

SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes

May 5, 2022, 7 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

**Present: Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe, Ivan English, Susan Wall, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis,
Robin Robinson**

Regrets: Brian Anderson, Geoff Meinert

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: Gail motions to approve minutes. Seconded by Ivan. All in favour.
2. Review Correspondence – No correspondence.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: March 17, 2022: Jeff Thorpe motions to approve minutes. Seconded by Ivan. All in favour.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items)
 - Alternate use of Community Grant for SAS – Gail – City rejected alternate use for HP roller, WW double tracksetter or shelving in groomer shed at GHSC. City only funds facilities and not capital purchase. They suggested we apply for a sports grant. Jan was not able to get the Community Grant application submitted for Ski at School for next season. SNSC may have to fund SAS. Previously Jan was able to use the Winter City grant for SAS.
5. CCS Spring AGM – Gail: The 2022/2023 ski season calendar has tentatively been set. Gail had offered SNSC to host provincials.
 - Nordic Pulse: CCS is looking at joining Nordic Pulse, a grooming update app. CCS would pay the start-up costs. Regina and La Ronge are using this app already. Cost depends on the size of the ski area or there is a free version. SNSC will liaise with the City to see if they want their trails on the app and if they are willing to pay part or all of the costs.
 - Volunteer Award: Ed Brockmeyer from Carlton Trail Ski Club won the volunteer award.
 - CCS board was elected by acclamation.
6. Membership Report – Jeff: 1104 members this year. Last year there were 1250 members. Still much higher than the previous 5 years.

- Cost of Membership Cards: the cost of buying and mailing the membership cards has escalated to approximately \$1,250 this year plus hours of volunteer time. Does SNSC still want to pursue sending out the cards? The cards were intended to make other skiers aware of the club's presence. Not so many skiers wear their tags and the cards do not seem to be serving their purpose. We could welcome new members with a digital pamphlet instead. Jeff could compose this over the summer and include things such as hours for the lighted ski area and opportunities to volunteer or get plugged in within the club. Gail moved and Ivan seconded that the SNSC membership cards be discontinued. All in favour.
 - Membership Volunteer/Support: Jeff said that additional support would not be required if the membership cards are discontinued.
7. March Financial Report – Robin: March month end presented at meeting. Donations at \$14,000 including the donation from Eb's Source for Adventure. This is well above the \$3,500 budget. Revenue is static right now. MAP grant was budgeted at \$13,000, half of which has been deposited and the other half is expected shortly. In general, we are ahead of budget on revenue.
- Expenses: There will be a big increase in expenses as coaching and equipment maintenance costs have all been paid in April. In May there will still be approximately \$50,000 in expenses including \$17,000 for the new Tidd Tech. We should end up with approximately \$137,000 in expenses, close to budget but might be a bit over. The maintenance budget will have been spent so as per the decision of the Executive, any invoice over \$1,000 will need Executive approval via email.
8. Equipment Manager Update (Gail): Tidd Tech double track groomer is on its way and will be used at Holiday Park. All the equipment has been serviced for summer. Brian put up shelves in the garage at Holiday Park so storage has been improved there. It has been suggested that we hire a lead groomer, or have someone organize groomers so that the job can get done in smaller segments. Much time was spent last winter organizing grooming volunteers. It is suggested that the groomers get together for a meeting before September. Kate reports that the grooming team at Eb's is sufficient for the time being and that they don't feel they need a lead groomer. Ivan hopes to arrange a meeting with the groomers in the near future.
9. Facility Update – Ivan – There is a meeting with GHSC scheduled for May 17. There will be a discussion about paying a flat-fee of \$12,000 for rent next season which should include the day-use fees for hosting provincials. Without the \$3,500 from the SAS grant this cost will be harder to pay. Also, Ivan will discuss that if SAS is not happy with the

facilities arrangements, they may again choose to go back to Wildwood. If we are paying a higher price for rent next season, it seems that we should be able to secure facility use for the hours that we need it for.

Ivan is preparing a summary of grooming and maintenance costs incurred by SNSC over the past 3 years to submit to the City. Hopefully these costs will lead to an increase in our \$4,000 grooming grant that we receive, even if it will not be for the upcoming ski season.

10. Eb's Trails Update – Kate: A successful ski season at Eb's. Lots of groomers and the addition of some new people to our grooming team to help out. Not all the signs have been posted for the snowshoe trails but that can be done in summer. Perhaps a bench-making bee will happen to make use of lumber remaining from the biffy re-build. Kate would like to try the new Tidd-Tech double tracker on some of the wider trails. The sign at the north parking lot has been reported missing and is on the list to be replaced. It likely will be replaced by September.
11. Youth/HiPer Update – Gail: HiPer winter season has wrapped up. There is a training camp in May and summer training is under way. A L2T on dryland coaching course is being offered this May.
12. Touring Update – Sheryl: 2 hikes so far. There were 17 people on the last hike. Buffalo Pasture is the next destination. There is a new trespass law in effect. This means that permission needs to be granted for the Borden hike, but will not affect any of the other hikes.
13. Adult instruction Update- Gail: Instruction is all completed and paid for.
14. Ski At School Update –SAS will be receiving any funds that can be accounted for.
15. AOB
 - Sale of SNSC toques and buffs and re-ordering: Eb's will send a cheque to SNSC for the items they have sold. No need to order additional items, there is still enough in stock for next season.
16. Next Meeting Date: Sept 15 2022, hopefully in person.
17. Adjournment 8:09 pm