



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday October 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Amigo's Cantina, 632 10 St E, Saskatoon, SK

**Members in Attendance:**

Dan Beveridge, Daryl Sexsmith, Kate Germin, Jan Sedgewick, Dorothy Quayle, Dan Brisbin, Randy Chapman, Sheryl Riis, Ann Popoff, Alison Meinert, Geoff Meinert, Ivan English, Jeff Thorpe, Ken English, Arlene Wharington, Lane Zabolotney, Joanne Ferguson, Darrell Lutzko, Karen Biddulph, Scott McGibney, Bruce Simms, Nancy Howse, Bob Howse, Yvonne Hanson, Bob Smith, Sandra Sawatsky, Gail Motsi. (27 members present)

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

- 1. Introductions and welcome:** President, Dan Beveridge, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- 2. Order of business:** One change - item #6. The Facilities Committee report will be first.
- 3. Reading and approval of the 2015 SNSC AGM Minutes:** Approved as revised.
- 4. President's report:** Dan Beveridge - Remember to vote in the upcoming civic election. There are candidates that can put cross-country skiing forward. Your vote matters.

**5. Treasurer's report:** Daryl Sexsmith – Financial statement copies are available here as well as they were included with the agenda for tonight. This year we have added the blind skiers finances to our report so as to be in compliance with the Saskatchewan Corporations Act.

We also looked into the depreciation of equipment. It made sense to start depreciation of new equipment from now on so we started that this year. Previously equipment was fully expensed in it's year of purchase.

It has been a good financial year with almost as much membership as other years.

Introduction: Gail Motsi has joined the Executive as a member at large. As requested at last year's AGM Gail reports here on the SNSC National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) amounts. There are presently 3 projects. The City grooming project has \$1,100, the Eb's grooming project has \$1,975 and the New Facility project has \$1,475. Project money was spent on the new race clock this past season. Spending is broadly defined. We just need to fill in a request re what we want to buy before we use any of the money. We are working on adding a fourth project, which will be for youth programming.

Question: Is donations to SNSC trough the NSTF tax deductible? Yes. We encourage members to remember the SNSC when you think of donations for your tax year.

Question: Is the NSTF included as part of the financial statement? No, because it is in their account. It only shows up as revenue when we request it.

**Motion:** By Dan Brisbin that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Second by Jan Sedgewick. All in favor. Carried.

**Motion:** By Scott McGibney that the requirement for a financial audit be waved for the 2016-17 year. Second by Dorothy Quayle.

All in favor. Carried. Therefore a review will be done.

**Motion:** By Randy Chapman that we ask Cathy Butler to review the books again on behalf of the membership. Second by Ann Popoff. All in favor. Carried.

## **6. Committee and program chair reports:**

- Facilities Committee:

Dan Brisbin - In 2011 the SNSC put forth Vision 2020. The Facilities Committee was tasked in 2012, to find the best facility available in Saskatoon for a 'home' for our ski club. We used several criteria, including trails, location and infrastructure. Several areas in and around Saskatoon were evaluated using strict criteria. Blackstrap and Holiday park areas are two areas we looked at in those 4 years. Now the committee is prepared to present the Gordie Howe Management area as the most suitable.

Ivan English – The Gordie Howe Management Area is large and has potential to host larger skiing events, the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club is open and eager to share the city rented facility with our club. There is space for a sea can to store grooming equipment. A portion of the area already has lighting available. There are treed areas with good shelter from wind. There is an east hilly area of golf course, which would give varied and challenging skiing. There is lots of potential for a large trail network with good trails. There is talk of a possible new building in the future. There is easy access from all areas of the city. If we can establish ourselves there we are hopeful to have a long partnership with the city and other sport enthusiast groups, making the Gordie Howe Management area a winter and summer sport activity hub. We are asking for access to the hilly golf course terrain, the ability to install more lights,

access to the old Sanatorium sight, near river. We also want to be able to build some mounds a short distance from the facility for the Jackrabbit teaching.

**Motion:** By Ivan English that the SNSC move forth to the City of Saskatoon with the proposal to have access to the Gordie How Management area as a home for our club. Second by Dan Brisbin. All in favor. Carried.

Comments by Geoff Meinert – he sees a lot of potential for the proposed area to be a sporting hub both winter and summer.

**Motion:** By Scott McGibney that the Facilities Committee recommends that the incoming President meet with the City of Saskatoon by the end of 2016 to begin discussion on how to access the Gordie Howe Management and Sanatorium site. Second by Kate Germin. All in favor. Carried.

- Ski at School:

Jan Sedgewick - We have a total of \$15,000 worth of ski equipment. We had 1,526 students from grades 4, 5 and 6 in the program last year. Eb's Source of Adventure is our equipment maintenance sponsor. They will donate the yearly waxing work and repairs as needed, plus they are giving gift cards as coaching incentives.

We will start to use the equipment for outreach as well as for ski-at-school to encourage cross-country skiing throughout the community. We hope to increase to 2 paid coaches this year. We are looking for people to help coach so we can have at least 2 coaches per session.

