**Golden Nordic Ski Club Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21st, 2024  
Dawn Mountain Chalet, Golden BC**

**Board Members:  
Present:** Annette Boelman, Tyson Newell, Phil Carson, Jeff Dolinsky, Julie Caldwell, Ian Robinson,

**Absent:** Derrick Murphy, Jim Doyle, Annette Luttermann

**Others Present**: Sanne Van Der Ros  
**Quorum Achieved:** YES

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising
   1. Loppet wrap up.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Derrick/Kirsty
5. Committee Reports
   1. Grooming and maintenance- Jeff/Erwin
   2. Programs update – Sanne
      1. Groups with kids 5 and under – free?
      2. Biathlon – next steps?
   3. General manager update- Sanne
      1. away March 6-11th
   4. Chalet – Jim
   5. Safety and Grants- Phil
      1. Update on Caribou bridge project.
   6. Trails – Ian
      1. Updating golf course conditions on website – Marvin? Todd? Do they have access.
6. New Business
   1. Owl’s roost caretaking – Julie
   2. Broken glass on wood stove at Owl’s roost – donation to fix from member.
   3. Free snowmobile – update and gift for donors?
   4. CBEEN wild voices programs - Sanne
   5. Gear order for 2024/2025.
7. Other Business
   1. Indy pass
   2. Marketing signs
8. Adjournment

**Next BOD meetings:**

**March 20th, 2024**

**6:35pm Phil called the meeting to order.**

**1. Approval of Agenda:** Jeff moved, seconded by Phil to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Phil moved, seconded by Tyson to approve the minutes of the January 24th, 2024,meeting. Motion Carried.

**3. Business Arising:**

**a) Loppet Wrap up –** Jeff reported that the Loppet was a success! An interested statistic was that there were more Golden skiers racing then ever. The Loppet was also well attended by our Youth Program participants equalling to around $1000 of value. This year there was a shortage of volunteer team leaders and Sanne filled in many of these gaps increasing her workload. And Jeff also filled in the gaps as well increasing his workload as well. And some new people did step forward as well! We need to cultivate more leadership volunteers to reduce the workload off these 2 wonderful people! The grooming was excellent once again though the SBS was being repaired at the time and the snowmobile kept overheating!

4. **Treasurers Report**: Neither Kirsty nor Derrick was at the meeting, but Annette B. reported that we have around $163,000 in CVCU. Kirsty sent the Profit and Loss statement ahead of time by email and we are around plus $60,000 to date.

Annette. B inquired about the $9000 repair bill for the SBS and what line that will be put under in the budget. The budget line 8802 equipment R&M has $0 budgeted but line 8803 for contract labour has enough in the budget still for this expense. No motion needed.

Annette B. wondered about the reporting of the Kal Tire grant and the Ski to School Grant. The Ski to School grant is no where in the P&L statement.

***Action: Annette B. will investigate whether Higher Ground was paid yet for the equipment purchase for the Ski to School grant.***

***Action: Sanne will investigate when the reporting is due on both those grants and when we will receive the money from the granters***.

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a) Grooming** and maintenance: it is reported that the team is working well! A snowmobile was just donated to the club and this machine will be great for running around for the loppet and doing maintenance i.e downed trees etc. It is probably not appropriate for grooming.

Erwin has found a new person to help take on some of his responsibilities. It was agreed that Erwin knows best who he wishes to bring onto the team.

**b) Programs:** Sanne reports that School groups are happening, and Youth Programs are going well.

i) Groups with Kids under 5 years – Sanne was wondering if we charge for groups coming with children under 5. It was agreed that we just follow our trail fee rules and charge appropriately.

ii) Biathlon- Biathlon demo day was a great success! Biathlon has some of the guns they used to borrow for the rest of the season. There is a 3 hour online video training that coaches will need to do. Sanne was wondering, on the advice of Biathlon BC, if we should sell the guns that we have?  
***Action: Sanne will contact Mark Dasher for he was the one who purchased the guns in the first place.***

iii) Nordiq Canada also has a Ski Playground event that clubs can sign up for. Julie sent the info to Sanne to see if this is something we should pursue hosting!

**c)General Manager Update**: Sanne reports that Chalet staff have been great! She will be away from March 5-11th on a holiday. She will make sure all programs are covered with someone taking on leadership role! There will be another lantern ski on Saturday evening. She will be promoting that asap.

d) **Chalet –** there is another mouse in the house! Ashleigh completed the beautiful animal mural.

e) **Safety and Grants:** The radio used to communicate with the groomers needs to be checked and correctly put into the charging station.   
 ***Action: Sanne will communicate this to Chalet staff.***

Phil reports that the CBT grant presentation evening is March 5th or 6th. We are applying for 90% of the cost of the new SBS.

i) update of Caribou bridge project – Phil reports that the bridge that would be available from a private woodlot has been condemned by the province. RSTBC may have another bridge and we will hear about that in around 2 weeks. Phil communicated with CBT about the delay in the project, and they contacted RSTBC to see if all this was correct. There is another option to buy an enviro bridge from Merrit BC. Phil provided a costing chart based on 3 options he has investigated. We may need to apply for more money from CBT.

f) **Trails:** Ian reports a couple of signs have been put up to inform people to pay their trail fees/no poaching the trails.

i) Golf Course updates on website –

***Action: Annette B. will help Marvin get set up to edit the website again.***

**6. New Business:**

* 1. Owl’s roost caretaking – Julie was checking in about who oversees the Owl’s roost. It was confirmed that Annette L. representing GNSC and the Metis Society take shared responsibility.
  2. Broken glass on wood stove at Owl’s roost – the glass on the wood stove was broken. A member came forward and was happy to pay for the replacement.

***Action: Sanne will contact the member and say any donation is very welcome. The club will pay for the remainder of the cost.***

* 1. Free snowmobile – an Arctic Cat snowmobile was donated to the club by Andreas and Suzanne. A big thank you is needed! Phil will investigate getting the machine registered.
  2. CBEEN wild voices programs – Sanne is looking at spring programs for school groups and wondering if there would be a charge for using Dawn Mountain as the programming area. The consensus was as long as the Chalet was not being used then there is no charge. Owl’s roost and outhouse there is perfect for this program.
  3. Gear order for 2024/2025- Annette B. submitted a gear order for next fall to replace the oldest boots and the older skis. An estimated $7000 worth of new gear should arrive. There is around $2000 worth of 2nd hand gear to sell at the ski swap next fall. It is best to keep updating the rental shop with new gear every season to make sure the old gear is still worth something.

**7. Other Business:**

**a) Indy Pass –** so far, we have had 0 people come to ski with the Indy pass. The $500 fee was waived for us. This is something that really is not catching on in the Canadian market.

b) Marketing idea – Phil had a great idea to put up some GNSC signs along the road by Kicking Horse Resort. He will investigate this further.

**8.Adjournment:** At 7:50pm Julie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tyson. .Motion Carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Board Meetings: Mark your calendars!**

**March 20th**

**Location: Dawn Mountain**