



MINUTES

CASTLEGAR NORDIC SKI CLUB 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date & Time: Monday, October 20th, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

Location: Kinnaird Hall

1. Called to Order & Agenda Review (Al Skakun)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. & the agenda reviewed. Executive Members in attendance: Al Skakun (President), Kathy Sykes (Vice President), Jim Guido (Treasurer), Directors: Carol Andrews, Kere MacGregor, Ida Price, Jon Underwood. Other Members in attendance: 19

2. Nominations and Election of Club Officers and Directors (Chris Sykes)

Chris Sykes reviewed and 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	Mike Lynn
Treasurer: Jim Guido	Carol Andrews
Registrar: Greg Richards	Kere MacGregor
Secretary: (no nominations)	Ida Price
	Britney Moe

3. Minutes of the Oct. 14th, 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Al Skakun)

- a. **Motion to Approve** the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
Moved by: Kathy Sykes, Seconded by: Carol Andrews. Motion Approved
- b. **New Business Arising** from AGM Minutes - None Arising.

4. Standing Agenda Items

- a. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Guido)
 - i. Jim provided handouts with 2021-22 Budget, Actuals, and Proposed 2022-23 Budget Estimates. Proposed budget projects Total Revenue of \$97,870 and Total Expenses of \$90,825. Highlights included: decision not to include potential corporate donations due to uncertainty, 5% COLA increase in employee salaries, increase in equipment repairs and fuel costs, and small (\$5,000) transfer to capital acct. Positive net revenue (\$2K) projected after transfer to capital account. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report & Budget by: Ed Beynon, Seconded by: Bert Port . Motion Approved
- b. **Registrar's Report** (Al Skakun for Greg Richards)
 - i. Membership #'s for the last 3 years were: 2019/20: 600+, 2020/21: 1,222, 2021/22: 1,125. Over 70% of members now register online, most before Oct. 31st.
 - ii. Planned increase to Family membership rate to match rate for two adults, as with Day-Fees. Proposed 2022/2023 membership & day-use fees are:

Membership Fees (Change to Family Rate)		
Membership Type	Regular Fee	Until Oct. 31
Adult (19-79)	\$85	\$80
Family	\$160 \$170	\$155 \$160
Junior (7 to 18 yrs.)	\$30	\$25
Student	\$50	\$45
Child (6 yrs. & under)	Free	Free
Senior (80 yrs. & over)	Free	Free

Day-Use Fees (No Changes)	
Adult (19-79)	\$15
Family	\$30
Junior (7 to 18 yrs.)	\$5
Student	\$5
Child (6 yrs. & under)	Free
Senior (80 yrs. & over)	Free

Motion to Approve the 2022 Membership and Day Use Fees by: Al Skakun, Seconded by: Alan Sheppard. Motion Approved

