

SNSC Executive Meeting Draft Minutes  
Sept 11 2023

Present: Gail Motsi, Susan Wall, Geoff Meinert, Brian Anderson, Jan Sedgewick, Dan Fuller  
Regrets: Ivan English, Lindsay Tumback

2. Review of Correspondence: Youth lesson inquiries have been forwarded to Dan and Geoff. Dan is getting a lot of inquiries regarding youth lessons. Dan will add this info to the website along with links to new and used ski equipment sources to help answer these questions.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 17, 2023: Edits had been made as requested. Gail motions to approve minutes. Seconded by Jelmer. Carried.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items): Just signage for WW. Ivan has not been able to do this, it will carry forward.

5. City of Saskatoon:

- Grant report has been submitted for Winter City Micro Grant for SAS

- Sport Projects Grant approved for timing system (\$4000). Geoff reports that the timing system has been shipped so should arrive soon.

- Community Grant approved for SAS

- Application for Winter City Micro Grant for adult lessons is due Sep 22. Jan will send ski inventory of sizes to see if that will be enough for adult lessons, or decide if we need more equipment. Gail was thinking class size would be 8-16 people.

- request to increase grant for Kinsmen grooming (\$4000) this year for next year's budget? Do we ask or do we leave it as is? Dan reports that the city is likely to not do any grooming this year. He suggests we apply for more money and take over more grooming area, specifically Kinsmen Park. We had asked for more money 2 years ago, and the City responded that we were not at the right time in the budget. Gail will ask for an increase in the grant. If there is a space to store equipment, we may possibly go back to grooming Kinsmen.

- Cross Country Saskatchewan: a few new people from Saskatoon joined the CCS committee – Bevin and Ivan are now on the board. Geoff is on the HP committee. Next meeting is the Sask SKi AGM on September 25<sup>th</sup>. CCS is having a budget meeting on Sep 28<sup>th</sup>.

- MAP grant, Event grant and Additional facility grants have all been reported on. The facility grant application was submitted in May. We requested money for a roller for Saskatoon, 2 additional Tid tech ripper teeth, 5 sets of youth skate skis and more pieces for the timing equipment. A total of \$2,500 (50%) was requested.

- MAP grant application submitted for Ebs and grooming costs.

7. GHSC (Gail, for Ivan): Geoff, Ivan and Gail met with GHSC last weekend. SNSC has agreed to pay the rest of the final bill and a proposal has been issued to use the facility from Dec 15 until Mar 2. Gail remembers this cost to be \$13,250. So to use the facility between Dec 1-14 and Mar 2-15 we would pay \$155 per day, and would need to give 7 days notice for a cancellation. That includes SAS 9-12 and 1-4. Sundays 12-6, Monday to Thursday 6-8pm. We need to get

feedback from the club to find out what the needs would be to anticipate whether we will need additional hours at the facility. It is tough to determine at this point since skiing is so weather dependent. If there is any possibility of starting by Dec 1 for Jackrabbits it would be best for families but jackrabbits typically do not need an extension of time in March.

Jan has been looking at dates for SAS and will explore the idea of if they will need days outside of the given dates. Jan will have to think about it. To give 7 days notice of cancellation is very difficult when the activity is so weather dependent. Jan will work out which days SAS will run. Last year based on rental costs it worked out to about \$70/day.

We need to decide if we pay a block amount or a fixed fee, and the dates and times that we will be using the facility during this time. If we do fixed fee then the lights will only be on when we book the times. Dan is okay ending jackrabbits by Mar 2 but it seems a little early. Geoff is putting together the use times and is in touch with the adult instructors to find out what their schedule is like.

- Shed Cleanup: the last time it was done, it appeared that something else was happening that day and it was super busy. A few people worked together for a couple hours to clean things up.

8. Membership: Gail (for Lindsay): Membership was left open. Typically it closes at the end of April. If people pay after April 30, it will go towards the next year. Gail feels we need to cancel the paper forms and move everyone to online membership. Only 1 person did not use a credit card. There will be no more paper memberships. Gail noted that the pamphlets are outdated and need to be revised and printed so that we have something we can hand out.

We need to communicate about the AGM and the Kivilski. We were using mail chimp manage email lists. Is there another app that would be more suitable? Gail will re-activate that account and the new membership director can then use it.

