**GOLDEN NORDIC SKI CLUB SOCIETY**

**AGM 2023**

**In Person Meeting**: Island Restaurant October 5th 2023, 7:00pm

**In Attendance**: Jeff Dolinsky, Ian Robinson, Annette Boelman, Joan Dolinsky, Jim Doyle, Phil Carson, Kirsty Panneton, Annette Luttermann, Sanne Van Der Ros, Jean Panneton, Maxine Lockeridge, Brian Olynek, Tyson Newell, James Ross, Hanna Sander-Green, Leslie Fierling, Ian Blanchard, Sue and Ian Rowe

**Agenda:**

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes of AGM 2022
3. Business Arising
4. Treasurer's Report for 2022/23
5. President's Report
6. General Managers Report
7. Other Business
8. Election of Officials: 6 Directors positions
9. Adjournment
10. Presentation by Joan Dolinsky – Ecology and Wildlife of Dawn Mountain

There being a quorum, at 7:10 pm, Phil Carson, President of the Club, called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Kirsty moved approval of the Agenda as circulated. Jeff 2nd. Motion Carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2022:** Phil moved approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM minutes as circulated. Jim 2nd. Motion Carried
3. **Business Arising**: none
4. **President's Report**: Phil started his report by thanking all the key people that make our Club run smoothly. The biggest change this past year was the hiring of a General Manager. Sanne Van Der Ros was hired last October and made a huge difference in running and operating the club.

As always Erwin Perzinger and his grooming team did a fantastic job grooming the trails for the season. A change this past season is that the grooming volunteers are now getting paid for their time.

Kirsty Panneton keeps the books and our finances in check. She does amazing work for the club.

And ALL the volunteers who help make the club what it is. There are 16 different volunteer roles that people take on. In 2022/23 108 different people volunteered which equaled to 2500 hours.

The Chalet Staff were our front line team doing rentals, greeting, collecting trail fees etc.

Last year there were 925 members. 72 children were in the Youth Program. 5 different schools came and took lessons with over 300 children attending.

Coming up this season 2023/24 Recreation Sites and Trails BC is moving to a 5 years partnership agreement from the previous 10 year cycles. GNSC has management of the Dawn Mountain Recreation Area all year round. So we can control who we have on the trails in the Summer.

The big project that we have coming up is the Caribou Bridge replacement. We were promised a bridge structure but unfortunately someone in Forestry took it instead. The environmental assessments were complete this year. And so hopefully in 2024 we will have it completed.

GNSC joined the Indy Pass program for this season. So folks will see us advertising them on newsletters etc. This program will hopefully bring in more skiiers.

No other big projects are on the horizon. The next purchase though will be a new Side by Side. The current one is wearing down. This is an integral piece of grooming equipment.

GNSC is looking for more Coaches for the Youth Program and the Community Coach course will be in Revelstoke or Kimberly. We are also hosting a CANSI Level 1 course Dec. 2-4th/ 23.

1. **General Manager Report**: Sanne presented her Report in a power point presentation.

2022/23, as the first General Manager of the club, was full of learnings, firsts, and a lot of successes.

What went well: getting the Chalet organized, special events, newsletters, owls roost, lots of kids on skis, coaches gathering, 25th anniversary Huckleberry Loppet.

Looking ahead to 2023/24 some questions are how many events?, how many school groups?, who will buy supplies?, shall we sell club merchandise?

Most members come from Golden, then Calgary, then Alberta, BC, and then international.

We had 11,000 skier visits.

End of season survey highlights were that people enjoyed the sense of community, the

grooming was great, and communications i.e newsletter was enjoyed.

What can we do better:

* 1. Grooming report
  2. Open house/community day

Youth Program highlights: the kids enjoyed playing games, off trail exploring, being with friends, that the loppet was free

Coaches: enjoyed the new props, coach training, loppet, and their $100 honorarium

Things to do better this season are to work on the Trail Conditions reporting system, support coaches better, fix the broken gear, run more special events, fundraising, and have a better social media presence

This season Sanne will work Wednesday through to Sunday.

She is working on a welcome sign to have when people first arrive at Dawn Mountain.

There is work being done by Sanne and volunteers on a Ski Adventure Trail. 2 metres wide and it is all cleared out now. It is to the Left of the teaching hill through the forest. There is still a bit to do to clear out to Dipsy Doodle.

Otherwise Sanne is looking forward to another great winter! If you wish to volunteer be in touch with her.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Phil presented the report on behalf of Derrick.

2022/23 year saw an increase in expenses with the new General Manager position, equipment expenses, paying groomers, and chalet staffing payroll. Revenues remain good and robust. There will be no increase in membership and day fees. We have lowered our snowshoeing fee. Columbia Basin Trust continues to be a great supporter of GNSC fo many of our projects. Right now we have $96,000 in the bank and $30,000 in GIC. There are some risks in our finanancial situation in that we have fixed expenses but the incomes is not guaranteed. Fuel expenses were up to. In 4-5 hours of grooming the Prinoth can go through 125 litres of Diesel.

1. **Other Business**: None
2. **Election of Officials:**

The position of President (Phil Carson), Secretary (Annette Boelman), and Treasurer (Derrick Murphy) have one more year on their term.

Five returning directors: Jim Doyle (Chalet), Ian Robinson (Trails and Signage), and Jeff Dolinsky (Loppet and Grooming) 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, Ian 2nd to accept the nominations of returning Board of Directors as presented. Motion Carried.**

**Director: Phil moves to Nominate Tyson Newell as a Director of the GNSC, Ian 2nd. Motion Carried.**

**All 6 positions were filled by acclamation.**

**Adjournment: At 8:20pm Phil moved, seconded by Jean, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.**

Joan Dolinsky then did a presentation on the Ecology and Wildlife of Dawn Mountain. She also gave the 2023 webcam data: animal and human activity on the trails over the summer.