

SNSC Executive Meeting

Dec 11 2023 7:30 pm

Venue: Zoom

Present: Geoff Meinert, Dan Fuller, Ivan English, Lisa Brundage, Tom Wolf, Brian Anderson, Gail Motsi, Susan Wall

Regrets: Jan Sedgewick

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review of Correspondence: none
3. Youth Programs: Dan: Dan is getting a lot of requests for refunds. Also needs a date for Loppetalooza. Lessons need to continue without the snow and no refunds are typically given. The registration fees vary from \$100 to \$140 per child for 8-10 sessions. Zone4 says that there is no refund for membership fees. Loppetalooza date: Feb 10 or Jan 27? Let's plan for February 10.  
Jan got sponsorship for SAS for \$750 for schools so that has been added to social media. RiverRidge wanted to organize a race. Dan will let them know the date of Loppetalooza. Dan will follow up.
4. Treasurer's Report: Lisa: Still on budget. Not too much is happening right now. Both revenue and expenses are down right now. Total revenue: \$79,000, expenses \$26,241. Membership is down. Geoff is waiting on depreciation assessment for the timing system. Government has changed rules for non-profits, financial reports and taxes are now due at the end of January. Gail is now a signing authority at the bank.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes: No word from Sasksport about CCS. Head groomers have been hired. Tom has the MailChimp problems sorted out. Signage is in progress. Gail motions to adopt the previous minutes. Seconded by Brian. Carried.
6. Business arising from Previous Minutes: Ivan has not gotten a design drawn up for the signs. We have decided that we will do two 36x24 signs at WW and KP. Each sign will be about \$400. A large mesh banner will go at HP on the fence at the golf course parking lot. It would be 10x3. Also 10 or 12 picture signs for no walking and no dogs. It is possible that the city would help with the no dog signs. The signs would have a light blue logo and a link to the membership and donation webpages. Ivan will ask to get the design done this week. Jana Hamblton may still have a graphic logo to help with the design.
7. GHSC: Geoff: Geoff spoke to them today and told them that Jackrabbits is still a go for Wed and Sundays. The lights are now on at night at the ball diamonds. Jan is moving the SAS skis to GHSC on Monday. SAS lessons will start in January. We have paid our bill to GHSC.

8. Membership: Tom: Current membership 618. Last year we were at 800 at this time. There are 17 registered for Grapefruit cup with 196 jackrabbits. Learn to ski had 19 kids and were supposed to start today. These programs that cannot be delivered due to lack of snow will need to be refunded. At present, no one is following up with the people that have marked the box indicating that they are interested in volunteering in some way. Could we think about a volunteer coordinator on our board so that someone is responsible to organize the volunteers. This would need further discussion at another meeting. The volunteer coordinator would not necessarily need to be a member of the executive.
9. Eb's Trails: Brian: the equipment is at Cody's waiting for snow to be moved to site. Windstorms have caused more deadfall and a group of people have been really helpful in keeping the trails clean. The trails have ice on them currently. Ralph has put a lot of time and effort into mowing the snowshoe trails. Now just waiting for snow. The Rhino has a new transmission and is 10 years old. It should keep going for several more years. We could consider setting aside money now to replace the side by side when needed. A new one would be around \$45,000. The side by side is easier to use for the job and more comfortable to drive. Also Eb's is down to one TidTek again. It is good to be mindful of the age and maintenance of the equipment.
10. High Performance Update: Geoff: It was a busy November. The whole HiPer team went to Lake Louise for a training camp for a week. Then another training camp for the Provincial team at Silverstar followed by Canada Cup at Sovereign Lake. Alberta Cup 1 and 2 were in Canmore last weekend. We are exploring the idea of using space in the Monarch Building on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. This building is partially owned by Chris and Susan Wall. We could set up a gym there and the skiers choosing to use the gym would have to pay a fee to use the gym for the year. The ski club would have to sign a 5-year lease and pay the monthly rent. Currently, skiers go twice per week to Craven for strength. We could drop Craven and use this gym, or just use it for bad weather. Further fundraising would have to be done to pay for the equipment to go into the gym. Would it be possible to fund the build out for the Monarch via the NSTF for a tax deductible donation. It would be complicated. Money would go into the NSTF, the club would get an invoice from the Monarch build-out and then pay the bill with NSTF money. It would not get paid out until after the AGM when the project is presented to the membership. A business plan needs to be developed to ensure that this project would be viable over the long haul. Ivan, Geoff and Chris Wall will discuss further and bring to the next meeting.
11. SAS: no current report
12. Equipment: Brian: see above comments about Eb's. The new groomers were going to be toured around at WW and HP. So far nothing has happened. Brian should check on them to make sure they are still interested in doing the job. No formal contract has been signed. They should probably have a contract indicating the terms of the position. O

13. Other Items: Brian is not going away as planned so does not need a replacement volunteer this winter.

14. Next meeting: January 25th at 7:00 pm

15. Adjournment: Brian motions to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Ivan. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.