



MINUTES

CASTLEGAR NORDIC SKI CLUB

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 14th, 2024
Tailout Brewing – Castlegar

Season Kick-Off Social (5:30 p.m.)

- **Pizza, Social, & Club News** (Simon Cretien)
 - **Waxing Clinic** with presentation by Alex Donaldson
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Annual General Meeting

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

AGM was called to order at approx. 6:50 p.m. & the agenda reviewed. Executive Members in attendance: Al Skakun (President), Kathy Sykes (Vice President), Jim Guido (Treasurer), Directors: Carol Andrews, Mike Lynn, Ida Price. Additional Members in attendance: **59**

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

Chris reviewed and facilitated the process for nomination and election of table officers and directors. Positions were filled as follows:

<u>Table Officers Elected</u>		<u>Directors Elected</u>	
President:	Al Skakun	Carol Andrews	Chris Lohr
Vice President:	Kathy Sykes	Mike Lynn	Michelle Troughton
Treasurer:	Jim Guido	Ida Price	Deb Wilson
Registrar:	Stephanie Kos	Jon Underwood	Ben Cram
Secretary:	(no nominations)		Cheryl Ginyp

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Oct. 19th, 2023, AGM (Al Skakun)

- a. **Motion** to Approve the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
Moved by: Herb Hess; Seconded by: Al Skakun **Motion Approved**
- b. New Business Arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes. None

4. New Business

a. Membership and Day-Use Fees (Al Skakun)

Proposed 2024/2025 membership and day-use fees were provided to members in the agenda package and reviewed. The fee schedule was recommended by the Executive based on revenues required to meet projected expenditures for employee wages and other operating expenses, while balancing affordability. Discussion ensued regarding setting membership rates at a full dollar value as well as even numbers for day-use fees, for easier transactions by fee collectors.

Motion that the regular Family Membership rates be rounded upwards (\$232.50 to \$233 and \$382.50 to \$383) and that the Adult Day-Use Fee be set at \$18.

Moved by: Jill Peacock; Seconded by: Brenda Gill **Motion Approved**

Discussion on Day-Use Fees. A proposal was made to create a new Senior rate (65-79 yrs) of \$10 for affordability. Concerns were raised that this would require corresponding changes to the membership categories as well and could have revenue implications.

Action Item: Club Executive will review and decide on the suggestion for a new Senior day-use fee category and rate at the next scheduled Executive meeting.

5. Standing Agenda Items

a. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Guido)

i. Budget Reports

Jim reviewed the budget reports provided in the agenda handout. Last year's (2023-2024) Budget to Actuals report showed \$142.9K actual revenue and \$122.5 K actual expenditures with \$5K transfer to Capital account, resulting in a \$15.4K surplus. The proposed budget for 2024/2025 includes projections for Revenues of \$146.4K and Expenses of \$143.2K, with a modest surplus of \$3.2K. A summary of Grant Contributions Received, and where the funds are allocated to, was included in the budget reports. Grant sources include RDCK, Nordique Canada, CBT, Viasport, Gaming 2024, and CCBC.

ii. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report and 2024/2025 Budget

Moved by: Harold Mayer; Seconded by: Jill Peacock. **Motion Approved**

b. **Club Reports**

Simon Cretien provided updates on two club initiatives:

- The new equipment building has been delayed due to a foundation issue, but will be completed next summer.
- New trail connectors have expanded the overall network – new blue trail (Winston's Way), new black trail (Viking's Pass) and upgraded trail through old growth (Forest Path Trail) – We hope members try them out and provide feedback.

The following Club Reports (copies attached) were provided in the agenda package and highlighted for any follow-up questions or comments:

- Registrar's Report (Stephanie Kos)
- Fee Collections & Cabin Wardens (Kathy Sykes)
- Trails and Infrastructure (Carol Andrews)
- Trail-Grooming & Equipment (Mike Lynn)
- Youth Skier Development Program (SDP) (Simon Cretien)
- 2025 Troll Loppet (Jan 19, 2025) (Ida Price)

6. **Topics from the Floor** – Input, Questions & Answers

- A member thanked all the Executive for their work on behalf of club members and expressed a desire to see a designated dog trail
- Chris Anderson advised that trails now have well over 20cm of snow, packing has started, and trails should be open for skiing by the Nov. 23rd weekend
- Ida Price asked members to consider signing-up for Loppet volunteer tasks
- Mike Lynn recognized the club Groomers for their hard work in tough conditions

7. **Door Prize Draw**

Door prize of one adult membership was won by Laura VanderHoek, who donated the membership back to the Club. Thank you, Laura!

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Mike Lynn; Seconded by: Kathy Sykes. Approved

Meeting Adjourned at approx. 7:40 p.m.

