

SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes

April 17, 2023, 7 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

In Attendance: Gail Motsi, Geoff Meinert, Ivan English, Lisa Brundage, Lindsay

Tumback, Jelmer Wiersma, Jan Sedgewick

Regrets: Dan Fuller, Brian Anderson, Sue Wall

1. Review of Agenda – the agenda was reviewed and remained unchanged.
2. Review Correspondence (for information) – a history of para-adaptive skiing is being compiled and copies of Cliff's book were requested (Cliff responded); the Shell Lake golf course will have ski trails and a ski club is to be established, SNSC has provided some support and advice to the organizers; the Sask Sports Hall of Fame newsletter was received with mention of some Nordic skiers; Regina Ski Club requested information on Event Brite to help organize their bus trips (Dan responded); Sask Trails Assoc held its AGM on March 23, 2023 and member assistance grants have been awarded (SNSC did not apply but Jelmer will consider applying next year for Eb's Trails); inquiries about ski rentals and trail conditions continue to be received and were responded to.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: February 27, 2023 – moved by Gail and seconded by Ivan; carried.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items)
 - Follow up on signage at WW – Ivan contacted Lori and will get the quotes submitted to her; sandwich boards for HP and WW seem the best option plus maps. Ivan hopes to finalize the signs this summer. Gail will forward comments from a colour-blind skier about the colours used on the HP map signs to Ivan.
 - Plywood floor at HP garage – Brian costed the plywood for flooring at about \$500; Rob Klenz will look at attaching small wheels onto the skis which would allow the sleds to steer better on the garage floor. He thought the plywood would get wet and may not work.
5. City of Saskatoon
 - The City has submitted an invoice for Wildwood Clubhouse usage based on the Club's record of use by program.
 - Winter City Micro Grant for SAS (\$2,000) – a report is due by May 31, 2023. Jan will work with Lisa to submit it on time.
 - Sport Projects Grant for timing system, \$4,000 was approved (2023-24) and will be included in next year's budget. Geoff will consider whether to proceed with some purchases prior to this financial year end based on the May financial report.

- Community Grant for Ski At School (2023/24), \$4,300 approved and will be included in next year's budget.
6. Cross Country Saskatchewan
- Member Assistance Program (MAP) Grant (\$15,137) – a report is due by May 31, 2023. Gail advised that Eb's Trails grooming and City grooming projects are likely to use all of the funds approved as has happened in previous years. Lisa will check with Brian about any outstanding repair and maintenance invoices and work with the bookkeeper to prepare the reports.
 - Event Grant (\$500 approved) for Eb's Day – a report has been submitted; CCS reimbursement of \$390.44 is expected.
 - Additional CCS facility grant – the ski erg has been purchased and invoiced; Jelmer will submit an expense claim for the Eb's roller including supplies from his workshop, labour from a welder and the cost of the culvert. A report can then be submitted by May 31, 2023. Jelmer noted that two more rollers could be built with the remaining piece of the culvert and this could be included in next year's budget.
 - CCS will hold its Spring Meeting on April 29th at 1 p.m. in Saskatoon or online. Geoff will attend on behalf of the Club and Ivan and Jan may also attend. Gail forwarded the invitation to the three of them. A bid to host a Sask Cup in February 2024 has been submitted and Eb's Day will also be included on CCS' calendar of events next year. CCS is also calling for nominations for various positions on its board.
7. Membership Update – Lindsay reported that there are 1,014 members as of today – 292 individual adults; 36 individual youths; and 235 families. Lindsay will consider an alternate email app for member communications since MailChimp now costs money to use. Lindsay will also consider whether to allow paper forms to be submitted next season since only one person has indicated a constraint with registering online.

Geoff suggested that next season we should separate membership registration from program registration on Zone 4 to avoid errors. Lindsay said this would also reduce her workload in itemizing Zone 4 deposits for the bookkeeper. We would just need to ensure that program registrants had registered for membership.

Lindsay indicated that she will only be available on Tuesday nights for Executive meetings; but Tuesday did not suit other members of the Executive. Gail will conduct a poll of the Executive about meeting days in September. The Membership Director is not required to sit on the Executive but only Executive members can be signatories on the bank account.