- c. **Fee Collections & Cabin Wardens** (Kathy Sykes)
Fall volunteer workday went well, cabins are ready. Kathy advised that Cabin Wardens have been assigned for four shelters. Fred Anderson, Club Administrator, will be coordinating and scheduling volunteer Fee Collectors again this year. Season's passes for volunteering will be continued. The Square point of sale payment system has been working quite well. Discussion on Nordic Cabin: Rodent deterrent seems to be working and plan is to refurbish and add external woodshed next year.
- d. **Trails and Infrastructure** (Carol Andrews)
Trails and infrastructure project highlights:
- New Mud Lake bridge is in final stages of completion
 - BC Wildfire Unit Crew has assisted with danger trees and cutting/splitting firewood
 - Plans for highway junction modifications were not approved by Min. of Transport so we will focus on pushing snow further back when plowing
 - Issue with rutting on Huckleberry & Pine from tree planters - BCTS will be fixing this
 - Hope to get some leveling of Mud Lake loop with excavator before snow
 - Rec Sites & Trails BC has agreed to paint and replace roofs on 2 outhouses (B. Shaw & Viking)
 - Bollards purchased to hold chain gates to close roads when grooming starts – To be installed
- e. **Equipment & Trail-Grooming** (Chris Anderson)
- New Titan snowmobile coming and dealing with repairs to some of the older machines
 - New roller/packer this year should allow faster, better packing of new snow
 - Last year's Grooming Crew will be returning, with Simon also helping out this year
 - Feedback on grooming is always welcome.
 - Discussion on future new trail options/connectors. Unmaintained (east end) of Rossland-Paulson requires clearing of windfall and possible signage.
- f. **Youth Skier Development Program (SDP)** (Simon Cretien)
Simon is the program Coordinator. Other staff are Rolf Hartman, back this year as Head Coach, and Mary Lusty assisting with coaching. Executive and parents have been very supportive. While we continue with the Monashee Adventures program for younger kids, we have been looking for areas to grow the youth program. New this year is the Fall Training program, started in September with 10 kids. A new Competitive Skills Development Program is starting in December introducing and developing skills for racing. Also, working on coordination with schools and planning some activities/challenges for our general ski community.
- g. **Safety Program** (Kere MacGregor)
Safety is paramount for our skiers to have a good experience. Need to continue to remove hazards from the trails. We are working with the Groomers to ensure that training happens (e.g., snowmobile, chainsaw, 1st Aid) as required and that they have proper gear to do the job. Safety is always ongoing - Important for Chris to voice concerns he identifies and if any members have safety issues to raise them with Kere or another Exec member.
- h. **Troll Loppet** (January 22, 2023) (Ida Price)
Ida will be the Coordinator for the Fun Troll Loppet this year. Still in early planning stages. Will have participant prizes – likely the CNSC neck warmers, which have been a hit. Will be looking for donations, sponsors, volunteers and will be partnering with Destination Castlegar. Conrad advised that he has flags and race bibs (more should be ordered) and it was suggested he provide a copy of the organizing task list he prepared in the past. Groomers will help with direction signs. Simon will pursue communications / invitations to other ski clubs to attend.

5. New Business

a. **Amendment to Club Constitution and Bylaws** (Jim Guido)

Jim provided handouts and outlined rationales for four proposed amendments to the Club bylaws as follows:

Article IV, Section 3e) and 3f): Change the date of the AGM from no later than April 30 to no later than October 31st and remove the requirement for a formal joint meeting between in-coming and out-going executives.

Article V, Section 1: Make the term of office for Executive Officers and Directors from the date of their election at an AGM to the date of the AGM the following year.

Article VI, Section 2: Where an office of the Executive becomes vacant, change the wording from: "Executive *shall* appoint... a member... within one month", to "Executive *may* appoint... a member" with no time specified.

Article VII: Add a new section as follows:

f) To allow current year expenditures, up to 20% of the immediately previous fiscal year approved budget, in advance of the approval at the current year's AGM.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to the Club Constitution and by: Bert Port, Seconded by: Al Skakun. Motion Approved

b. **Recognition of Winston Fayant** (Al Skakun)

In consideration of his dedication and many years of service to the Club, the Club Executive feels there should be some special recognition of Winston Fayant. Some ideas or options proposed by various individuals include:

1. A mounted metal sculpture, suiting Winston's welding talents.
2. Naming of a new trail in his honour – possibly connecting Ridge or Snowberry to Glenmerry.
3. A large lookout bench and plaque in the opening on Ivar Trail overlooking the Valhalla range or at the Old Growth/Ridge junction overlooking the valley to the west.
4. Renaming the annual Fun Troll Loppet to the "Winston Fayant Memorial Troll Loppet".
5. A plaque at Viking Centre

Open discussion on the above and other opinions. A new trail was generally favoured, but this would be in the future (1-2 years). A metal sculpture was also favoured. A plaque and story board at Viking Centre was suggested. There were concerns with renaming the Troll Loppet due to its long-standing tradition and name recognition, however there was general acceptance for 'dedication' of the 2023 Loppet in Winston's honour. Dave Fitchett advised of an existing wooden plaque in the area and recommended that any proposed recognition should be discussed with Winston's family in advance.

c. **Topics from the Floor** - Questions and Answers (Al Skakun)

- Replacement of old gas shed and recommendations for snowmobiles to retain (Murray Bennett). Executive confirmed that a new equipment lean-to is a priority on the Club's projects list, but funding is a current constraint. Re: snowmobiles, Mike Lynn has been tasked with researching status of all the machines and recommending which to maintain and which to sell.
- Conrad Brattebo provided an overview of the Club's history for members' information and his remembrances of Winston Fayant's involvement in the Club from early days.

6. **Door Prize Draw** – A draw for 1 free Club Membership was won by Herb Hess.

7. **Motion to Adjourn**: Approved - Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:50 p.m.