

Golden Nordic Ski Club

Executive Meeting 2019FEB21: 6.30pm The Island Restaurant

In Attendance: Jeff Dolinsky, Dan Veselic, Ruth Hamilton, Lynda Conway, Sue Rowe, John Panneton, Jim Doyle, Joanne Wittstock, Ian Robinson, Erwin Perzinger, Sarah Osadetz, Steve Wyer

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - Trails and grooming- Erwin
 - Programs- Sarah, Steve
 - Chalet- Jim
 - Web/Marketing/Communications- Ruth
 - Sponsorships- Ruth
 - Dog Trail-
 - Rental Shop –
 - Loppet: Wrap-up
6. New Business-
 - New Loppet race trail
 - 3rd party instruction on GNC trails
 - Increasing Ruth's budget by \$500?
 - Safety Report: Jeff
 - Water Licence
 - Rocky Mountain Riders tenure application
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment -set next meeting for March

There being a quorum, Dan Veselic called the meeting to order, and prior to other business, **Jeff moved, seconded by Steve, to induct John Panneton as an interm board member. Motion Carried.**

1. Approval of Agenda: **Jeff moved, seconded by Ian, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.**
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: The Minutes of January 16th 2019 having been circulated and reviewed, **Joanne moved, seconded by Dan to accept them. Motion carried.**

3. **Business Arising:** None
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Joanne is a bit disappointed in her report this month: the Point of Sale (POS) info has been confusing and is not up to date. But the bank account has a solid \$110,000 in it. Youth Program account funded by Lottery grants is about empty and further costs will be met from general revenue. There are issues with membership fee collection: Zone4 is saying there is \$67,000 uncollected from registration: Joanne is trying to figure out how better to handle this and will have to contact individuals. *Action: Joanne.* Donations and Sponsorships, through Ruth, seem to be matching expectations. Although Trail Fees are down, rentals, programs and lessons are up: by spending more on coaching, we are offering richer programs. Chalet staff costs are up but are covered by increased rentals. All staff are doing a great job; Della goes for foot surgery next month and will be replaced by Marsha and Dan. There was discussion about the unreliability of numbers from Zone4, now that the POS is in place. Zone4 usage is promoted by CCBC, and these issues could be brought up at CCBC AGM. *Action: Joanne will talk to Zone4 about possibilities for compatibility with POS and our own Visa account.* **Jim moved, seconded by Steve, to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.**
5. **Committee Reports: Trails and Grooming:** Erwin says the Grooming equipment is failing and costs of repair are escalating. By end of year he sees a need to discuss budget expenses. Bombardier has checked out the cat and found systems all work: there must be an engine problem reducing power to them. It can be used, but is slow and difficult. The SideBySide has all-season track kits which were used in mud in its first season, when they should not have been. Damage was done, and in future wheels MUST be used in summer, not tracks. Last fall all the bearings were changed, but it needs new shafts, at a cost of \$1,000 each. The 275 is also acting up ,and has low hours, so some value if sold. Erwin requests a subcommittee to help him determine whether to keep, repair or replace the equipment. **Steve moved, seconded by Joanne, that a committee consisting of Joanne, Erwin, John, Mark Dascher, and the mechanic be convened by Erwin to report on the state of the machinery and make plans for its future. Motion carried.** *Action: Erwin*
Ian Robinson showed a bush saw and long handled clippers in a pack, purchased for chalet staff to let skiers use as necessary around the trails. This was staff person Steve's idea.
Programs: Steve says that Sarah O reports programs are going well; attendance is up as well as private lessons. It may be necessary to set times for lessons. Gear in the basement has been sorted and there are plans to chuck out some that is no longer suitable. The rental inventory may need the same process. New gear has arrived, there is now enough for large school groups. There are 12 coaches, and Sarah and Charlotte plan to take more

advanced training. **Steve moved, seconded by Joanne, that \$1,000 from Community Foundation funding be used for more gear. Motion carried.**

Action: Sarah

Chalet: Jim reports that the new rubber floor in the basement is much appreciated. He made a drumkit for John Denham (Enchante) to use at the Loppet, which was later used by Special O athletes at the Masqueparade. He is looking at finding a better spot for rentals near the Chalet entrance. Venting the basement is still under consideration.

