

SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes

December 5th, 2022

Venue: Zoom

In Attendance: Gail Motsi, Jelmer Weirsma, Brian Anderson, Ivan English, Lindsay Tumback, Lisa Brundage, Geoff Meinert, Susan Wall, Dan Fuller

Regrets: Jan Sedgewick

1. Review of Agenda: Request to discuss a Saskatoon Loppet by Dan. No other additions.
2. Review Correspondence – La Ronge Ski Club asked about our paid groomer position and payment for volunteers use of equipment. SaskPolyTech is looking for an instructor. This request has been attended to by Jan, Rob, Bruce. City of Martensville trail development request was referred to Richard Koch. City of Saskatoon requested a facilitator for youth on Jan. 23 from 1-4 pm); Gail will follow up with Jan and Bruce and the City. Volunteer stepped forward to offer to help with grooming at HP; another volunteer has stepped forward to help with Publicity and Communications. Pike Lake Provincial Park asked us to post trail updates on our website and they were asked to consider using Nordic Pulse. Several community associations asked for help with grooming (Buena Vista, Silverwood, Grosvenor Park). Inquiries were received about youth lessons (Dan), adult lessons (Bruce) and membership (Lindsay); ski rentals, used skis, ski groups, and signage at Wildwood and HP (temporary or permanent, locations, promote Club, no walking/no dogs, no parking for groomer access at WW).

Signage discussion: The club has requested more signs from the City. Ivan volunteered to speak to Jon Storey and/or Pelican Signs to see if they can help us with sign design.

Request for volunteers to form a sub-committee for this. Dan had a mesh sign made for the bunny program at HP and would be willing to help out with more signs. Signs saying ‘No Dogs’ and ‘No Walking on Trails’ should be aluminum sandwich boards similar to what the city uses.

Maps: Scott McGibney has printed maps from Nordic Pulse for HP. Maybe also for WW. These need to be temporary so laminated signs are fine for now.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: October 24, 2022: Geoff motions to approve minutes. Seconded by Jelmer. Carried.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items):

An application was submitted for the CCS additional facility grant for a ski-erg and a roller for Eb's. We have received the second half of the previous grant for the TiddTech. WW clubhouse access has been arranged and the blind skiers are using it as well as high-performance.

5. Membership Update – Lindsay: Currently 778 members. Lindsay is caught up on remittances. Some trouble with Zone4 and MailChimp for Lindsay. Not too much correspondence. Also noticed a problem when someone tried to e-transfer member fees using the donation address. Lindsay still received some paper forms this year. All these members need to be notified that registration is strictly online next season and will be asked about any barriers to using Zone 4

6. Treasurer Report – Lisa: ISC registration is done. Changing of banks and signatories is done. TD account is still open until Zone4 deposits are transferred. Now can make Nancy Howse an online restricted user so that she can see the bank accounts but not make transactions. This will speed up her bookkeeping.
Our mileage rates are outdated. The CRA states \$0.61 per km. Sask government also posts a milage rate that might be more applicable. This would be \$0.56/km. Let's keep one rate per season and update if necessary. We were previously using \$0.40/km. Jelmer motions to amend the mileage schedule to \$0.56/km and to review annually. Seconded by Brian. Carried. Make sure we spread this info to anyone who might need it. Ivan raised a question as to why we subsidize the hiking group when we are a ski club and the groomers are generally undercompensated. All agree we need to review this policy.
The donation account is up and running at Affinity. October financials are in. November is not finalized. As of October we are at 34% of our total budget, 38% of total revenues and 16% of total expenses. Membership is 53% of budgeted \$50,000 of member fees.
The \$4,000 grooming grant has been received from the City. The facilities grant and CCS grant will come in November.
Insurance is due Dec 15. There is some equipment that needs to be added to insurance and we need to increase ski coverage from \$15,000 to \$25,000. We have to see how much this will push our premiums up before paying the insurance. Currently we pay \$1509.00. Also we can review which equipment we have insured as it is not worth paying for something that has depreciated to the point that it is not worth insuring.

7. SNSC Publicity and Communications – Dan: Dan created an Instagram account. Facebook followers have increased to about 400 people. Lots of questions. The website is in the process of being transferred to the new site. Should be finalized in the next few days.

