

GOLDEN NORDIC SKI CLUB SOCIETY

AGM 2021

Zoom Meeting : October 7th 2021: 7.00pm

In Attendance: Jeff Dolinsky, Ian Robinson, Erwin Perzinger, Annette Boelman, Julie Caldwell, Joan Dolinsky, Jim Doyle, Phil Carson, Kirsty Panneton, John Panneton, Seth Conlin, Bruce Fairly, Annette Luttermann, Dona Gylander, Ruth Hamilton, Brianna Burley,

Agenda:

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes of AGM 2020
3. Business Arising.
4. Approve Treasurer's Report for 2020/2021
5. President's Report
6. Other Reports
 1. Owl's Roost update
 2. Programs
 3. Grants/groomer fundraiser
7. Other Business
8. Election of Officials: 6 Directors
9. Adjournment
10. Presentation of Trail Monitoring Camera results in the Dawn Mountain Recreation Area by Joan Dolinsky

There being a quorum, at 7:02 pm, Phil Carson, President of the Club, called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Agenda: James moved, seconded by John to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2020: Jeff moved, seconded by Annette L., to approve the Minutes of AGM 2020. Motion carried.**
3. **Business Arising:** none.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Bruce reports that the GNCS has a very healthy balance sheet at year end June 30th, 2021. The Club has created a position where we have hired help that is invaluable. The position of Financial Officer especially. Huge thanks to Kirsty Panneton for keeping the Finances of the GNCS in great shape. She is doing an incredible job. The GNCS is also reporting amortization better. Last season we were over \$35,000 above budget on Memberships. This made up for lower income on Day Use and rentals. For Expenses we stayed within budget. We had a surplus of just over \$10,000 for last season. This gives us a strong footing to start the 2021/22 season. The financial report for 2020/21 will be posted on the website for all to see once it is completed.
Motion: Annette B. moved, 2nd by Phil to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Motion Carried.
5. **President's Report:** Phil reported that last season we had 985 members. That is over 10% of residents of Golden and Area A. It was 50% up from the previous year. A big thank you was expressed to everyone for supporting the Golden Nordic Ski Club. This was probably due to Covid – for folks found us a safe venue to outdoor recreate. We were down in Day Use fees and out of Province guests.

There are so many people to thank, Phil expressed, to help keep our Club running and provide all the services we offer.

Thanks to – the Dawn Mountain Grooming team, the Golf Course and Snowshoe trail team, Ian Robinson and his trail team, all the Members of the Board of Directors. Each Board Member plays an important role in the running of the Club.

The paid staff also contribute so much; our financial officer Kirty, our websmaster Ruth, our head groomer Erwin, and Annette our program coordinator. The Chalet staff last season were fantastic. This season we are looking for 2 new staff members.

Covid – Phil reported that Jeff prepared the protocols for last season and everyone was safe. There were no covid incidents through the Nordic Club. This winter we will probably operate with the same restrictions as last year.

Special Olympics – the SO group will be going ahead this season.

Sign in– Kirsty and staff developed a QR system and on line statistics to report users at Dawn Mountain. This replaced the old pencil and paper system.

A source of friction last season was after hour washroom use. The Chalet Staff went home and everything was closed up by 5pm. Except on Wednesday's when Youth Program ran until 5:30pm. This season there will be a brand new outhouse in the parking lot as the solution! So folks won't have to ski to Owl's Roost to use the Outhouse.

Last season there were no School programs. We hope they will return.

The Huckleberry Loppett did not run. The Dawn Mountain Challenge was a success with 132 participants and 33 sponsors. If the Huckleberry runs in 2022, it will be the 25th anniversary.

Club also commissioned a Video about the Golden Nordic Ski Club and Dawn Mountain that is available to be viewed on our website. In Flight Robotics/Seth Conlin created the Video.

6. Other Reports:

1. **Owls Roost:** Annette L. updated the membership on all her hard work in creating a partnership agreement with the Province of BC for the maintenance of the Owl's Roost Cabin. The province otherwise was going to demolish it if no one took on the project. So, a new partnership between GNSC and the Metis Society was formed. Through this a CBT Trail Enhancement grant was given to purchase a new stove and chimney. This should be installed in October. Future renovations will include enlargement of the front deck, ramp for wheelchair, interpretive materials, and shelves. The goal for this winter is to make it cozy and comfortable for use.
2. **Programs:** Annette B. reports that she will continue her role as Program Coordinator for the Club. There are 3 aspects to GNSC programming: School, Youth, and Ski School. For the Youth Program, last season we had 16 volunteer coaches and 73 children signed up for Wed. and Sat. programs. This season we have 13 volunteer Coaches lined up to help with programs. On the first day of registration October 1st there were over 50 kids signed up by the end of the day. Thanks for everyone for the continued support of our programs! Last season the Youth Rental Program was a great success because all families/kids could take home the gear for the season and go skiing whenever and wherever they wished.

This season, depending on the schools, we will see what we can do. Covid has created a shortage of gear and the GNSC was not able to purchase as much gear as needed yet. Annette reported that she is continuing her search for gear. She will be reaching out to the schools very soon to see what can be created. Lessons were also successful last season with over 27 lessons taught. GNSC has 4 CANSI instructors available to teach. For adult programs we ran several successful programs last season including Women's 50+ and Learn to Ski programs. Annette asked the membership if there were any programs, they would like to see this season to be in touch.

3. **Grants:** Phil reported that CBT has been so supportive of the GNSC. We need to find a special way to acknowledge their contributions. We received over \$85,000 from them this year. Here at the grants we were granted:
Technology Grant - \$4000 to buy a laptop and printer for programs, to buy a new webcam and router, and to buy trail cams for wildlife and human monitoring.
Trail Enhancement Grant - \$36,000 for 80% of the Hawk Owl Bridge replacement and 80% of a new outhouse in the parking lot.
New Groomer - \$24,000 towards the purchase of a new groomer as long as other funding is secured.
Also Via Sport granted us \$4000 to help us with our COVID response expenses.
Other donations included \$28,000 of donations through members contributing to the New Groomer fund, Nordiq Canada \$3000, Rotary Bingo \$6000.
We are 56% of the way there for a New Groomer.
We also have \$40,000 from the CRSD contingent on other funding secured as well.
What's Next: Phil submitted a Grant proposal for the balance of the Funds from the BC Lottery Capital Fund. We will know if we are successful in November. All other sources of money have been looked into and there are no other options right now.

7. Other Business: none

8. Election of Officials:

President: Phil Carson continues as President for his 2nd year in his 2-year term.

Treasurer: Bruce Fairley continues to be Treasurer for his 2nd year in his 2-year term.

Secretary: Annette Boelman continues to be Secretary for her 2nd year in her 2-year term.

5 Directors: Jim Doyle (Chalet), Ian Robinson (Trails and Signage), and Jeff Dolinsky (Loppet and Grooming and much more), Julie Caldwell (web and internet and much more), Annette Lutterman (Owl's roost project and much more), and all agreed to stand for reelection

Phil moved, Bruce 2nd to accept the nominations of returning Board of Directors as presented. Motion Carried.

New Director: Jeff nominates Mathew Zaleski as a Board of Director. Phil 2nd. Call for further nominations was asked for. There were no more nominations. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: At 8:03pm Phil moved, seconded by Kirsty, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

We then stayed on the Zoom call and enjoyed a presentation of Trail Monitoring Camera results in the Dawn Mountain Recreation Area by Joan Dolinsky