

SNSC Executive Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024, 7 p.m.

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present: Geoff Meinert, Susan Wall, Gail Motsi, Ivan English, Lisa Brundage, Dan Fuller

Regrets: Jan Sedgewick, Tom Wolf, Jelmer Weirsma, Brian Anderson

1. Review of Agenda: Gail requested adding grant reports under treasurer's report, and CCS spring meeting, groomer's honorarium. Ivan: requested adding coaching expenses to treasurer's report. All expenses need submitting by the end of June. Ivan motions to accept the agenda seconded by Dan. Carried.
2. Review Correspondence (for information): Martin Green in Melfort had questions about the Fort a la Corne forest similar to Eb's. He wanted to know how we got approval to get Eb's trail protection status. Geoff put him in touch with the appropriate people to discuss (Kate, Randy, Lorne, Heather). Some inquiries from CCS and some coaching questions.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Jan 25, 2024: Dan motions to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ivan. Carried.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered under other agenda items)
Signage at WW – Ivan: The QR code had to get fixed so that happened. Then the website was under attack and Ivan could not order the signs. Then the signs did not get ordered, as it seemed too late in the season to get them made. The signs are ready to be done at Pelican Signs, it is just a matter of getting them made. Should we get them done this fiscal year or next year. The total cost would be roughly \$1200. GHSC is fine with us putting up the banner. The signs will get ordered right away and put in the garage for next season.
5. GHSC – Geoff: Everything has shifted to the summer season now. We are finished at GHSC as of last Saturday and everything has been completed with this contract for this past season. Ivan is still on the GHSC management board. We paid the lump sum and this year, we did not get much use out of it. We may need to have another meeting with them to discuss fees, since we got very little value for the money that we paid last season. Skiers only use the building for the bathroom. If we could have access to our area (key to the padlock on the front gate) when the rest of the building is locked that would be really helpful. How could we make the ski shed and GHSC area more club-like. Considering the price, people should feel more like it is a club space. Would it be possible to put an

addition on our garage to have a warm-up club space in there? Geoff also would like to have power at HP golf course where grapefruit cup starts to have power for the start-line of the racing.

6. Membership Update – Dan/Geoff: 758 members. Gained 50 members from end of January until now. It will be interesting to know if other clubs suffered lower membership numbers as well. Based on the number of unique computers looking at the website, membership potential would be around 2,000.

7. Treasurer Report – Lisa: For the end of March total revenue at \$113,095, budget was \$153,899. Underbudget. Expenses \$90,268 budgeted \$173,000. Lower revenue and lower expenses than predicted. We had budgeted a deficit but currently have a surplus. Current account balance is \$94,391. Geoff is expecting about \$11,000 in Hiper expenses and youth expenses are expected to be about \$17,000. The blind skiers will also submit expenses for their end of season pizza party. So approximately \$28,000 in expenses left to be paid. There will be a bit more revenue to be received also. The MAP grant, the facilities grant and a ski-at-school community grant for a small sum. This will amount to approximately \$9,000 in revenue. There will be an additional MailChimp expense Gail will submit when the season closes to an amount of approximately \$360. Zone4 expenses seem higher than usual as a result of the race and lesson cancellations.
Volunteer groomer honoraria: The volunteer groomers did help out at HP but less than in years past. They still put in significant hours, but KP went well and Lori Mack ended up doing a lot of management. Eb's was groomed twice. We need to find out who was grooming and the time that they put in and decide on the honorarium amount. We also need to have a de-brief with our paid groomers and hear their ideas. What if we only had one position, some pay for doing the coordinating and some pay for actually grooming. Geoff was planning on this meeting already to find out this info as well. Ivan has spoken with Craig, the paid groomer. HP went really well, Craig did all the coordinating. At WW Ray did not coordinate, nor set the classic track. He didn't do a good job of grooming and sometimes WW needed to be totally re-done. Ray proved to be eager to learn. HP had a group chat that everyone used. WW had a group chat that no one used. After the de-brief on this season, we can discuss in September if we are going to continue with the paid groomers next season.
Grant Reporting: We need to submit an excel spreadsheet for each project that we apply for, ie. Eb's grooming and city grooming, and then will receive the second half of the grant. We just need to report on the budgeted and actual expenditures. Geoff will do this. The City Sports project for the timing system has been sent and received Dec 2023. Facility

grant from CCS also sends the second half of the grant after a report is submitted. This report has yet to be sent for a roller, 2 rippers, 5 pairs of skate skis and timing system. We have received Eb's Day funding. Jan got a community grant for ski at school still needs reporting, the Kinsmen grant for transportation has been received. In the past the City has allowed us to roll the money forward to next season if it didn't get spent. I

8. Ebs Trails Update – Geoff (for Jelmer): They only groomed twice. It may have been the worst ski season ever for Eb's.
9. Youth Update –Dan: Ended up doing 10 lessons, with 2 not on snow. Last year got 14 sessions. Parents generally seemed very happy and supportive of the bad conditions. Dan had increased lesson prices by \$10, so there is slightly more revenue. No one complained or seemed to notice. The bunny registration had gone back up to normal after a slump in registration last year. Dan has been approached by 2 different people who might be interested in taking over the youth organization from Dan. Dan will keep us updated as this evolves.
10. High Performance Update – Geoff /Ivan: Still had a good season despite the terrible conditions. 11 Kids went to nationals this year to ski in really terrible conditions. Strong performances from several athletes. Alberta Cup races went well. Hiper tried training at Optimist Hill on man-made snow and some great workouts happened there. That was helpful.
11. Ski At School Update – Jan- none
12. Equipment Update – Geoff (from Brian): Still some equipment being worked on. One of the side -by-sides needed a new transmission.
13. SNSC Publicity and Communications – Dan- got through the website hacking experience. Graham helped a lot with sorting that out. Social media posts get looked at a lot, so it is a goal to continue with these posts. The CCS spring meeting is coming up on April 20th, if anyone wants details, ask Geoff. Geoff will make a year in review to be sent out at the meeting. Gail requests that the report include the new adult intro lessons. These were well received and had good turnout. The lessons were \$20 on the day of the lesson. These were advertised in the winter leisure guide and the FB page as well as the hiking/skiing meet-up group, and the Kivilski.

14. Other Items- none
15. Next Meeting Date: September 9 at 7:00 pm via zoom.
16. Adjournment: 8:27 pm