

SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes

February 27 2023, 7 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

**In Attendance: Gail Motsi, Ivan English, Jelmer Weirsma, Brian Anderson, Susan Wall,
Lisa Brundage**

Regrets: Dan Fuller, Jan Sedgewick, Lindsay Tumback, Geoff Meinert

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review Correspondence – Horizon 100 Cycling Youth Program query about our youth coordinator and wanted advice. Geoff and Dan will respond to this. We have received notification of loppets in the province. Someone offered to help officiate the Provincials. There was a request from U of S Water Security Agency for copies of the history of the ski club book by Cliff Speers which Cliff provided. Dakota Dunes requested for skiers/snowshoers to appear in an ad, Lisa has agreed to do this for them. Wildernook requested access to the Wildwood clubhouse, Gail referred them to the City. The City has asked if SNSC would manage future requests.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: December 5, 2022 : Jelmer motions to approve. Seconded by Brian. Carried. January 16, 2023: Gail motions to approve, seconded by Lisa. Carried.
 - Note: There was an executive approval via email (Jan. 17, 2023) of a motion to reimburse groomers for a single membership fee.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items)
 - Signage at WW – Ivan: the goal was to have bigger, permanent signs at both WW and HP trails. Ivan has not worked on this lately, however, Lori Mack has gotten quotes. Ivan will follow up. Currently HP signs are temporary and hard to read.
 - Additional CCS facility grant for ski-erg and Eb’s roller (\$1,500 approved) – Gail: SNSC will contribute a matching \$1,500 for this grant. We had requested \$2,500. The erg cost was \$1,942, so we can go ahead with the roller for Eb’s. Jelmer can start on it and have it ready for next season if he knows that the funds are approved for this. Half of the erg cost is approximately \$971 from the club funds. The total cost of the roller should be less than \$2,000. We can either get executive approval for the club to fund what cannot be covered by CCS. We could also withdraw NSTF money. Gail motions that the club would approve up to \$2,000 for a roller at Eb’s and \$2,000 for a ski-erg. Ivan seconds the motion. Carried.

- The application for the sports grant has been submitted in the hopes of getting funding for the timing system. No application was put forth for skate skis for the youth program. We will discuss the skis at the meeting in April with Dan.
5. Membership Update – Lindsay (via email): currently 1006. Lopetalooza was a big success. Parents loved skiing with their children and socializing around the hay bales. There are some suggestions for changes next year including having drinks and donuts out on the golf course and changing the course to avoid bottlenecks of skiers on the hills.
 6. Treasurer Report and January Financial Report– Lisa: Currently \$116,313 in revenue and \$63,405 in expenses. On budget for this year and the bank balance is fine. Lisa wonders if she can start on T4A forms. She will talk to Nancy about who was paid last year and the final payment amounts. All youth instructors will invoice expenses so that they are not honoraria.
 7. Facility Update – Ivan: Grooming is going well at both locations. Ivan got a new invoice from GHSC to use the facility in March even though our season was originally scheduled until mid-March. Ivan spoke to GHSC contact and has to talk some more yet with them. The decision currently is that SAS can keep going with no added cost to us. Speed skaters also want to skate through March and GHSC wants to save money and shut down. Public skating will end March 1st. They want us to pay an hourly fee for our use, but if we minimize our hours they will waive the fees. Ivan feels we need a contract written at the start of each season to keep our rental agreement clear. The flat fee rent cost is going up next year, but it does not seem that we are getting our money's worth with building use. Should we move to paying an hourly rate like the skaters do? For now, we will only have building use for jackrabbit ski times in March, and not for anything else.
 8. Ebs Trails Update – Jelmer: Eb's Day last weekend brought fewer skiers than previous years. Approximately 65 skiers attended. Eb's really needs some fresh snow but the base is still good. Jeff Thorpe will submit the report for Eb's Day to get the event grant.
 9. Youth Update – Geoff and Dan (via email): 1. Loppetalooza was success. We had over 250 people attend. Around 20 people registered for the 20km, 30 registered for the 10km, 70 for the 5km, and the rest for the 1.2 or 2.4km events. It was great to have Claire and Wildernook help with the promotion and event itself. They had four people, one doing snow painting at the snow hut thing, one doing story time at the hay bales, and two with roving hot chocolate. Weather definitely helped. We have a template for the event and lots of

organizational stuff ready for next year so that's good too. Would love to have more businesses and prizes for the event but just didn't have time to get that sorted.

- a \$300 payment to Wildernook to animate the 1.2 km route was approved by the Executive via email (Jan. 25, 2023)

2. Lessons. Everything is moving along. Hard to think we only have ~3 weeks left depending on snow. I think it's been a good year and parents seem to be happy and engaged. We had a number of level 3 and 4s participate in CCS provincials so that engagement will hopefully be a good feeder for the HiPer groups. As always we need to recruit more coaches. Will work on that messaging to current parents in the coming weeks.

3. Website. Still slow and we are often waiting for weeks for a reply from the Inno Hosting person. Once the season is over I will propose that we move to a different hosting service. There is a good local place called Varial Hosting that I have used more many years for other websites. Need to chat with Graham about this but we still have work to do.

10. High Performance Update – Ivan: We sent several skiers to Western Canada Champs in Kimberly BC early February. Many of the younger HiPer skiers participated in Sask Winter Games last week and many of the older HiPer skiers are currently in PEI at Canada Games. They have had a great race season so far. We were able to host Sask Cup Provincials Feb 11 and 12. This was also a great event.
11. Ski At School Update – Gail (for Jan): No SAS events last week due to the cold weather. SAS is scheduled and plans to run until mid-March.
12. Equipment Update – Brian: Rhino is getting fixed this week. The Alpine has been running okay. It has some areas that may need greasing. Brian is gone the last 2 weeks of March, so will collect machines and get them serviced in April. Ivan noted that in Regina they put plywood on the floor of their garage to help with steering inside the building. Perhaps this is something we should consider to make it easier to park the machines at HP. Ivan will talk to Mike Vincent and Brian will price out the plywood.
13. SNSC Publicity and Communications: The new website is still very slow. The response from the host say there has been too many delays. Dan is considering finding a new host. Website, emails, Facebook, Instagram – Gail (for Dan): Social media is going well. Lots of chatter and even some recovery of lost items.
14. Next Meeting Date – April 17, 2023 via Zoom (April 10th is Easter Monday)

15. Adjournment: 8:05 pm