

## **SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes**

**August 10, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

**Venue: Via Zoom**

**In Attendance: Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe, Brian Anderson, Alison Meinert, Sheryl Riis, Dan Brisbon, Susan Wall, Kate Germain**

1. **Approval of Agenda:** agenda approved
2. **Review Correspondence :** no correspondence since April 2020
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** April 20, 2020 minutes to be approved at next meeting. There was not enough time for everyone to review minutes this meeting.
4. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**
  - MAP grant, race grant, event grant, SAS City grant have been granted
  - Winter City Grant to Ski At School in 2020/21 (\$4,538) has been granted
  - Facilities Grant Application for 2020/21 (\$2,500) has been submitted and likely to be granted. Ivan and Brian to prepare report on the purchase of the BearCat once we are notified of the award of the grant. Gail will send Brian previous facility grant follow-up reports.
  - Sask Cup/Provincial bid to host. Dan has bid to host a Sask Cup race. Other clubs are not bidding to host events this winter. Therefore Saskatoon may host Provincials instead. Hi-Per has a meeting tomorrow (Aug 11) to discuss upcoming race season. There likely will be no out-of-province competitions.
  - Communications support: Due to summer break, Alison has not pursued communications support from members who indicated an interest.
5. **Facilities Update:** Rent on new facility will be on the order of \$2,500 per year and will include the cost of an employee coming to let us into the building and lock up afterwards. Lighting costs based on 5 nights useage is anticipated at approximately \$4,500. Total cost per year at new facility will be approximately \$7,000.
  - It is expected that we will move into the new facility in January of 2021.
  - Snowmaking is still uncertain. The topic has been dropped from the original plan. We could consider investigating alternatives, ie., ways of reducing our costs to allow for the cost of snowmaking.

- The construction of the new facility is set to begin August 12, 2020.
- Because the new facility is not opening until January, it is possible that the SNSC could trial the partial season and propose a fee increase for the 2021/2022 season at this year's AGM.

#### **6. COVID-19 Update:**

- CCS is following "Return to Play" guidelines issued by Nordiq Canada as well as guidelines issued by the province of Saskatchewan.
- CCS will be developing guidelines for the Jackrabbit program.
- Cross-country skiing on the whole is a low-risk sport due to its outdoor environment and non-contact nature. Changes will likely include: no sharing of equipment (ie roller skis), no games of tag, potentially no training camps (Waskesiu, Lake Louise).
- At present, there is no go-ahead plan for competitions.
- Jackrabbit lessons may be spread across three nights to reduce numbers in the park at one time, OR lessons could be offered on one-month blocks OR multiple lessons could happen in one evening.
- No snacks will be available.
- No indoor spaces will be used.
- Parents would have to remain on-site so that if a skier needed anything, the parent would step in.
- The indoor space, when available, will be shared with speed-skaters. This has to be taken into consideration.
- Adult lesson groups are small and will continue on as usual.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report:**

- The club had a surplus of \$15,000 this year, which puts us in a good financial position.
- The purchase of a used BearCat snowmobile (\$10,000) was approved by the Executive (7 in favour, 0 opposed) via email this summer.
- Kimberly will be stepping down as treasurer for the upcoming season, and will stay on until the AGM.
- Daryl will be stepping down as book-keeper.
- If the Executive knows of anyone suitable for either position, they should forward their name to Gail who will be recruiting replacements.

#### **8. 2020/2021 Programming Update:**

- Programming will not start until January 2021. Alison, Ivan and Susan have offered to help with youth program planning.
- It seems best to roll back the Zone 4 registration for programs until November 1<sup>st</sup> instead of September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give us more time to work out the changes to instructor numbers and class times. Registration for youth Hi-Per has to happen before the one-year mark in order to ensure that all participating athletes are insured by SNSC.
- We will report on the website, Facebook and other social media that registration is to happen November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. An email describing such will be sent to all previous members. Alison and Jeff will discuss this plan and date further, to ensure that Jeff is not bombarded with email/phone inquiries on the late registration this year.
- The blind skiers are meeting this week to decide how to proceed with fall hikes and skiing this season.
- Bruce plans to continue adult instruction since groups are small.
- Jan is plans to wait and see how school reopening proceeds and decide in Sept/Oct how or whether to proceed with Ski At School in January
- Previous minutes noted that we have agreed to groom sites HP, Wildwood, Ebs, and Kinsmen. Brian will notify the City that we will continue to groom Kinsmen this year, and that we will groom just the hill loop at Holiday Park. In January, more intensive grooming will be needed on the jackrabbit loop at Holiday Park.
- The groomers will discuss whether they feel a grooming clinic would be useful this year. Regina did one last year and were able to share some good information. It might be helpful to new grooming volunteers.
- Sheryl feels that hiking should not be offered this fall. There is too much close contact with carpooling and walking in close quarters. Carpooling in winter also needs to be limited.

9. **Equipment Update:** We were overbudget on repairs this season. Both machines at Eb's needed significant repair including a new clutch, and a new track for the Defender. The Alpine snowmobile could possibly be moved to Eb's and the Defender to Holiday Park to reduce wear and tear on the Defender, with the new BearCat also being put at Holiday Park.

#### **10. Membership and Program Fees:**

- The club has decided to continue with family memberships and individual memberships. We definitely want a fee increase in memberships for the 2021/2022 season. The amount

could be discussed in September. Gail is going to work on a budget between now and September so that we can think through our costs for the upcoming season and beyond.

- It is important to remember that there will still be capital investments required at the new facility beyond the annual operating costs.
- Alison feels strongly that we also need to see an increase in program fees. Due to coaching shortages and the pressure on parents, some clubs are going to a model of hiring and paying young adults (high school and university students) to teach the younger kids. We will also have increased costs to cover for lighting at night events.
- There is also the consideration of paying an administrator to help with youth programming, as the email correspondence has been overwhelming and creates a limiting factor in how many kids we can manage in the jackrabbit program.

11. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, 21 September, 7 p.m. Location TBA. We will attempt a face-to-face meeting somewhere. Gail will research possible venues where we can distance from each other.

12. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30pm.