



MINUTES

CASTLEGAR NORDIC SKI CLUB

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date & Time: Monday, October 14th, 2021 (7:30 p.m.)

Location: Kinnaird Hall

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.** (Kathy Sykes)
Executive Members in attendance: Kathy Sykes (Acting President), Winston Fayant (Immediate Past President), Jim Guido (Treasurer), Greg Richards (Registrar), Al Skakun (Secretary), Directors: Dave Fitchett, Jon Underwood, Edith Falkenberg, Carol Andrews. Other Members in attendance: 10
2. **Meeting Covid-19 Protocols** (Al Skakun)
Al outlined Covid safety measures to be followed for the meeting.
3. **Recognition of Winston Fayant and Dave Fitchett** (Al Skakun)
In recognition of Winston's and Dave's retirement from active involvement on the Club Executive, the Club expressed its deep appreciation for their many years of service. Both were presented with Lifetime Membership badges, gift cards and special chocolate treats.
4. **Minutes of the Nov. 12th, 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
 - a. **Motion to Approve** the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (Kathy Sykes)
Moved by: Chris Sykes, Seconded by: Conrad Brattebo. Motion Approved
 - b. **Review of Action Items and New Business Arising** from AGM Minutes (Al Skakun)
2020 AGM Action Items Completed:
 - 1) Jim Guido contacted Andrea Ryman (Destination Castlegar) re potential funding sources the Club may be eligible for.
 - 2) Executive reviewed the question of whether an employee of the Club can also serve as a Director. Review of the Club Constitution (and Executive view) indicates that it is not permitted.
5. **Standing Agenda Items**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Guido)
 - i. Jim provided a handout with 2021-22 Budget Estimates with projected Total Revenue of \$87,150 and Total Expenses of \$80,724. Highlights included: conservative assumption of 900 members, 20% increase in day-pass revenue and 50% increase to honour box revenue over the previous year's budget to reflect trends experienced last season, and 20% increase in groomer hours expected. Projecting positive net revenue after transfer to capital account.
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report & Budget by: Conrad Brattebo, Seconded by: Chris Anderson. Motion Approved
 - b. **Registrar's Report** (Greg Richards)
 - i. Greg advised that last season's membership reached 1,222, more than double the previous year, likely because of Covid. Membership increased significantly from Rossland, Nelson, and surrounding areas. Review of proposed revised membership and day-use fee rates.
Motion to Approve the 2021 Membership and Day Use Fee Rates by: Greg Richards, Seconded by: Conrad Brattebo. Motion Approved

Membership Fees Approved		
Membership Type	Regular Fee	Until Oct. 31
Adult (19-79)	\$85	\$80
Family ¹	\$160	\$155
Junior (7 to 18 yrs.)	\$30	\$25
Student ²	\$50	\$45
Child (6 yrs. & under)	Free	Free
Senior (80 yrs & over)	Free	Free

Day-Use Fees Approved	
Adult (19-79)	\$15
Couple (Deleted)	\$25
Family	\$30
Junior (7 to 18 yrs.)	\$5
Student	\$5
Child (6 yrs. & under)	Free
Senior (80 yrs. & over)	Free

- c. **Fee Collections & Cabin Wardens** (Kathy Sykes)
Kathy described the challenge of record skier numbers and Covid safety measures required. Our volunteers stepped up to the challenge and feedback was positive. Fee Collectors in Rossland took over local coordination and there was also good representation from Nelson. Several Cabin Wardens & Fee Collectors earned season passes and this offer will be continued. Overall, a successful year.
- d. **Trails and Infrastructure** (Dave Fitchett)
Trails and infrastructure project highlights of the past year:
- BC Wildfire crew assisted with danger trees and Winterberry wet areas
 - Approx. 8 km of road grading / widening completed by BCTS
 - Upgrades completed to Norwegian, Gloryview, Ivars with CBT funding
 - Mud Lake bridge abutments in place for bridge completion in 2022
- e. **Equipment & Trail-Grooming**
- Equipment & Grooming Update (Chris Anderson)
 - Trail Grooming Strategy (Jon Underwood)
Chris provided equipment & groomer update. Jon described intent to establish trail-specific grooming objectives, with Chris's input and skier feedback.
- f. **Youth Skier Development Program (SDP)** (Rolf Hartman)
The SDP had a great year with good attendance. Tent on the meadow was a good addition & well received. Rolf and Simon Cretien will be leading this year and are looking to confirm additional volunteer coaches. Discussion on skate loop options.
- g. **Troll Loppet** (Virtual) (Edith Falkenberg)
The Loppet will be virtual again this year, due to Covid, and take place over one week. The Club website will have details on how to participate.

6. New Business

- a. **Executive Recruitment** (Kathy Sykes)
The Club has several openings for Directors on the Executive and encourages members to consider volunteering. Kathy described the Executive strategy of using 'portfolios' of responsibility to share workload. The Club Administrator position will be responsible for fee collection coordination.
- b. **Nominations and Elections of Club Executive** (Chris Sykes)
Chris Sykes facilitated the process for nomination and election of table officers and directors. All positions were filled with single nominations as follows:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Directors</u>
President - Al Skakun	Jon Underwood
Vice President - Kathy Sykes	Carol Andrews
Treasurer - Jim Guido	Edith Falkenberg
Registrar - Greg Richards	Mike Lynn
Secretary - (no nominations)	

- c. **Topics from the Floor** - Questions and Answers (Kathy Sykes)
Chris S. expressed concern about poor attendance at AGM meetings. Conrad B. indicated this has been a long-term issue for the Club. Mike L. suggested the newsletter might be used with regular updates to increase interest and with tasks requiring volunteers, which the administrator could follow-up on.
Conrad Brattebo provided a historical overview of the Club for members' information. He is the last charter member the Sons of Norway Club and has been a ski club member for 60 years; and was the first director and president for 10 years. The first Troll Loppet took place in 1961, starting at Sherbiko Hill, then Nancy Greene Lake, then Glenmerry. Hosting the blind skiers event was a unique occasion for the Club. Conrad has been the Club Historian since it started.

7. Motion to Adjourn: Approved - Meeting adjourned approx. 9:30 p.m.