

## **Draft SNSC Executive Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2023, 7 p.m.**

**Venue: Zoom**

**In attendance: Gail Motsi, Jelmer Weirsma, Lindsay Tumback, Susan Wall, Dan Fuller**

**Regrets: Ivan English, Geoff Meinert, Brian Anderson, Jan Sedgewick, Lisa Brundage**

1. Review of Agenda- no changes.
2. Review Correspondence – City groomer training inquiry, decided to do it internally. CCS provincial coach recruitment advertisement has been placed. Spread the word if you meet anyone that might be a candidate. Dundonald Community Association Winter Fun Day (March 4, 2023) – requested introductory ski lesson and donation of ski lessons as a prize but request was declined by SNSC. Spiritwood and Shell Lake requested help with designing trails on their golf course. Some advice was given to them. There were a few general membership, grooming and lessons inquiries. Global Gathering Place asked for an introductory lesson for newcomers on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: December 5, 2022. Deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items)
  - Signage and maps at HP and WW –Ivan has negotiated to get GHSC to leave the gate by the garage open. There is a new SNSC banner on the gate now. Sandwich boards with maps have been put up at HP thanks to Scott McGibney. WW also has new signage about staying off the trails, no dogs, donations, etc.
  - Additional CCS facility grant for ski-erg and Eb’s roller – No decision yet about SNSC’s grant.
  - City of Saskatoon Sports Grant is due Feb. 15, 2023. Both a timing system and youth skate skis have been suggested as reasons to apply for the grant. Dan and Geoff will discuss if they can get the grant submitted by the deadline.
  - Ski racks at HP – Brian has put up the ski racks at HP. They look really good and are heavily used during practice times. Kate and Brian are working to get a plaque made to honor Bill Bishopp with some money that has been donated for this.
5. Membership Update – Lindsay : Currently there are 940 members. Lindsay received one response to the letter sent inquiring as to what barriers some people face with online registration. The barrier was giving the credit card info online. The Executive will discuss what to do for next year at the end of the season based on all inputs. For now Lindsay is

okay with the cheques being cashed and submitting the paper registrations to Zone4 for these members.

6. Treasurer Report and Financial Report– Gail (for Lisa): Currently we have approximately \$108,000 in revenue, and \$52,000 in expenses. Some grant money is still to come. Expenses are always very high at the end of the season. So far we are within our budget for maintenance of machines. Banking at Affinity is all up and running with zone4 connected to the new account and e-transfers happening. Lisa is wanting to start preparing the T4A forms for the end of the coaching season. Youth instructors do not need a T4A for their expense reimbursements.

7. Facility Update – Ivan (via email): The programs at GHSC seem to be running well with a few hiccups to work through with SAS and adult instruction at the beginning of January.

The youth programs are not using the building very much as hot chocolate is being served outside for a couple of families concerned about some immune compromised members. Otherwise the bathrooms are being used occasionally and Hiper has used the changerooms for workouts during the cold snap before Christmas.

Dan Fuller is proposing a family loppet for Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> - this has not been booked yet as it needed discussion tonight. The rental fee to use the timing hut would be \$550, but as Dan was going to use the Sunday pm slot, we could forego the timing hut and just use the building as we have paid for it for that time anyway. Ivan is away and therefore can't help at the event, but is pretty sure we can get the trails groomed. Assistance with signage and timing will be needed.

8. Ebs Trails Update – Jelmer will make a proposal for discussion at the Executive about adding some skate trails to Eb's Trails and then the membership can be surveyed. The Executive agreed that the Kivilski should be used for conveying information from the Executive, program managers and coordinators rather than for opinion pieces. Our Facebook page is a more appropriate venue for people to express their opinions. . The Regina skiers came to visit Eb's on Jan 14, 2023. All went well. Eb's Day is scheduled for Feb 19 2023 and will be run by Jeff Thorpe and the regular crowd of Eb's Day hosts.

There are mixed reviews on the double tracking at Eb's. Some trails put skiers very close to the bushes. Some skiers love being able to ski side by side and visit.

Dan and Jelmer met after the meeting to discuss the ebs@ email and problems with updates to Nordic Pulse for Eb's Trails.

9. Youth Update –Dan: Programs are running well. Kids are loving the hot chocolate and Dan is making over 100 cups of it per night! Currently it is being served outside. A system has been worked out but it is not super easy. The plug on the outside of the garage is not working. Ivan is investigating with GHSC. Dan is proposing a fun loppet on Feb 5 2023 with a small registration fee to cover costs. Fees could be collected via EventBrite, or cash, or via e-transfer to the donations address. The goal would be to include all the participating Jackrabbit families and hopefully some young adult skiers not currently affiliated with the club. Claire Miller could provide some fun outdoor play ideas for the very young skiers. Loppet would run from approximately 1-4pm. An information email will be sent to the membership.
10. High Performance Update – (Sue, for Geoff): The Canada Winter Games team has been selected and clothing is already on order and arriving. The Sask Winter Games team has also been selected. SaskCup races are underway with racing in Humboldt yesterday and LaRonge next weekend. Many SK skiers will travel to Kimberly B.C. in early February to ski at Western Championships. The level 2 officials course has been postponed for now.
11. Ski At School Update – Gail (for Jan): SAS is up and running.
12. Equipment Update – Brian (via email): Brian has finished the ski rack and set it up in front of our garage at HP. It is designed similar to the ski rack at Ebs. He used bolts in case we want to disassemble it for storage. Jelmer donated the pipe for it. Kate is going to make a small plaque similar to what she made for the ones she made for Ebs. We will cover it with a piece of Plexiglas.

Brian has taken the WW expedition up to Ffun motors 3 times so far this winter. Once because the A frame on the ski broke, once there was a fuel leak and once the machine would not go into reverse. It is back running again.

New skis have been ordered for the WW expedition as the skis that came with the sled had a 2 ½ inch rib in the center of the ski running the length of the ski. This created ruts in the skate trail especially on the corners. The new “flex skis” have 2 small ribs sticking down so you can still turn the machine but it doesn’t make deep ruts in the skate trails at WW.

Brian spoke with Ralph about his snowshoe trails at Ebs on Friday. He is adding on additional snow shoe trails so was inquiring if the club should purchase a hand mower like

he had rented when he developed the new trails this past fall. Brian thinks we found donated funding to pay for the rental on this machine.

There is no paid head groomer on the horizon. Candidates were interviewed, one was selected and then declined. Roger is willing to volunteer his time at WW to help out. There are a few questions that need answering – i.e. groomers all need to know that they need a membership to be covered by insurance while they are grooming. Should SNSC pay for their memberships? An email will be sent to the Exec to decide this as we do not have quorum tonight. Gail will then send out an email to the lead groomers at the three locations to implement the decision.

13. SNSC Publicity and Communications

- Website, emails, Facebook, Instagram – Dan: Website can now be edited but it is quite slow. The current exec list on the website needs updating. Facebook page has 2,400 followers.

- Kivilski – Gail: The Kivilski has been sent out a bit early this month.

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14. Next Meeting Date – February 27, 2023 via Zoom

15. Adjournment: 8:40 pm