**Golden Nordic Ski Club Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 20th, 2023  
Dawn Mountain Chalet, Golden BC**

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

**Absent:** Adam Oster, Derrick Murphy, Annette Luttermann

**Others Present**: Kirsty Panneton, Erwin Perzinger, Sanne Van der Ros  
**Quorum Achieved:** YES

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising
   1. Dog and Pony club info (Annette B.)
4. Treasurer’s Report – Derrick/Kirsty
   1. Yearend books
5. Committee Reports
   1. Grooming-
      1. Erwin requests radios for grooming team
      2. Back up groomer plan
   2. Programs – Sanne
      1. Private lesson wages / raising Private lesson prices.
      2. ski playground: can we flag a route through the forest for this in the fall and brush it?
   3. General manager update- Sanne
   4. Chalet – Jim
   5. Safety and Grants- Phil
      1. Kal Tire Grant for Youth Programs
   6. Trails – Ian
      1. Mowing update
6. New Business
   1. AGM agenda
   2. Board members – who is returning, new members?
   3. Forest Harvesting and Wildfire Risk Reduction within the Nordic ski area.
   4. Volunteer dates -change to Nov. 1 – Oct. 31
   5. Family membership – change from 2 adults and children to 1-2 adults and children.
   6. Membership cards from Zone 4 – make more mandatory?
   7. Family package for Rentals/trail fees
   8. Snowshoe fees?
   9. Snow removal/icy roads – a clear plan to implement?
   10. Ski tourers – same approach?
   11. Trail greeter program?
   12. SO membership pricing
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment
   1. Next meeting – AGM October 5th
   2. October ?

**6:32pm 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 Ian 2nd to approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2023, meeting. Motion Carried.

**3. Business Arising:**

**a)** Dog and Pony Club – Annette B. did a little digging and reported back that the club had 10 members last year, have a snowmobile and track setter for classic tracks, and have 10km of trails. They are fundraising and trying to get RSTBC status. Discussion followed if GNSC BODs would ever consider a Dog Trail at Dawn Mountain. The consensus was that if someone came forward with a proposal to the BOD then it would be taken into consideration. None of BOD’s have the energy for this kind of project. And in reality, at this time the current BOD’s are not really interested in having a dog trail.

4. **Treasurers Report**: Kirsty reports and 2022/23 draft accounts are ready to be reviewed.

***Action: Phil and Kirsty will meet to discuss***.

Otherwise, membership is starting to roll in and it looks like we are good for the need to have 10 members signed up by October 1st, 2023. A few big bills from Prinoth and On Site engineering are being paid.

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a) Grooming:**

i) Erwin requests that 3 radios be purchased for around $750.00. This will provide consistent and good communication between the groomers and the chalet staff.

***Action: Erwin will check in on licencing and other details before buying.***

**Motion: Phil moves, 2nd by Jeff that we purchase 3 radios for the grooming team and chalet staff. Motion Carried.**

ii) Back up plan and grooming team is getting formulated. Bram DeKleer (who already knows Prinoth machines from his work at KHMR), Jean Panneton (past groomer), and Bill McMurray (also past groomer) will be the team. Ben Blair (new) is also interested. Erwin will take Tues/Wed/Thurs. off.

On another note, Erwin noticed this summer that the Fuel tank was moving. Him and James Ross stabilized it. But in the future, we will need to look at a more permanent solution i.e a concrete pad.

**b)Programs**: Sanne reports that her first order of business is to find all the Youth Program Coaches we need so that registration can open on Oct. 1st. Dryland Training has begun with only 4 athletes. There will be a CANSI Level 1 course here in Golden on Dec. 1-3rd.

* + 1. Private lesson wages: There was a lot of discussion around this agenda item. There were a lot of different options to consider i.e paying 50% CANSI membership, giving a raise to all instructors etc

**Motion: Jeff Moves, Jim 2nd that the wage structure of CANSI instructors for Private and Group lessons be as follows – CANSI 1 - $35/hour CANSI 2 - $40/hour and CANSI 3 - $45/hour. Motion Carried.**

ii) Private Lesson Prices: Other clubs and Nordic ski centers have higher prices than us. We have one of the lowest costs for a one hour private lesson i.e Nickel Plate is $90/hour and Trail Sports is $110/hour etc.

**Motion: Phil moves, 2nd by Jeff that we raise the costs of 1-hour Private Lessons to $80 for one person, $60/person for Semiprivate, and $50/person for Group Lesson (3-6 people). And that we offer 10% off for Members of the GNSC. Motion Carried.**

iii) Ski Adventure Trail – Sanne was asking if this fall, we can do some trimming and clearing for an Adventure Trail to the Left of the teaching hill. There is no RSTBC permission needed as long as trees no bigger than 4 inches diameter is taken out and no excavating of the earth etc. Brushing is all that you can do.