Nordique Canada changed their membership fees on Zone4. There were problems if someone paid membership and registration separately, then NC would take the \$115 off the registration incorrectly. So, the plan is to separate registration for membership and then any programming registration will all be separate. However, you have to be a membership to participate. There will be links to all the registration programs on the membership page. Club membership can go live any time now, it does not have to wait for programming to be all sorted out. Program directors will have to make sure that all participants are members. Most other clubs are already doing registration this way as well. Youth registration problems last year was that the parent email on the sign-up was not the parent that was doing the lessons and thus did not get all the email communications. Dan would like two email contacts per jackrabbit. The website does say that registration and membership is the same process, Gail requests that this be changed on the website. We need these separated out on the website. Geoff will make the membership page active right away, there are a few edits that need to be made and zone4 will review it before it goes live. Gail will find out from Sheryl if there is a fall hiking program in place.

The grooming app had some quirks. It was working but it would be good for the groomers to get together to learn it again and make sure everyone is doing the same thing.

9. Treasurers report (Lisa, Gail): the draft financial report will be ready before the AGM. Nancy was waiting for the financial reviewer to go over last year's finances before starting on this year. There were a number of payments made this financial year instead of last year, which

complicated a few things. Brian did pay Yvonne \$600 for storage at Eb's, and then found that we did pay already for last year. Brian had calculated \$250/year for 2 years plus \$100 as an apology. For being so late, for a total of \$600. This season coming up we can increase storage to \$350 per year. It is a very convenient location to store equipment. An email request for reimbursement to Brian has been submitted. Brian has approved the payments for renewal of registration for vehicles that are inside the city. The side by sides are not plated. Lisa was also going to try and move the GIC over to Affinity if the rates seemed reasonable.

10. Budget: Geoff added Hiper, youth and racing to the budget.

Outreach events: Gail is going to request participants to pay \$20 per person per event. Revenue is estimated at \$2400. MAP application has been submitted. We should know this value by the AGM. The grants that have been approved will go through as expected. Some grants are stated as maximum until the value is known. NSTF: do we want to use any of this money for any of our programs? Eb's huts need new roofs and would be best fitted with tin. It should get done next year. No NSTF needs for this season. SAS budget won't be ready until the end of Sep. Last year SAS charged \$80/class due to loss of funding but hoping for less this year. This year SAS has a larger grant. Dan was thinking of increasing jackrabbit fees by \$10 across all the lessons. Fees in the budget are currently \$90, which is last year's cost.

Expenses: Do we want to try hiring a paid groomer? We do need someone to take the lead at WW. It might be worth exploring this again, we can leave it in the budget for this year with a rate increase to \$25/hr. GHSC is shown as the cost per season. There is some hope for minor trail improvements at HP so a small amount has been allocated to that.

Any further inputs to the budget need to be received by Gail by September 25 so that it can be approved and sent out before the AGM.

11. AGM – Typically in October. Gail proposes October 16. Gail is away the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Minimum 2 weeks notice for AGM. October 16 will be a hybrid meeting at GHSC.

12. Elections: Geoff will move to president. Lindsay is stepping down and we will need a replacement. Gail will check with Lisa to see if she will stay on. Tom Wolf expressed interest in joining the board.

12. Any other business: Jan has put out a call to recruit people that have worked at SAS in the past. If anyone knows someone that might be interested in helping, talk to Jan. Jan will also put a note in the Kivilski.

Brian: Eb's ski trails are ready, but the snowshoe trails still have a lot of fallen trees and will need a lot of work. There was a lot of deadfall this year. The groomers will take 3 mowers there this year to do a better job. The skate trail can wait for awhile as it seems it will be a lot of extra work now that there is so much deadfall. Kevin Robinson life could be remembered and celebrated at Eb's day in 2024. Jan suggested we have a 'gutsy ski' in honor of the crohn's society. Grapefruit Cup may also celebrate Kevin in February.

Dan has had a number of exchanges with Dylan, the website person. Dan is going to start taking things over so that the club can manage everything because response time is very slow. Right now the domain is up for renewal and Dan just hopes it gets renewed on time.

13. Next meeting October 23 at 7 pm online.