Website/Marketing/Communications: Ruth says the website has been improved with lots of photos and is easier to navigate. Statistics indicate this is good. She plans to do a paid ad soon. She feels the Newsletter needs to be issued regularly, as not all members are on social media, she suggests biweekly over the winter, or at least monthly plus an update. *Action: Ruth to organize newsletter for March 1st and 15th.*

Sponsorships: Joanne says this year's budget hoped for \$30,000 in sponsorships this year, but it's looking unlikely. She suggests looking for sponsors for specific projects, eg. painting the chalet, trail improvements. Jeff advises the grant cycle is about to start and matching grants are easier with sponsored funds. Sponsor letters have been sent out, but there has been little traction. *Action: Jim, John, Jeff and James Ross will form an Infrastructure Project subcommittee to look at eg. doubling the septic system capacity, chalet staining, trail improvements.*

Dogtrails: Steve reports the Sec 57 application has been supported by Danielle and Marcia, and could provide funds from Rec sites and trails. They were very pleased with the water-crossing report. He is looking for funds and plans to 1, cut a line, 2, create access for work on the water crossings.

Rental Shop: already covered.

Loppet: Jeff reports that although not all numbers are in, it went well. On the Saturday there were too many racers and bibs had to be borrowed from GKHAT. Sunday would have been cancelled if the temperature had dipped below -20, however it stayed at -19.5. Because youth numbers are up, it becomes necessary to separate the 1km and 2.5km courses better. Toby Creek and Foothills participants both suggested building a new 1km trail and perhaps a 2.5 km skate track. Need to buy more bibs. More next meeting when all the numbers are in.

- 6. New Business: New Loppet Trail:** Jeff would like to see a connector on Lynx. **Jeff moved, seconded by Joanne, that GNSC support new trails to improve Loppet youth courses. Following discussion on a possible loop in the Eagle trail area, motion was carried.** Jeff would also like to see a trail to the north of Playground. KHMR has been surveying in the Lynx area, and Jeff has asked them what their plans are. Concerns arise over tenure boundary, and a need to plan ahead rather than be faced with a fait accompli. **Steve** raised concerns about funds for trails being given priority over Dogtrail

funds, and moved, seconded by Ian, that any funds received through grants or operations be split 50/50 between Dogtrail and new 1 or 2.5km race trails, with the exception of earmarked donations. Motion carried.

Action: Dan and Jeff will try to meet with KHMR about real estate plans and maps.

Third Party Instruction on GNSC Trails: Instructors charging commercially have been seen using our trails. Since we do not own the trails, Danielle advises that such users need to apply through Ministry of Forests etc, Rec Sites and Trails to do so. Currently one operator is taking up space needed by youth programs on the weekend. *Action: Ruth will insert in the website a request that groups planning to use the trails coordinate their activities with the club, to avoid over heavy use of some areas.*

Increasing Ruth's budget by \$500: previously ratified by email.

Safety Report: Jeff reports the new flooring makes a difference. 18 people are now cleared to operate the snowmobile and initiate a rescue. Erwin's InReach system is still not in operation. Action Steve will get it going, charging the monthly expense to his personal credit card until the club one has been ok'd by the Credit Union. Staff are willing to use their personal phones to call out rescue as necessary.

Water Licence: was never needed before. The water is still tested at government level, but there is now a requirement for a licence to access water. *Action: James Ross*

RMR Tenure Application: Luke Burley wants to run quads/ATVs on his snow machine trails in summer. There is a need to support ongoing summer closure of trails for stewardship reasons. Discussions with Danielle are complicated by an upcoming change in staff: there should be a new Recreation officer in Golden in March. *Action: Dan will call Danielle to request more information on staff changes at MofF etc and request input into the application. Jeff will draft a response to it.*

7. **Other Business:** None.

8. **Adjournment:** At approx. 9pm, Ian moved, seconded by Dan to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting March 13th, 6.30pm, potluck at Dawn Mountain.