Attachment: EXECUTIVE CLUB REPORTS

Registrar's Report (Stephanie Kos)

- Membership registration numbers have increased by about 10% compared to this time last year, thanks largely to a surge in sign-ups from the Nelson area. Adults make up 80% of the registrations, with families accounting for the remaining 20%. Below is a summary of registrations to Nov. 8th, based on registrant location.

Location	# to Nov 8, 2024	% to Nov 8, 2024	# to Nov 13, 2023	% to Nov 13, 2023
Castlegar, Robson	268	51%	276	58%
Nelson, Bonnington, Balfour, Beasley	77	15%	21	4%
Rossland	82	16%	72	15%
Slocan, Silverton, Winlaw, Crescent Valley, Passmore, Krestova, Glade, Grand Forks, Ross Spur	56	11%	62	13%
Christina Lake	13	2%	13	3%
Trail	12	2%	19	4%
Vancouver, Victoria	6	1%	0	0%
Ontario	7	1%	7	1%
Washington	5	1%	8	2%
Totals:	526		478	

Fee Collections & Cabin Wardens (Kathy Sykes)

- Our Fee Collection and Cabin Warden programs contribute significantly to our members and guests' positive experience when at our club. We are always looking for volunteers and members that choose to become involved. They are rewarded with annual passes for the next year. As a Fee Collector, you need to volunteer for 4 sessions to qualify for the pass. A popular choice is for couples or friends to cover Glenmerry Entrance and Viking Entrance four times at the same time. If you wish to donate your time for 1 session, that is really appreciated as well.
- The Cabin Warden program is for the ski season, and you keep the cabin and outhouses clean, stocked and shovel snow if applicable. Usually once a week is the standard. Supplies are provided.
- If you are interested in either program, please email castlegarnordicski@gmail.com and we will contact you.

Trails and Infrastructure (Carol Andrews)

- Recreation Sites and Trails(RSTBC) Partnership Agreement with CNSC was approved.
- Club Operating Plan: Completed and Approved by RSTBC
- BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Operating Plan. CNSC referral response submitted. Field review with BCTS and CNSC representatives took place August 28.
- CNSC has reached out to Okanagan Nation Alliance to introduce the Club and acknowledge the ONA's traditional territory.
- Completion of connectors for 10 kms of new trails, gradient reductions on short sections of Ivar and Gloryview, and a Winterberry re-route to avoid wet area. (see updated Map).
- Grass seeding of all new trails.
- Expansion of Mud Lake parking area. Commitment from local contractor to clear parking areas on an "as needed" basis.

- GIS mapping project through Selkirk College. These maps will be important for future operational planning. Map deliverables include: Age Class, Forest Health, Protected Forest, Trail Gradients, Potential Viewpoints, Harvesting within the tenure boundaries, Visual Quality
- Concrete foundation for new equipment facility. Structure to be assembled spring 2025.
- Donation of 3 cords of firewood from Atco Lumber
- Very successful Volunteer Day! 36 participants. All cabins/outhouses cleaned inside and out and supplied with firewood. Booty's bridge repair. Cleanup of equipment compound area.

Trail-Grooming & Equipment (Mike Lynn)

- Chris Anderson continues to lead our grooming team (Simon, Rolf, Craig, and Anthony) again this year.
- Snowmobiles and equipment are all in good shape and Chris has developed a comprehensive grooming plan to ensure timely coverage of our newly expanded trail network.
- Trail reports will again be available through the Nordic Pulse app and from our website.

Youth Skier Development Program (SDP) (Simon Cretien)

- Fall programs have been running since September with full participation
- Enrollment interest is strong for the winter programs and we'll likely see 30-40 registrants this year!
- A new program, "Saturday Nordic Adventures" is opening for kids ages 8-14 focused on non-competitive winter adventures
- Our Youth Programs now can provide gear loans for families and kids who are new to cross-country skiing
- 6 schools and education groups are now participating in our Ski School program
- We are seeking 1-2 more coaches for this winter. If you'd like to get involved, help grow our team of future skiers and become certified as a Nordic ski coach, please reach out to us!
- Registration is now open through the Club website at www.castlegarnordic.ca/youth-program
- For program information email: cnscc.office@gmail.com

2025 Troll Loppet (Ida Price)

- Date: Sunday, January 19th, 2025
- Loppet starts at 10:00 a.m. Register online or by 9:00 a.m. at Mud Lake
 - Routes to be announced, with 40km having an early start
- Volunteers needed for: sign up, bib distribution & collection, timers, parking attendants and donations of baked goodies!!
- There is a sign-up sheet available today - please help out so we have a great and smooth running Loppet!