



Feb 24 2020
Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Draft Executive Meeting Minutes
Held at Residence of Kate Germin

Present:, Kate Germin, Ivan English, Gail Motsi, Jeff Thorpe,
Kimberly Dobrowolski, Susan Wall, Brian Anderson, Sheryl Riis.

Regrets: Dan Brisbin, Eric Lamb

Meeting chaired by Gail Motsi. Minutes recorded by Susan Wall.

Meeting called to order at 19:10pm by Gail Motsi

- 1. Agenda ammendment:** added winter triathlon to business arising from minutes
- 2. Correspondence-**
 - City of Saskatoon: Construction in Kinsmen Park is scheduled for March 2020. It will happen near the YWCA and will not affect ski trails. The work involves digging up waterlines.
 - CCS: Gail is forwarding to the board City of Saskatoon water and transportation study information. In this is a proposal for additional parking in the area of Kinsmen park.
 - There has been an email exchange with the City of Saskatoon regarding signage at Widwood. The City has put up some signs there.
 - The City of Saskatoon community grant application deadline was February 2020. SNSC did not receive the

grant notice and missed the deadline. This grant has been used to fund the Ski at School program. Last year Ski at School got \$3,500. Jan Sedgewick will prepare an application for the Winter Cities grant to fund Ski at School. The budgeted revenue from this program is \$6,100. The treasurer is going to keep watch on the city grant dates so that applications are not missed in the future. There is a minor capital grant that also may be available.

- Langham: Dan had exchanged email about forming trails in Langham. A meeting was suggested, but no firm dates for one yet. SNSC was not going to commit to helping, but was willing to offer advice via Dan.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes-

Motion by Ivan English to accept January 13 2020 minutes. Kim seconded. Carried.

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes-

- Kim looked further into the JumpStart grant. The grant will cover the cost of a participant enrolling in a program, but will not cover equipment expenses. The income of an inquiring family would be assessed, and the application would need to be submitted before the program start date.
- Signage at Wildwood: Ivan spoke to Richard. Richard feels there is no need of improved signage. He was also reluctant to groom a track directly to the hill for Jackrabbits. Next season, if more signage is needed we should put the signs out earlier, but Richard did not feel this was necessary.

- Brian had put some signs around the greens in front of the clubhouse. There were some ski tracks ovetop of another golf green, so more signs will be added on this green next winter.
- Eb's Day: 169+ people registered at Eb's Day this year. The organizers even ran out of food. Jeff will write a report to apply for a grant through CCS to pay for Eb's Day expenses. This grant has not been applied for recently. The Deadline is January 31 and has a maxiumum of \$500. Kate took photos and sent them for use in the Kivilski.
- Eb's Donation: Kate hand-made a plaque and put the plaque in the location requested by the donor. The cost of the plaque was \$1 plus the cost of the artwork.
- A new map has been printed for the north shack at a cost of \$78.
- Zone4 has collected \$1200 for Eb's Trails. The \$200 donation from the donor went to Eb's Trails via the National Sport Trust Fund. Kate will expense the cost of the plaques. Anyone can make donations to Eb's Trails using the NSTF. This is not club money, SNSC has to apply to use it and it does not appear on financial sheets.
- Groomer at Eb's: The groomer not being used at Eb's right now is not a good machine for city use. Ron Sereda (the builder of the groomer) would like to talk to Brian about what to do with the groomer. Brian and Ron will discuss this.
- Winter Triathlon: The Triathlon is the same weekend as the SaskaLoppet. The triathlon club needs volunteers at