8. Treasurer Report and March Financial Report– Lisa reported that as of the end of March the Club has about \$50,000 as a surplus. She has made further payments this month and additional invoices are expected – e.g. from Ivan for GHSC, from Geoff for hiper; from Jelmer for Eb's. Additional revenue will also come in once grant reports are submitted to the City and CCS. Geoff indicated that additional payments will be also be received through Zone 4 for the summer training program.

Lisa will be preparing T4A slips for 2023 in consultation with the financial reviewer for individuals receiving honoraria of more than \$500. Lisa will look at options for fixed term investment at Affinity and report back to the September meeting since our TD fixed term deposit matures on September 23rd.

9. Facility Update – Ivan is sorting out GHSC's final invoice since they were originally asking for payment for all usage in March although our agreement for the fixed payment was up to March 15th. Gail noted that GHSC did not have staff on hand for the outreach session held on March 4th so this usage should not be included in GHSC's invoice. Ivan will arrange a meeting with GHSC in May to discuss this past season and include Geoff and Gail. Ivan is also looking at whether a use-based payment would be better than a fixed fee payment next season. This is how the speedskating club is paying GHSC.
10. Ebs Trails Update – Jelmer reported that the Rhino and the Alpine are at Cody's for repair. Depending on the estimated repair cost for the Alpine we may want to sell it for parts instead of repairing it since it is old. Bob Katarynych has proposed re-roofing the huts with either sheet metal or shingles.
11. Youth Update – Dan reported (via email) that lessons ended on March 26th. There was good feedback from the parents and the group of coaches this year were awesome. Dan suggested that information should go to parents about Hiper for the kids who are finishing Level 4, perhaps having a Level 5 that is less intimidating. Dan will follow up with Geoff and Alison. Previous years' toques were donated to Egadz by the Club. Dan and Jan are considering a cleanup and reorganization of the Gordie Howe shed.
12. High Performance Update – Geoff reported that Saskatoon's athletes had performed very well provincially, regionally and nationally this year.
13. Ski At School Update – Jan provided a detailed report on Ski At School in the April Kivilski. All 84 spaces were filled by the two school boards. She noted that this year was

the best year in terms of weather with only 17 sessions cancelled. There were 10 instructors working in teams of two for each class. CCS provided \$2,052 from their field staff worker budget to cover part of the cost of the instructors and the administrator. At least 2,040 students in grades 4 to 6, their teachers and parent helpers participated. The groomers at Holiday Park – Ken, Scott and John – kept the trails well maintained. Jan would like to get a dedicated groomer for SAS next season since more frequent grooming is required for the SAS program compared to the youth program. Jan also hopes to reduce the class fee of \$80/class next year since school budgets are constrained.

14. Equipment Update – Brian reported (via email) that all of the sleds went for servicing today; will be picked up and stored once serviced; and the trailer returned to Jeff Thorpe’s property for storage. The Tidd Techs at Ebs have been serviced and put into the can for storage. The Alpine and Rhino are at Cody’s for servicing. Brian wants to ensure that Armand is paid \$250 for storage of the cans on his property.

Brian recommends that the Club purchase 2 extra sets of ripper teeth for the Tidd Techs – one set for Eb’s Trails and one set for the 4 foot machine that was at Kinsmen. The cost would be \$550-600 per set including shipping, credit card service fee, and GST.

15. Groomer Honoraria – after discussion, Gail moved and Geoff seconded that an honorarium of \$200 be paid to the Club’s groomers who have dedicated significant time to grooming this past season. The list will be drawn up in consultation with key people at each of the three locations. Motion carried. Groomers will also be reminded that they are entitled to claim \$60 for an individual membership since membership in the Club is required to be covered by our liability insurance.
16. SNSC Publicity and Communications – Dan reported (via email) that there is good engagement and lots of people contacting the Club for various things on social media. The website is finally running faster after months of waiting. Dan will update the Hiking page and a few other things with everything hopefully set up in the next month.
17. Next Meeting Date – Week of September 11 to 15; day to be determined via poll of Executive. Gail will look at an alternate platform to Zoom such as MS Teams.
18. Adjournment