

## **SNSC Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Monday, October 16, 2023**

**Registration: 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order: 7:00 pm**

**In Person:** Sasktel Classroom, Training Facility, Gordie Howe Sports Complex, 1303 Avenue P

**Online:** <https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/9352979073674?p=JCIZS1yBIPllQJ4i>

Present: 17 people present, 5 online Executive: Gail Motsi, Brian Anderson, Jan Sedgewick, Lisa Brundage, Ivan English, Geoff Meinert, Dan Fuller, Lindsay Tumback, Sheryl Riis, Nancy Howse, Daryl Sexsmith, Rob Howse, Jackie Clarke, Jason Griffith, Tom Wolf, Craig Year, Yolanda K, Bruce Simms, Andrew Brisbin, Anne Marie Wheeler, Bob Katarynych, Inger Pors, Malin Hanson, Lauren Miranda, Daryl Lutsko, Earl Gebhardt, Ken English, Cathy Rae,

1. Briefing on MS Teams Controls: mute when not speaking online. Use the hand raising function.
2. Introductions and Welcome
3. Order of Business
4. Reading and Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 2022 AGM: Nancy Howse. Seconded by Ivan. Carried.
5. President's Report : Gail – SNSC had a great season with high membership and full programming with support from CCS and the City of Saskatoon. We introduced the Loppetalooza this season and will continue this, as well as add single intro adult lessons. SNSC will groom at Wildwood and Holiday Park golf courses, return to grooming at Kinsmen Park and maintain ski and snowshoe trails at Eb's. Hopefully a hired groomer for the city will be recruited to groom for up to 400 hours to take the pressure off our volunteer grooming teams, as this is a lot of trail for them to maintain. The grooming equipment is in good shape, we have enough resources to groom these areas, and we will continue to grow the fleet via grants when there is opportunity. A timing system was added to our equipment last year to be used for hosting races.

This is Gail's last year as president. Gail will continue on in the position of past president for another season. She is thankful to all the members and volunteers for making the ski club what it is and so proud of the club and all the programs and accomplishments.

At this time it is important to remember those members that we have lost this year: Kevin Robinson, owner of Eb's, ski coach, ski enthusiast and beloved friend of many, is dearly missed. Glen Grismer, who along with his wife Sandra, developed the north snowshoe trails at Eb's, a favourite trail of many, and just recently, Mary Toews, longtime hiker and skier.

Questions: Ralph is maintaining the snowshoe trails. We have 1042 members.

6. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Brundage: Thanks to Nancy Howse for bookkeeping. Statement of Operations for last year are still being reviewed. It will be circulated when finalized. Last year revenue was \$147,460. Main streams were membership, grants, and high performance/youth training. Expenses \$134,907. Surplus \$12,553. High performance, maintenance, SaskSki Assoc fees, youth programs and ski facility were all major expenses. Current balance is \$146,530 with the GIC. There is no set minimum bank balance for our account.
  - a. Motions:
    - ii. That the requirement for an audit of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 be waived, and that a financial review of the books be conducted instead. Motion made by Craig, seconded by Bruce. Carried
    - iii. That Gabriel Ng CPA P.C. Inc. be appointed to conduct the financial review for 2023-24. Motion made by Gail, seconded by Rob. Carried.
7. Committee and Program Chair Reports
  - a. Membership Gail (for Lindsay): 1042 members. Currently there are 285 for this season. No paper registrations will be accepted, with the exception of the blind skiers. If someone does have problems with online registration, they are welcome to contact the membership director for help.
  - b. Facilities: Ivan - Grooming at HP with building access from Dec 1 to beginning of March. Ski trails will be groomed regardless of building availability. Programming will be at HP. Grooming will continue at WW and now Kinsmen again. Groomers are incredibly valuable and often are retired people who can groom when necessary. Most shifts are at least 3 hours and many put in 6-8 hours of grooming at a time. There is always a need for more volunteer groomers. The facilities committee has decreased in size and may need more volunteers to work with GHSC. There are some long-term dreams for HP course, to add lighting and modifying the landscape to add more topography, and possibly snow- making. Possibilities for the future that would require new energy from new people.

This season rates have increased at GHSC and the season is proposed to be shorter. Discussions are ongoing to find a rental agreement for this season that would extend the season to the dates that we need and a price that is suitable. We would prefer to have a season that best reflects our ski season. The other sites are determined by snow presence. We can start moving equipment into the little green shed at Kinsmen this month. Eb's will be reduced to one piece of grooming equipment, but a new roller will help with trail setting there in addition to resurrecting some older lesser used grooming equipment.
  - c. Eb's Trails: Brian (for Jelmer)- All trails have been cleared of deadfall and mowed. There is a woodcutting bee this Sat with Jeff Thorpe. The wood storage shed at the south hut will be done this week. Ralph has been working on the snowshoe trails. A new roller was made to help pack the snow. All sleds have been serviced and ready for winter. Brian will move equipment into Kinsmen Park. There is still some trouble with the Rhino so it isn't ready

yet. We will put up snow fence at KP and HP soon. Rippers on the TidTeks have really helped with reconditioning the snow at WW and HP. Would like to buy them for Eb's and KP.