Holiday park but they will use the City ski trails. They do not need help with grooming.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The YTD for the end of January is \$21,000 profit. This is higher than projected.
- Revenues: \$57,000 this year compared to \$51,000 last year. The HiPer revenue is higher and the CCS grant put us \$6,000 higher than expected.
- In Dec/Jan there were 79 new registrations. There has been \$23,000 in membership revenue which is on track with the projected \$25,000. In total there are 650 members to date.
- The City of Saskatoon grant has been received, this was \$4,000. We got a grooming donation of \$1800 and an Eb's donation of \$400. We also still have a store credit at FFUN of \$314 for an engine block. Brian has used this money to buy oil. He will strive to use this credit up.
- Club donations on Zone4 are at \$3,200.
- Expenses: The YTD expenses are \$36,000. \$75,000 was budgeted. Last year total expenses were \$57,000, so we are on target with projected expenses.
- HiPer is \$5,000 underbudget. Vision 2020 is still underbudget because the report chosen was less extensive and much cheaper than originally planned. A Winter City grant covered much of the cost of this. The cost is complete and finished.

- Youth programming instructor fees and food costs are yet to come. Ski at School expenses are still to be submitted also.
- Trail maintenance in the city and at Eb's are both underbudget. The machine maintenance is over budget compared to last year due to a clutch replacement. If an expense is \$1,000 or more it requires approval by the board.
- Overall, we are up on revenues and expenses compared to the projected budget. There is \$69,000 in the bank account. A term deposit of \$25,000 with roll over in March if we leave the money in the deposit. It is possible to start another term deposit, currently, no investment strategy is in place.
- Grant money is still expected to arrive in April.

6. Facilities Update-

- There has been a meeting with FOTB/Gordie Howe Sports Complex. FOTB is the fundraising arm of the GHSC. Snowmaking has been discussed. Cutbacks have happened in other areas, not just skiing. They are running out of money and want to get all the buildings done. Greg Yuel is on the board of FOTB, and has been pushing forward the proposal to include piping for underground water, so it is not a totally dead topic. Dan Brisbon feels that skiing is getting a raw deal but when you look at what we are paying for use, it is not much compared to other sports. Hopefully our expenses will be much less too.

- We are still waiting for FOTB to find out our cost so we can find out if we can afford to be in the complex. Also, the city will assist us with money for public skiing. We will plan to use the area from mid-November to mid-March. SNSC is aware that snowmaking is very labour intensive. Other clubs have tried and failed, so it is really important to have all infrastructure and equipment in place before trying it.
- The most important piece right now is finding out what our expenses would be from FOTB. The City has a fund started for building maintenance, so hopefully it is not up to the club to spend a lot on this.
- Our expected schedule would be Sat/Sun: 4 hours per day, Mon-Thurs 6:00-9:30pm.

7. Eb's Trails Update-

Skiing is good still. The bench builder was working on the new benches. Might need to get a crew together to move the benches into their proposed locations.

8. Equipment Manager Update-

- had to change a cell inside a battery pack for Ken and Richard on the TidTech.
- There are still questions around grooming at Holiday Park and Kinsmen Park. If we bought another roller for Holiday Park it would cost \$1529 plus shipping. We could also get a hand-made roller.

9. Youth/Adult/HiPer Update-

- Provincials are this coming weekend in Regina.

10. Touring Update-

- People are meeting at 9:45am on Sundays to go to Eb's together.

11. Communications Update –

- SNSC website went down recently. Fees to the website supporter Inno were unpaid. We will make sure that the treasurer gets the invoices from now on. It is an old website that is a DNN format.
- Email sent to info@snscc currently goes to Lane Zaloteny. Gail will leave this the same and check in with Lane periodically.

12. New Business-

- Grooming sites: Wildwood, Holiday and Kinsmen. Ongoing discussions are needed to decided if grooming should continue at Kinsmen after the club moves to Holiday Park. We would need more equipment and grooming volunteers. Perhaps the City park community association could lobby the City to groom Kinsmen.
- Fee increase: Gail and Sheryl are not in favour of a fee increase, fearing it may reduce the number of members. Our fees are compareable to Regina and PA. We need to decide to either increase fees this year before knowing our proposed expenses for the new site, or to wait one more year and use our reserve money to cover added expenses.
- Fees have not been raised in 10 years.
- There has been an increase in donations since collecting donations via Zone4.

- The fee increase conversation will be deferred to next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting: March 30th 2020 at 7:00pm.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm by Gail Motsi.