Nordic ski emails should all be going to the correct recipient. Everyone is happy with their ski club email address. For Nordic Pulse, Jelmer needs access to all the maps so that he can oversee updating the website with Nordic Pulse if there are problems.

8. Head Groomer – Gail: An ad was placed on SaskJobs and Kijiji and in the Kivilski for a groomer. 4 applicants are worth considering and Gail will bundle the cover letters and resumes for Brian. Now we need people to do interviews. Maybe Rob Klenz would be willing to head this up. We also have to really make sure this person can work with all the groomers and that they are the right person. They would report to Brian, so Brian also has to be a part of the selection. Lori Mack and Ken English also need to be a part of this process.
9. City of Saskatoon meeting, Nov 8th: The city will do their regular grooming plus 8 community associations. They do not want us to use the HP clubhouse for ski events. They requested documents for the grooming grant which have been submitted and the monies received. Jan has submitted a grant application for ski at school that was not due until January. She is asking for \$3,000 to cover our rent fees. The next sports grant is due Feb 15th. Geoff is suggesting buying a timing system and timing equipment with additional support from CCS. Dan had requested some skate skis for youth to try at lessons. These would both fall under the sports grant. We could also apply for money to do a strategic planning exercise if anyone is interested.
10. Facility Update – Ivan: Still trying to finalize with GHSC. They are trying to get as much revenue as they can and cut their costs. We need to use the building but currently it is not open because no one is using it. We need to be specific about which days people will be in there and make sure that they do not lock the access gate during those hours. Ivan will clarify what weather conditions will cause public skating to be closed so that we know the building will be closed. Rent is due. Gail determined that we should pay our full rent now and deal with the problems as they arise. Brian and Rob have put ski racks by the building for SAS. We could use racks by the garage also. We need to put a plaque in memory of Bill Bishop on those racks as negotiated with Renate last year when she made a donation.
11. Ebs Trails Update – Jelmer: Still working on a grooming schedule. They are trying some new ideas like double track setting the northern trails. There is consideration of adding a skate loop on Beaverlodge slough even though skiers would have to access the loop via a classic track. Perhaps the Misto loop could be groomed for skate? It is currently narrow and only has access from the north lot but it has potential. The snowshoe trails are done

and packed and stickered with identification. There is hope of more snowshoe trails in the future.

12. Youth Update – Geoff and Dan: There are 168 registered youth. Fewer bunnies than in the past few years and Learn to Ski did not fill up. All the jackrabbit levels are full. Programming is underway. We need some more signs as it is a bit chaotic and a new hot chocolate plan for outdoor treats as some families do not want to go indoors.

The Hiper race season is underway. Skiers were racing at Sovereign Lake this past weekend and La Ronge in December. Canada Games trials will be over the Christmas holidays. There is currently no Saskatoon Loppet on the calendar. We dropped it last year due to a lack of officials. Maybe we should host a low-key event on the Feb 4 weekend? Discussion to continue next time.

The L2T coaching course happened the Nov 27th weekend and Community coaching happened Dec 3-4. There are new coaching requirements – Safe Sport and Understanding Rule of Two. The Level 2 officials course will be January 28-29.

13. Ski At School Update – Jan – update via email - I have moved Ski At School equipment into GHSC and have been able to communicate fairly well with Johnny Marciniuk, operations manager. Kind of bugged by the access issues to do with the chain link fence around the K+S bldg. My understanding is that it will be open whenever we are booked to use the space but access outside those times are questionable. Also have a question regarding who; rink users or ski trail users; decide when the weather determines closure of the indoor facility. The City of Saskatoon website says that “hours are ice and weather dependant “ We probably ski colder than skaters skate.

We have a good number of instructors and the registration for the Catholic school board spots is completely full. Public school board has set up a “ lottery type” process to try and make access wide spread and fair. That will open up this week.

The grant application for next year’s Community grant has been submitted (1month early). We are hopeful. Will try to find a co- coordinator for next year as I am feeling that it is time to set up a succession plan for me.

14. Next Meeting Date – January 16, 2023 at 7 pm via Zoom
15. Adjournment at 9:00 PM