* 1. **General Manager Update**: Sanne just started work on Monday! She is happy to be back and getting things organized. For Chalet Staff, Barb is interested in coming back this winter, Lenka V. (a past instructor) is also interested in 2 days / week. Things are getting started!
  2. **Chalet:** Jim reports he has some help/advice with the Stadium Light. The Septic will be reviewed, and he built shelves down in the gear room for the tents and such.

***Action: Jim will call Kootenay Pumping to set up a schedule for septic pumping once Franz comes up to let us know what is needed for maintenance.***

***Action: Annette B. will see what is up with getting our Geothermal maintenance done.***

* 1. **Safety and Grants**: Phil will start up the OK Alone app for the groomers for this season. A whole reset needs to happen. For Grants, we should hear soon from the Lottery Grant for programs. Kal Tire is also offering a program grant for up to $2000.00.

***Action: Annette B. and Sanne will look to see what the needs are and get that information to Phil so he can apply for the Kal Tire Grant.***

* 1. **Trails**: Ian reports that the brushing has started. The trails are in pretty good condition. He was out with Bernie H. doing some chain sawing too. Mowing is getting done and there has been great communication from the mowers as to where Ian’s team needs to do brushing.

**6. New Business:**

a) AGM agenda – Annette B. circulated last year’s AGM and asked for input.

***Action: Annette B. will formulate and then circulate the agenda to the Board and members.***

1. Board members for 2023/24 – Ian, Jeff, Jim, Julie (if needed – YES!) all will be putting their name forward. Phil and Annette have 1 more year on their terms as President and Secretary.

***Action: Jeff will ask Adam if he wishes to remain on the BOD of the GNSC***

***Action: Phil will ask Derrick if he is able to have more time to commit to being the Treasurer of the GNSC for another year.***

***Action: Phil will help out Derrick to look at the Contracts for Kirsty, Erwin, and our tenant, Bastian, which are all up for renewal soon.***

1. Forest Harvesting and Wildfire Risk Reduction within the Nordic ski area. - tabled until the next meeting when Annette L. can be present.
2. Volunteer dates -change to Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 from Nov. 15 to Nov. 15th – this will be in line with our early bird membership rates etc. Everyone agreed that these dates make sense.

***Action: Sanne will make the change on our website/Zone 4***

1. Family membership – change from 2 adults and children to 1-2 adults and children -everyone agreed as well that this will be more inclusive to allow for single parent families.

***Action: Sanne will make the change on our website/Zone 4***

**Motion: Jeff moves, 2nd by Phil that at the discretion of the General Manager if there is a financial need of a family then a discount can be applied. Motion Carried.**

1. Membership cards from Zone 4 – make more mandatory? – It was agreed that more and more it should be encouraged for members to print off their Membership Cards that they get when signing up in Zone 4, to show Chalet staff and/or greeters. The other option is that they take a photo of it/store it on their phones. This is especially important if they sign up for a private or group lesson to get their 10% discount.
2. Family package for Rentals/trail fees – discussion for this item was done and the consensus was that our rates are family friendly already and to no need to change them at this time. The rental fee includes PST and GST
3. Snowshoe fees – in the Spring we had discussed lowering the price to be a fair rate. $8.50 / adults, student, and seniors $5.00 for Youth 6-18 years, and $25/family. All includes GST.

i)Snow removal/icy roads – a clear plan to implement?

***Action: Jeff with Erwin will help create a plan that the Chalet staff can follow.***

1. Ski tourers – same approach – It was all agreed that yes we will keep this program as is by charging them a day use fee. Those that did not wish to pay last year were able to go over to the Kicking Horse parking lot and start from there leaving more parking spaces for Nordic Skiers.
2. Trail Greater Program – all agreed that this is a great program to continue. 10 -2pm is probably the optimum time for the greeter to be outside greeting skiers on Saturday and Sunday’s.
3. Special Olympic membership pricing – there will be 7 Special Olympic athletes this season. It was agreed that they pay the Youth Program only fee which is $21.00 for Nordiq Canada and CCBC fees.

**7. Other Business:**

a) Phil quickly updated us that the Caribou Bridge project is in limbo. Phil continues to plug away on this much needed infrastructure project.

b) Phil also informed up that RSTBC are now doing 5 year partnership agreements instead of 10 year agreement. Phil is working on our Annual Report to RSTBC which is due in October.

**8. Adjournment: At 8:30pm pm Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil. Motion Carried.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**AGM October 5th, 2023**

**Board Meetings: Mark your calendars!**

**October 25th, 2023**

**6:30pm**

**Location: Dawn Mountain**