



Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Gordie Howe Sports Complex, Main Hall, Saskatoon, SK

Members in Attendance:

Lane Zabolotney, Gail Motsi, Daryl Sexsmith, Jeff Thorpe, Eric Lamb, Bob Katarynych, Valerie Young, Peter Blanchurd, Vicky Reaney, Dorothy Quayle, Randy Chapman, Inger Pors, Ken English, Doreen Chapman, Jan Sedgewick, Gretchen Peterson, Joanne Ferguson, Jola Kedra, Ivan English, Alison Meinert, Geoff Meinert, Kirsten Ketleson, Andrew Brisbin, Sarah Brisbin, Lauren Dyck, Al Thede, Sheryl Riis, Bruce Simms, Dan Brisbin.

Meeting chaired by Lane Zabolotney. Minutes recorded by Daryl Sexsmith.

1. **Welcome:** President Lane Zabolotney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Order of Business:** The agenda as circulated was agreed to.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Moved by Lane Zabolotney and seconded by Doreen Chapman that the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved. Carried.
4. **President's Report:** Lane Zabolotney.

- Lane thanked all the volunteers for their work in the past year. He said he would not be running for re-election. He encouraged new people to consider serving on the executive.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Gail Motsi

- New grants were received in 2017-18 including grants from the City of Saskatoon for a new groomer and the Ski at School program.
- Expenses were generally lower than budgeted.
- Membership revenue up.
- The financial review was completed by Gabe Ng, professional accountant. There were no issues.
- A copy of the financial report is attached.
- Approximate balances in the National Sport Trust Fund that were donated for use by the SNSC:
 - Ebs Trails: \$3,500
 - City Grooming: \$1,500
 - New Facility: zero
 - Ski at School: \$500

Motion: Moved by Gail Motsi, seconded by Bruce Simms, that the financial statements dated September 11, 2018 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, as reviewed by Gabriel Ng CPA P.C. Inc, be approved. Carried.

Question: A member asked what the limit of an organization's revenue is before a full financial audit is required. Answer: \$250,000. The SNSC is well below this limit.

Motion: Moved by Gail Motsi, seconded by Ivan English, that the requirement for an audit of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 be waived, and that a financial review of the books be conducted instead. Carried.

Question: A member asked if the SNSC is holding its Annual General Meeting and approving its financial statements within the required time

limit. Answer: Yes. The deadline to complete these tasks is 4 months following the fiscal yearend (October 31).

6. Facilities Report: Ivan English

- An update was provided on the new ski facility planned for the Gordie Howe Complex and Holiday Park Golf Course area.
- Plan is open this ski area for the winter of 2019-20.
- Facility to include warm up building, storage building, lit trails, and snow making in Gordie Howe Complex.
- Additional trails will be on the golf course and former sanatorium site.
- Paper copy of plans were available for members to look at.
- A fundraising campaign will be launched. A target of \$25,000 has been set for member donations. The SNSC will budget a further \$25,000. Donations will go to the Friends of the Bowl Foundation.

Question: A member asked if Wildwood will still be groomed and if snow making and lights could also be provided for Wildwood. Answer: hopefully Wildwood can still be groomed by SNSC volunteers. There are no plans to add facilities to Wildwood since the SNSC has decided to focus its efforts at the new area.

Comments: Two members expressed appreciation for the efforts done by the facilities committee and reminded all members that the decision to focus on the Gordie Howe – Holiday Park area was made over a long period of time after much consultation and research.

7. Ski at School Report: Jan Sedgewick

- The Ski at School program is going again for another year providing Learn to Ski sessions for school classes from grades 4 – 6.
- There will be 84 sessions (weather permitting) from January to March.
- There is strong support from the City of Saskatoon for the program.
- More coaches are needed.

8. **Youth Jackrabbit Report:** Eric Lamb and Kirsten Ketleson

- Eric and Kirsten are the new program coordinators.
- 70 children now registered.
- More coaches are needed so that more children can attend.
- The program will start when snow comes.

9. **Blind Skiers Group:** Joanne Ferguson

- 10 blind and low vision skiers are registered.
- There will be a 40th anniversary tea held on Nov. 17 from 2-4 pm at Walter Murray Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.
- A joint bus trip with the rest of the SNSC membership is suggested.

10. **Hiking and Touring Program:** Sheryl Riis

- Hikes are happening in the spring and fall. Typically, there is a fall supper afterwards.
- Ski tours are car pooling trips to Ebs trails. Meet at 9:45 at Lawson Heights Mall on Sunday for car pooling.
- Dogs are allowed on some hikes. Check with leaders to confirm.

11. **Eb Trails:** Randy Chapman

- All trail clearing and mowing has been complete.
- Some sections have been re-routed due to flooding.
- A new coordinator is needed for Ebs Day in February. Thank you to Heather Bernhard for coordinating this event for past 15 years.

12. **Proposed Budget:** Gail Motsi

- The proposed budget was circulated prior to the meeting.
- There is the provision in the budget to pay an equipment manager if a volunteer can not be found.
- Thank you to Rob Klenz for volunteering to take on the equipment manager position for the past few years.
- There is \$25,000 in the budget for the new facility at the Gordie Howe complex. These funds are available from retained earnings from previous years.

Motion: Moved by Gail Motsi, seconded by Dan Brisbin, that the proposed budget be approved. Carried.

13. Nominations:

The following individuals have been nominated by the outgoing executive:

- Vice President and Treasurer: Gail Motsi
- Past President: Dan Brisbin
- Secretary: Kate Germin
- Directors: Jeff Thorpe, Ivan English, Eric Lamb
- President: no nomination.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Motion: Moved by Gail Motsi, seconded by Dan Brisbin, that the above individuals be elected to the executive. Carried.

Kirsten Ketleson suggested that a motion be made to empower the executive to fill the vacant positions including finding a president. It was determined that bylaws give the executive this authority and no motion is required.

14. Announcements:

- Dan Brisbin, on behalf of Cross Country Saskatchewan, announced that the loppet passport is back and that there are loaner sets of skis available if any club has events.
- The topic of bus tours was suggested again as something that the club could pursue.

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

