

Draft SNSC Executive Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022, 7 :30 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

Present: Gail Motsi, Ivan English, Geoff Meinert, Brian Anderson, Susan Wall, Kate

Germin, regrets: Sheryl Riis, Robin Robinson

Resigned: Jeff Thorpe

1. Approval of Agenda: Gail moves to approve agenda. Seconded by Brian.

2. Review Correspondence – Moose Jaw Ski Club and golf courses (Brian and Ivan responded); inquiries about youth lessons and coaching were forwarded to Dan Fuller. Langham is hosting a celebration on October 2nd. Gail suggested they post a free ad in the Kivilski. The CCS fall meeting is in-person on Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m. Gail will put the info regarding the AGM and available executive positions in the Kivilski. The Kivilski deadline has been postponed to September 22nd. We no longer need to charge PST on SNSC programs.
It would be nice to think of a farewell gift/celebration for Kathy and Robin Butler. If anyone has any ideas please circulate them. The Butlers will be at the training camp Sep 23-25. Alison has already gifted ski jackets from Eb;s. It is unknown if this is a personal gift, Eb's gift or SNSC gift.
Grant applications including the CCS MAP and Facility Grants and City Sports Grant were done in the spring and summer. Reports will be prepared when required. There is likely to be a special CCS grant for equipment available later this year.
The City had inquired as to the possibility of grooming for community associations. Gail declined based on volunteer shortages and the difficulty of moving equipment from site to site.
The Leisure Guide advertisement is \$541. We have done this ad every year. Gail will place the ad if all are in favour. Leisure Guide is published Nov 18 so we need to make sure this would be before the new registration deadline before placing the ad or include more general information and links to our website

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: May 5, 2022 - -Edited version had not been circulated. It will be approved via email this week.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – N/A – minutes were not reviewed.

5. Approval of Draft Financial Statement for 2021-22: Draft financial statements looked good with no red flags. SNSC had \$151,147 in revenue and \$136,092 in expenses, leaving a surplus of approximately \$15, 000. Revenue was up about \$10,000 from last year. We brought in money from the NSTF and the MAP grant was slightly higher.
6. Draft Budget for 2022/23 – presentation and discussions:

REVENUE

Membership Fees: Membership revenue has been much higher the past two years. Do we assume this trend will continue or choose a more conservative number?

MAP grant: budget shows money requested, but value is higher than ever received. We will know value by AGM on Oct 17.

Facilities Grant: application was submitted but no news on the value for this year yet. Likely will be in the \$5,000 range.

Donations: Were much higher last year due to donations from members online and a donation from Eb's Source for Adventure. We would need similar membership numbers to get similar donation numbers.

Instruction: Costs to be checked with Bruce Simms.

Racing: Revenue is expected to be slightly higher as SNSC plans to host provincials.

SAS: There is no community grant for Ski at School this year. Just the revenue from the school board for each class attending and possibly a Micro Winter City Strategy grant (applications are selected at random by category of organization, max. of \$2,000).

EXPENSES

HiPer expenses are detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

There is the added expense of a paid Head Groomer position budgeted at \$8,000 per year. We are not sure if this hire will occur, if the fee and hours are appropriate, etc. Availability needs to be Monday to Friday during the day as well as evenings and weekends. Geoff will contact Bragg Creek to get a copy of their contract with their head groomer. SAS needs to be a stand-alone entity. Groomers cannot groom for them and keep up with grooming for the other skiers. SAS does have a budget to pay a groomer.

Maintenance budget was done with the help of Brian and Kate. It will remain much the same as last year.

Rent is set at \$7,000 for GHSC. The proposed rent for the upcoming season is \$12,500 including one or two race weekends, and SAS during the day. Without SAS, the rent cost would be closer to \$7,000. Therefore, it would be cheaper for SAS to go to Wildwood.

However, GHSC is looking to increase their revenue by increasing our rent. Rent needs to be budgeted at \$12,500 just in case.

MAP grant has been used up on grooming costs in the past so MAP revenue will be deleted from the youth budget.

We could ask the treasurer about reserve equipment costs so that we are setting aside money for future equipment, however, funds are already being freed up for capital purchases. We also need to ask the financial reviewer about how our depreciation is being calculated.

Programs need to contribute to the cost of rent, particularly the HiPer program. A fee increase will be considered for next year. This group already runs a deficit, but they are the biggest facility users.

No trail upgrades are planned for this year, however, upgrades will be needed in the future. We could include a small budget for upgrades this year and then increase next year as plans are made.

7. SNSC AGM – AGM will be Monday October 17 at 7:00 pm online.
8. Executive Resignations and Nominations:
Jeff Thorpe has resigned from membership director. Robin Robinson is resigning from treasurer at the AGM. Kate Germin would like to resign. Gail Motsi is willing to stay. Ivan English would like to resign if possible, but will stay if needed. Geoff Meinert will stay as youth director and Brian Anderson as equipment manager. Susan Wall will stay or resign as needed.
9. Membership – Membership is very near to going live online with lessons. Jeff Thorpe was going to draft a digital pamphlet with general club info, but Geoff Meinert is still handing out paper pamphlets via Eb's store. No need for a new pamphlet at this time. The Executive decided that there will be no more paper membership registrations, all memberships will be purchased online. This is to reduce the administrative burden on membership and finance.
10. Facility Update – The groomers are still working out who will be working where and do not have a groomer meeting date set. We can put an ad in the Kivilski to try to find new volunteers.

11. Eb's Trails Update: Trails are cleared and mowing is nearly complete. Maps and signage will be checked and new snowshoe signs added. Benches may be added to new snowshoe trails. The Saskatchewan Tourism website has been updated.
12. Program Updates
 - a. Youth programs – hoping for more program options than last year. Hopefully we will be ready to go live at the end of September with lessons.
 - b. Hi-performance: HiPer and Youth HiPer are now all one group. Grapefruit Cup races will fall under HiPer.
 - c. Adult instruction: no update.
 - d. Ski At School – Winter City YXE Micro Grant application submitted, request for use of HP clubhouse declined by the City. Ivan will talk to Jan about the use of GHSC.
 - e. Touring (via email) – plan to have fall hikes from late September to early November with carpooling. One fall supper is confirmed; MacDowall Fall Supper is cancelled due to COVID and low church and volunteer numbers; plan to have a wiener roast; possibly a supper and tour at Champetre County.
 - f. Blind skiers (via email) - The Blind/Low Vision ski group will be having their group AGM on September 24 after a kick-off hike and wiener roast. They will start Saturday morning walks on October 15. Group members strongly prefer skiing at Wildwood golf course, and are interested in using the clubhouse if possible.
13. Communications – deferred to next meeting. The mock-up of the new website looks great. Dan Fuller could be invited to the groomers meeting to update everyone on Nordic Pulse. Nordic Pulse needs to be added to the budget since it will cost \$1,000. Gail will contact Nordic Pulse to see if everything is in order.
14. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 24 2022, 7 p.m. online.
15. Adjournment: 9:35 pm