



Minutes

CASTLEGAR NORDIC SKI CLUB 2019 FALL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 14th, 2019

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Castlegar and District Community Complex

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 p.m. (Winston Fayant)

Executive Members in attendance: Winston Fayant (President), Jim Guido (Vice President/Chair), John Pinckney (Treasurer), Greg Richards (Registrar), Al Skakun (Secretary), Directors: Lou Bouliane, Edith Falkenberg, Dave Fitchett, Kathy Sykes, Jon Underwood. Other Members in attendance: 17

2. Motion to Approve the Minutes of Mar. 28th, 2019 Annual General Meeting

Approved.

3. Business Arising from the March 28th, 2019 AGM Minutes (Al Skakun)

Action item to post "Club Facts" signs was confirmed as completed. No other new business arising.

4. Introduction of New Executive Directors & Youth Skier Program Coordinator (Jim Guido)

Jim introduced Edith Falkenberg and Kathy Sykes as new Directors and Nicole Hergert as the Coordinator of the Skier Development Program for 2019/2020.

5. Standing Agenda Items

a. Treasurer's Report (John Pinckney)

John provided overview of the 2018/2019 actual expenditures to budget and the proposed 2019/2020 budget with paper copies circulated to members. 2018/2019 total revenues were \$50,847 and expenditures were \$45,578 for net revenue of \$5,268. Items impacting revenues were slight decline in memberships & day passes and catch-up on employer contributions with federal government. On positive side, no major equipment costs as equipment is fairly new.
Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Approved.

b. Registrar's Report (Greg Richards)

Number of members registered to date was 260, most through Zone 4. Last year we had approx. 590 members by year end. Working on extracting volunteer information in database. Kathy indicated plan to contact last year's members who do not renew their memberships.

c. Fee Collections & Cabin Wardens (Kathy Sykes)

Kathy is working with Greg to use database to solicit Fee Collector volunteers. Weekends are priority. If a member volunteers 4 times, they will receive a free membership next year. Volunteers will have a pre-organized kit and receive orientation. Cabin Wardens program started last year and will be expanded this year. Wardens will also have a kit and expectation is that they will service cabins approximately weekly.

Question arose regarding emergencies. Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) are in all buildings, however skiers must be aware that there is no monitoring / check-in of skiers by the Club.

Action: Al Skakun to ensure the Club's Emergency Response Plan is posted to the website.

d. Cabins and Trails Infrastructure (Dave Fitchett)

Dave provided an overview of works completed this year. Significant amount of trail brushing. Also, wet snow last year resulted in lots of trees coming down requiring removal. BC Timber Sales provided a few days of excavator time to the Club which was used to upgrade some trails sections.

The Club received some funding from Columbia Basin Trust for upgrade work to the south approach to the mid-loop bridge but it was too late to complete the work due so will be done summer/fall of 2020. Dave voiced a caution to members about using candles in the shelters – near incident in Snowberry. Cabins are cleaned and stocked with firewood – thanks to all volunteers.

- e. **Trail Grooming and Equipment** (Chris Campagnaro)
Equipment is mostly in good shape, but the roller/packer is starting to show fractures. May be able to replace the drum (estimate \$2200 U.S. to replace entire unit). Solved a fuel contamination issue with new fuel drum and pump filter. New trailer purchased last year. Doing cabin cleanup and sleds will be moved to the site shortly.
- f. **Youth Skier Development Program** (Nicole Hergert)
2 potential coaches have stepped forward and Nicole will also be doing some coaching. Developing a program for 4-8 year-olds. Sessions will be on Saturdays, starting Dec 14th until March 7th, including Loppet participation. Lots of community interest. Communicating with past coordinators (Deidre & Bronwen). Connecting with schools.
- g. **Loppet** (Winston Fayant)
Date confirmed for January 18th. Winston will be working on upgrading route arrows / marking and more efficient way to transport and install.

6. New Business

- a. **Motion to Amend Club Constitution and Bylaws and Call for Volunteer Directors** (Al Skakun)
Looking for support to amend the bylaws to increase the potential number of Directors (from 4 to up to 10) to increase Executive capacity and effectiveness and expand number of Director portfolios. Motion that “Executive be empowered to pursue an amendment to the Club constitution and bylaws to permit election of ‘up to 10 Directors’ at AGMs”: Approved.
In the interim, if there are individuals interested in serving as a Director, please contact a member of the Executive.
- b. **Open Session - Member Questions and Answers**
 - Request that Executive explore solutions for shelter packrat problem. Discussion on door signs or door closers to keep doors closed; move to external woodsheds.
 - Question about proportion of trails set for classic skiing – more and more sections (e.g. hills) not being tracked. Commitment to research tracking standards (e.g., Selkirk report / other sources.)
 - How are trails prioritized? Generally green, then blue, then black; close-in shelter routes, certain loops; being discussed constantly. Discussion on sections single vs. double tracked and timing. Club is working on more formal grooming strategy.
 - Is Club looking more at skate skiing loop? Trying to provide some opportunities but classic will remain our focus. Should be addressed as part of overall grooming strategy.
- c. **What’s New! New Club Website, Social Media and Day Passes** (Edith Falkenberg)
Edith demonstrated Club Facebook and Instagram sites. Members encouraged to use, like, post pictures. More use will increase interest, encourage users. Club has a new website and Edith demonstrated key home page links to trail conditions/tracking, weather, and membership/fee info. Action: Al Skakun to add Playmor Power Products logo to scrolling sponsors on website.
- d. **Registration Day & Ski Swap (Nov. 16th) - Kinnaird Hall** (Al Skakun)
Reminder to members of above event.

- 7. **Door Prize Draw** for free 2019/2020 Membership (Al Skakun)
Winner of free Adult membership was Scott Braidwood.

- 8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Approved - Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:15 P.M.