



March 24, 2016  
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club  
Executive Meeting Minutes  
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present: Dan Beveridge, Jeff Thorpe, Randy Chapman, Lane Zabolotney, Daryl Sexsmith, Bruce Simms, Dan Brisbin, Kate Germin, Sheryl Riis

Guest: Ivan English

Regrets: None

Meeting Chaired by Dan Beveridge. Minutes recorded by Kate Germin.

Meeting called to order by Dan Beveridge at 7:05pm.

1. Review correspondence: Two letters from Regina Ski Club with donations of \$250 and \$150 to support Eb's Trails.
2. Order of business approved.
3. Facility Committee Update: Ivan English. We feel that we still need a place/facility to suit our club, a 'SNSC Home'. The Kinsman Park may be changing and may not suit our growing needs. The Facilities Committee wants the club to know about that they are continuing to look at the area around the old Sanatorium, Gordie Howe Campground, Holiday Park Golf course, the ball diamond area and the Speed Skating Oval for a this home. The Speed Skaters want to know if we want to use some of their facility space. They do not use all of the building to capacity. There might be reconstruction needed to their building in the future due to changes planned for the ball diamond bleachers, which are part of the Speed Skater's building. They have bathrooms, showers, change rooms and a kitchenette as part of their facility. The executive at the Speed Skaters Group have invited Ivan English to their next

meeting. This hinges on the City agreeing for us to use Holiday Park golf course and the old Sanatorium site to set track. Discussions along that line are in progress with the city and the Meewasin Valley Authority. We plan for a site suitable for all of our program groups and individual club skiers. We would ask if the city could build a small hill close by for the Jackrabbits. There is some lighting in these proposed areas.

There are lots of potential great ski areas in the City.

4. Winter City Strategy Breakfast: Ivan English. The City of Saskatoon held a breakfast gathering to address specific winter problems as well as to develop supportive plans and policies for the vitality of cities in the winter. Sectors present: business, tourism and entrepreneurs; advocacy groups (bike, ski, seniors); arts, creative, planners architects; sports& rec, community associations; U of S, Meewasin, Health Region; City councilor/city staff; other. The SNSC had 5 representatives there, hoping to put a voice to our need for City of Saskatoon support of our activities.
5. The Willows: Ivan English. Bruce Simms. Grooming and use of the Willows was successful this year. Kevin Robinson volunteered to be a contact person to be in touch with Guy Beatty, City of Saskatoon, who was very supportive. Thanks to Ken English's trail planning, we had interesting hilly terrain. Contact was late and plans were last minute but worked things out very well. Groomer volunteering. Provincial Championships were held at the Willows due to poor snow conditions at Blackstrap. The facility was free. We paid for the meal, had warm clean facilities and it was a great success. Since the trails were well used, the Willows has shown good future potential. Willows would not have been a success without the great volunteers, Brian Anderson and Ken English. We will build on the Willows and plan to use it next year.
6. Review SNSC executive meeting minutes:
  - 2016-01-07 Approved.
  - 2016-02-11 Approved.

7. Executive composition: Dan Beveridge. Dan has emailed the two possible interested people and got no response. Third person is presently in Brazil. Our needs are high and our volunteerism is low. One of our volunteers, John Srayko, helping on the website has received lots of negative feedback from members. We want a general message put out to be supportive of each other, especially the new volunteers.
  
8. Zone 4 fees: Dan Brisbin. There are three components to the Zone 4 fees: \$1/cart, \$1/person and 3% credit card fee. Cross Country Canada (CCC) has agreed to pay the \$1/person this year. We are waiting to hear if CCC will pay the \$1/person next year or if that was just a first year promotion. Discussion re the value of the CCC membership for ski club insurance. Discussion re the importance of insurance for a club like ours, with classes at all age levels and High Performance ski groups.
  
9. Armand Laitres honorarium: Randy Chapman.  
**Motion:** by Randy Chapman that we pay a \$250 honorarium to Armand Laitres again this year for the use of his property for our two storage containers. All in favor. Carried
  
10. Saskatchewan Marathon Expo: Dan Brisbin. We've been an exhibitor for the past three years and we've only had modest interest at our booth. The cost for a booth is \$150 plus GST. The Expo will be held Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Praireland Park, Saskatoon. Discussion re: is getting out to be seen at this event worth of cost and volunteer time. People do see that the Nordic Ski Club is there. Dan Brisbin is willing to organize it if we want to have a booth again this year. Discussion re the money is not an issue.  
**Motion:** by Dan Brisbin that the club pays \$150 for a booth at the Sask Marathon Expo and use volunteers to man the booth. All in favor. Carried.

11. Groomer and ski insurance: Daryl Sexsmith. A formal quote to insure the grooming equipment has been received. It is about \$200/year. The Ski-at-School equipment quote is \$300/year. This covers replacement value for the first 5 years. Once they are all over 5 years old we may lower the coverage. Insurance covers theft, fire, vandalism, and damage in transport. Our policy expires Dec 1 so additions would be pro rated for the rest of this policy time. We also have a policy, with the same agency, for the 2 Skandic snow machines. We could look at quotes from other companies at renewal time.

**Motion:** by Daryl Sexsmith that we insure the three groomers and rollers to an appropriate amount based on their present value. All in favor. Carried

12. Website Update: Dan Beveridge. Updates to the SNSC website have long work in progress. Some of the areas needing review are the trails condition reporting and social media integration. We have asked for a quote by our web designer, Lesia Payne's, and expect to hear by the end of the summer on that. Bud Kays has emailed about a data entry method for the trail updates. Discussion if this can be covered by MAP grant. MAP grant submissions should be in by end of May.

13. Google Apps account: Dan Beveridge. We paid \$500 + last year. Dan Beveridge has tried to get this as a not-for-profit group status but it was rejected for an unknown reason. Discussion re using this for MAP grant but this is not available due to it is used for administration which is not covered by the grant, not only for publicity, which would be covered by the grant. We will decrease our number of Executive emails in order to decrease cost.

14. Ski at school clubhouse hours. Discussion re what the clubhouse alarm system indicates versus the total hours that have been logged by the SNSC users of the Wildwood Clubhouse. Dan Beveridge will talk to Andrew Roberts, Saskatoon Clubhouse administrator, re this.

15. Bylaw amendment re AGM quorum: Dan Beveridge. There are 720 members but we often have less than the 25 members at our AGMs. **Motion:** by Dan Beveridge that Section 3 of our bylaws be changed from a quorum of 25 to a quorum of 15. All in favor. Carried.
16. Adult lessons: Bruce Simms. Bruce states disappointment in what happened with adult lessons this year. Our instructor would not give any lessons at Wildwood. Many classes had to be cancelled or postponed due to poor track conditions at Kinsmen Park. Bruce wants to try a different format and expand the classes for next year. He feels it is time to bring in new blood and try some new things. Need to be a level 1 in the Canadian Association of Nordic Ski Instructors (CANSI) instructor to teach adults. We have 3 qualified CANSI instructors. We could spread the cost if we put an instructors course on province wide.
17. Executive Director Position: Dan Beveridge. Dan has posted executive director job descriptions from various other places in the Google folder. We will discuss at the next Executive meeting in preparation for presenting to the membership at the 2016 Fall AGM.
18. Letter to new federal minister of Parks and Recreation requesting that they reinstate grooming at Prince Albert National Park: Daryl Sexsmith will post the letter on Google Docs for all exec members to review and contribute. Daryl will to put the letter together.
19. Next meeting date and place. Sept 8, <sup>2016</sup> at 7pm at Kate's.
20. Adjourn by Dan Beveridge at 2055.