- d. Equipment: see above
- e. Youth Instruction: Dan- about 200 kids participated and lessons went quite long this season. This season will stop as planned. Coaching is the biggest challenge – recruiting and maintaining is tough especially for higher levels. Youth learn-to-ski, during covid it was huge and last year only 4 or 5 skiers. Want to figure out how to plan better for those skiers.
- f. Adult Instruction: Bruce- Last year nearly all courses sold out. Course lineup this year will be similar. One of the LTS classic was offered during the day and it was popular. Some courses may be held out at River Ridge to work on some different skills.
- h. HiPer and Racing: Geoff- Currently about 30 kids registered. Kids have started in May, with 3 blocks: May-June, July-Aug and Sep-April. Now Craven Sport Services is a part of training for both junior and senior skiers. There are skiers going to training camp in Canmore this weekend, followed by the Lake Louise training camp and Silverstar training camp and Sovereign Lake races. Many skiers have the goal of Nationals in Gatineau in March. This year the kids are divided into the Provincial team and Development Teams in CCS. Saskatoon has 16 skiers on these teams. We are excited about the new timing system and will be using it for Grapefruit Cup races and any other hosted races.
- i. Touring: Sheryl- Successful year of Sunday morning hikes/skis. They are currently in the middle of the fall hikes. Meet at the Lawson Mall to go hiking on Sunday and then go to a fall supper this weekend. Everyone is welcome. Coordination is done via groups IO. The link is on the website.
- j. Ski at School & Outreach: Jan- Classrooms of grade 4, 5 & 6 students are invited to come and ski for a half day. SAS has been running for about 6 years. Very successful program and typically all 85 spots are booked immediately. Classes pay approx. \$80 to come as a class plus the bussing fees. Last year few cancellations happened due to great snow and temperatures. Instructors are always needed with basic community coaching courses. All sessions are at GHSC using two of the changerooms, one of which is full of ski equipment. Funding comes from the City, CCS and Jan is hoping for more funding this season and seek to lower costs. There are not as many classrooms coming from community schools. As a club, we can waive the class fee but cannot waive the bus fees. Jan would like to get \$750 to pay for a few community schools to come at no cost. Program should run from Dec 15 to March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- k. Blind Skiers: Joanne Ferguson- Have already started meeting at the Broadway Roastery on Saturday and then walking together this fall. The blind skiers plan to use the WW clubhouse for their ski sessions. They have recruited 2 new skiers and have another new skier this fall. There are 5 new guides and 11 blind skiers this season. Jeff Whiting has been doing a ski lesson for skiers and guides at the start of the season.

- i. Communications and Publicity: Dan- got the new website up and running with Graham Brown, who did piles of work on this website. Started an Instagram account and get lots of activity there, and will maintain the facebook page. Dan would like to buy advertisements on social media to get more people out. Photos can be sent to social@saskatoonnordicski and Dan will post them. This generates a lot of appreciation amongst the membership.

8. Proposed Budget

- a. Motion: That the draft Budget for the 2023-24 season as presented be approved. Proposed is a deficit of \$11,596 but there was a surplus of \$12,000 last season. A deficit budget has happened before and sometimes things change throughout the year. We have already received grants from CCS and the City. Revenue will continue to come as people register and buy memberships. Expenses go out as equipment needs maintenance and fuel as well as facility rentals and coaching expenses. Nothing remarkable forecasted for this season. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget made by Gail, seconded by Rob. Carried.

9. Executive Nominations

The Executive is nominating the following candidates for election, with their positions noted. Nominations can also be made by any two members at the AGM.

- a. President – Geoff Meinert
- b. Past President – Gail Motsi
- c. Vice President – Ivan English
- d. Treasurer – Lisa Brundage
- e. Secretary – Sue Wall
- f. Directors – Brian Anderson (Equipment Manager), Jelmer Wiersma (Eb's Trails Director), Dan Fuller (Publicity and Communications), Jan Sedgewick (Ski At School)
- g. Vacancy - Membership Director: Tom Wolf has agreed to put his name forward. Gail moves that the slate of of executive directors be approved. Seconded by Lauren.

10. Executive Elections: Gail motions that the slate of executive directors be approved. Seconded by Lauren. Carried.

11. Any Other Business

12. Door Prize Draw – Always Another River by Daryl Sexsmith- won by Lisa

13. Adjournment: 8:50 pm