- Youth Program:

Jan Sedgewick – We opened registration in early September and have 152 children registered. Numbers are

slightly down this year. We are starting to see continuity, as the kids get older; they are following through to competitive levels. There will be a community coaching clinic this weekend to take the introduction coaches to the next level.

Question – Can coaches still register if they like? Yes.

- Youth Hi-Performance:

Geoff Meinert – The HiPer program is \$200/child. Dry land has started. The main focus is training and competing. They meet 5 times per week. Training roller skis belong to the club. Our kids had good success last year and attended all the Sask Cup events in the province. More trophies are expected this year.

- Blind Skiers:

Joanne Ferguson – The blind skiers appreciate being affiliated with the SNSC. We are down to 11 blind skiers this year and 12 low vision skiers. We are looking for guides. We meet every Saturday from 10am to noon at Wildwood.

- Adult Instruction:

Bruce Simms – Lack of snow played havoc with the teaching schedule last season. We will alter some learning this year. With the use of Blackstrap we can offer some intermediate and down hill experience. We may move to Wildwood some this year. Hyper last year had 8 high school students. Training and conditioning is done in summer, with roller skis used on weekends. Fall schedule is Tuesday night to run hills.

- Eb's Trails:

Randy Chapman - Deadfall was removed and the mowing completed by October 3, except for about four kilometers of trail that is between water bodies and unreachable by motorized vehicles.

Heavy, wet snow the first week of October blocked all trails with deadfall. Since then, thirty kilometers has been cleared, leaving twenty still to be done.

The grooming equipment is ready to go.

Saturday, October 22, Jeff Thorpe will lead crews to gather and cut firewood for the huts.

Heather Bernhard will prepare the buildings for the season.

Eb's Day is planned for February 12, 2017.

## **7. Proposed Budget:**

Daryl Sexsmith – Budget copies are available here as well as they were included with the agenda for tonight. The revenue budget is much the same as last year, but with no big grant for Ski-at-School equipment. We are not doing the provincial race this year so no \$ for that.

Web site budget is high due to the website needs to be updated. Maintenance of the site should then be less. We are looking at buying snow fencing, more roller skis and V boards for hosting races. A \$11000 deficit is considered OK.

Question – Where are we with Ski-at-School costs? Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS) will help with instructors costs. We still have most of the Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) grant left to buy more equipment and supplies. Two grants have been applied for. NSTF set up Youth Project to offset costs. We will ask schools to give a small amount as well, to offset costs.

**Motion:** By Daryl Sexsmith to accept the budget as presented. Second by Alison Meinert. All in favor. Carried.

## 8. Bylaw Amendments:

Dan Beveridge –

SII)p1) **From:** Directors shall form the Executive. The Executive will consist of the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 5 additional directors.

**To:** Directors shall form the Executive. The Executive will consist of the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five additional directors. Either the Vice-President or Past-President positions can be replaced by a President-Elect position.

SII) p13) A majority of directors present at an executive meeting can vote to remove a director for non-attendance or non-performance of duties. It will be an item on the agenda distributed to directors one week in advance.

SIII) p4)

**From:** Twenty-five members, or 10 percent of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting.

**To:** Fifteen members, or 10 percent of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting.

**Moved:** By Allison Meinert that we change/add the above bylaws as above stated. Second by Ivan English. All in favor. Carried.

SI)p4) Membership fees for 2017-18.

Discussion - The fees that we have to pay to Cross Country Canada (\$4) and CCS (\$1) have gone up by \$5. The \$ will also help with the facilities plans.

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Current (\$/year)</b>	<b>Proposed (\$/year)</b>
Youth/FT student	35	40
Adult	40	50
Family	70	100

**Motion:** By Jan Sedgewick that we accept the yearly membership fee increases above proposed. Second by Ivan English. All in favor. Carried.

## **9. Executive Elections 2016-17:**

### Nominees:

President: Lane Zabolotney

Past president: Dan B.

Vice-president: Gail Motsi

Secretary: Kate Germin

Treasurer: Daryl Sexsmith

Director: Jeff Thorpe

There are no further nominations from the floor.

**Motion:** By Dorothy Quayle that the above executive be elected. Second by Jan Sedgewick. All in favor. Carried.

The executive will appoint Bruce Simms and Randy Chapman as directors. They have both served 5 years or greater.

## **10. Announcements:**

Question – Where will the club be grooming this season? The Willows will be closing the clubhouse for the winter, plus they will not clean the snow from the parking lot. We, therefore will likely not be grooming at The Willows this year. There will still be discussion re the Willows but there are liability issues as well.



Wildwood and Kinsmen will be groomed as usual.

Question – If we take over grooming at Holiday Park will there be compensation by the city? Open for discussion? Decisions are not made as yet.

**11. Adjournment** at 2020.

**Motion:** By Bruce Simms that the meeting be adjourned.

Second by Ann Popoff. All in favor. Carried.