honorarium per class for coaches for the 2015-2016 season as last year. All in favor. Carried.
7. Club program requirements: Jan Sedgewick - Cross Country Canada (CCC) has guidelines for programing. The club executive has to approve the program. Jan suggests that any group that comes forward to be a club program they must follow a set of criteria with regard to how they collect and disperse their fees.
8. Ski Fit Saskatoon/Ski-at-School Program update: Jan Sedgewick – Out of 53 applications, Cross Country Canada (CCC) has approved our club for the Ski-at-School program. Only 7 clubs were approved throughout

Canada. There are now legal documents to be prepared for accountability. CCC will grant up to 50% of the expenses up to a maximum grant of \$7,500.00. Some of the funding will also come from Cross Country Saskatchewan. Total expense applied for was \$14K. Total expense is \$30,000 when in-kind costs such as grooming expenses added. Dan Brisbin and Bruce Simms will assist Jan Sedgwick with filling in forms and requirements. Daryl Sexsmith will assist with estimating depreciation of equipment to give a cost value to grooming trails for this project.

9. New G2 groomer: Dan Beveridge - because of the US dollar exchange rate, the G2 groomer cost of \$8000.00 is increased by \$777. Discussion re need for new groomer this year. There is storage space for it. Discussion re advantages of this new equipment for future equipment development. Time of grooming could potentially be cut in half if two machines are used. Plus if we groom The Willows this year, the groomer will not have to be hauled across the city every time. It is agreed that the increased cost is worthwhile.
10. Bus trips budget and refund policy: Dan Beveridge – Executive needs to decide how much we are willing to support this project financially. The first few trips may not be as successful until they become known, used and enjoyed. Discussion re the importance of supporting Ken Achtymichuk in this initiative.
Motion: By Jeff Thorpe that we ask Ken for a plan and if the plan is acceptable to the executive they approve covering a loss to a max of \$700. All in favor.
Approved.
A refund policy - to be dealt with once we check into Regina's Ski Club bus trip refund policy. Tabled for now, there will be an email discussion and decision.
11. Membership fees/zone 4: Jeff Thorpe –
Discussion re Zone 4 fees. Discussion re increasing the membership fees to account for the Cross Country Canada and Cross Country Saskatchewan fees going up. Discussion re student rates.
Motion: By Jeff Thorpe, that we recommend an increase in 2016-2017 fees to \$40 for child or full-time student, \$50 for adult, \$100 for family. All in favor.
Carried.
12. Review Blind Skiers membership fees: Daryl Sexsmith -
Daryl met with the Blind Skiers group to discuss the concerns raised by the executive at the April 2015 meeting. The Blind Skiers have a long history, were originally affiliated with the Lions Club and wish to retain their independence. They are not incorporated. They do their own fund raising, have their own executive and AGM. At some point they became part of the SNSC. The SNSC provides them with funding equal to the value of their memberships. They see themselves as a separate club that is affiliated with the SNSC rather than a program group which is how the SNSC views them. They rely on the SNSC to

provide insurance for their programs. However, their programs are reported to and approved by their executive and not the executive of the SNSC. One suggestion is to formalize their affiliation with the SNSC. The Blind Skiers group would report their finances to the SNSC and their reports would be incorporated into the SNSC financial reports. This would require a bylaw change. Question: Are we treating all groups equally? Plan: We will ask Cathy Butler for her advise on the proper financial reporting for non-profit groups. Daryl will continue discussions with the Blind Skiers group, share the SNSC concerns with them and report back to the SNSC executive.

13. Volunteer/event coordination: Tabled due to time.

14. Membership questions: Jeff Thorpe - questions how often the executive wants updates of Zone 4 registrations. Monthly updates of volunteers to the Eb's coordinator is enough. Discussion re which directors need to be able check the membership list. This would have benefits from time to time. Discussion as to when and how membership cards will be sent out/distributed.

15. Facebook settings: Jan Sedgewick - Discussion re people trying to post on SNSC Facebook page and requests from members that want to do postings. Only SNSC social media/or SNSC admin persons can post on Facebook. Other's postings will be posted but on the side as a visitor. The admin people are Dan Beveridge, Dan Brisbin, Jan Sedgewick and Allison Meinert.

16. Review important dates: Dan Beveridge - Tabled due to time.

17. Report on vacating the boathouse: Kate Germin - Nolan Courteau has drawn up an Assignment Agreement. It has been signed by all renter parties at the Victoria Boathouse. Daryl Sexsmith will give the document to the City of Saskatoon solicitors in the Saskatoon Leasing department. The SCC has paid the SNSC \$514.21. This is calculated as 9/12 of \$685.62. (for Jan, Feb, Mar 2015 rent)

18. We are hosting provincials at Blackstrap Feb 27 and 28th, 2016. The ski course at Blackstrap has been revamped. Cedar Lodge will accommodate the social.

19. Next meeting date. Thursday, Nov 26, 2015

20. Dan Beveridge adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm.