**GOLDEN NORDIC SKI CLUB SOCIETY**

**AGM 2022**

**In Person Meeting**: October 6th 2022, 7:00pm

**In Attendance**: Jeff Dolinsky, Ian Robinson, Erwin Perzinger, Annette Boelman, Julie Caldwell, Joan Dolinsky, Jim Doyle, Phil Carson, Kirsty Panneton, Bruce Fairly, Annette Luttermann, Sanne Van Der Ros, Ross Prather, Bill McMurray

**Agenda:**

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes of AGM 2021
3. Business Arising
4. Treasurer's Report for 2021/22
5. President's Report
6. Other Reports
7. Owls Roost update– Annette L.
8. Programs –Annette B.
9. Recent Trail work – Jeff and Phil
10. EV charging station – Julie Caldwell
11. Other Business

a) Introduction of our new General Manager

b) Election of Officials:

1 Treasurer, 1 President, 1 Secretary, and any of the 6 Directors positions

1. Adjournment
2. Presentation by Bruce Fairly and Jeff Dolinsky....a look back at the history of the club

There being a quorum, at 7:15 pm, Phil Carson, President of the Club, called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Bruce moved approval of the Agenda as circulated. Kirsty 2nd. Motion Carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2021:** Phil moved approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM as circulated. Jim 2nd. Motion Carried
3. **Business Arising**: none
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Bruce reports that the GNSC had another successful year from a financial perspective. Income from membership and day use trail fees was higher than budgeted. Total revenue was $244,000 which included donations and revenue of $29,300 from the sale of the old groomer.

Our big purchase this year was the new Prinoth Bison groomer which we obtained second hand for $280,000. Grants, donations, and money set aside from surplus from previous years helped us purchase the groomer outright, leaving us with a $50,000 GIC. To accommodate the new groomer on the Trails we had to spend $70,000 to widen the trails sufficiently and reseed the impacted areas. This expense depleted the reserve accounts.

We received CBT grants to upgrade the Hawk Owl Bridge and put a new outhouse in the Parking Lot.   
Expenses came in under budget at about $214.000. A big expense now is Insurance at over $18,000. The Club has been able to continue its financial policy of setting aside funds every year to help fund amortization – that is to maintain a fund in place to replace aging equipment and infrastructure. The Board authorized a transfer of $30,000 from operating funds into a GIC. At the end of the fiscal year the Club still retained a surplus of $15,000. The sale of the old groomer contributed to this financial postion. We are still waiting for a $9000 GST refund as well.

The book value of our infrastructure and equipment exceeds $1,725,000.00 as we own outright all of our infrastructure and equipment and have no long term debt of any kind.

In closing Bruce expressed his gratitude to Kirsty Panneton, our Financial Officer, who takes care of all the routine and not so routine transactions of the Club, maintains our books, does the banking, and many other tasks over and above her contract.

Bruce is retiring from the Treasurer position as of the end of this AGM. Phil thanked Bruce for his long term volunteer service to the GNSC!

**Motion: Bruce moved, 2nd by Ross to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Motion Carried.**

1. **President's Report**:

Phil reports that the GNSC had 956 members last season. It was another strong year! Our recorded number of ski day visits (including 250 snowshoe) was 7,542.We ran the Dawn Mountain Challenge and it was well received again by participants and volunteers. Programs ran well and had good registration numbers.

A number of projects were completed with the focus being on the purchase of the new Prinoth Bison groomer. Other projects were the renovation of Owl’s Roost, Trail Widening, Hawk Owl Bridge, and the new Outhouse in the Parking Lot. The Trail widening is not quite completed. Mark Dascher is expected to assess the work and determine if any additional fine tuning is required. The seeding needs to be done before the snow flies as well.

RCR / Kicking Horse Resort is starting their development that overlaps with the Lynx trail. It is their responsibility to re-route our trail. This is in progress.

Phil recognized all the Volunteers that help make the Club happen. They are integral to our success. SO a BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

The Chalet ran well with Covid rules in place. The Omicron wave in January/February affected the staffing and a few times we were short staffed.

Phil also expressed his gratitude to Erwin, our head groomer, for his amazing work! And to Kirsty Panneton for her amazing work as Financial Officer. The Club runs so well in large part due to these two individuals.

GNSC has a lot going on with programs, rental shop, chalet, customer service, etc. It was determined that for this upcoming season we should hire a General Manager to take the load off of the Volunteers. After putting out the job posting we chose to hire Sanne Van Der Ros to be our first ever General Manager. She will help to run many aspects of the club from organizing projects and events, running the Chalet/rentals, ski programs, developing more volunteer opportunities, and assisting with the 25th anniversary Loppett, etc.

**Motion: Jeff moves, 2nd by Bruce to accept the President’s Report as presented. Motion Carried.**

1. **Other Reports:**
   1. **Owls Roost:**

Annette L. reported on the progress of the renovations of the Owl’s Roost cabin. She reminded everyone that the Province of BC would have demolished the cabin if we did not take on responsibility to maintain it. The cabin is owned by the province but we now have a Partnership Agreement for its use. There is a new, safer, and more efficient wood stove, benches have been built on the inside, and exterior clean up and painting done. Additional work will be done next year. It will also have interpretation inside for natural and cultural history and some history of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. We need to discourage the use of candles inside by visitors.

Annette L. has been spearheading the Seed Committee and gave a quick demonstration of a new manual seeder. We have 740lbs of seed to sow!

* 1. **Programs:**

Annette B. gave the report on last season’s programs. Annette B. started the Program Coordination in September, connecting with past Coaches, opening Registration in October etc. By November she passed on the duties to Katie Manning, who jumped in and was the Program Coordinator for the rest of the season. We hosted two Coach workshops – “Community Coaching “at the end of November and “Learning to Train on Snow” in December.

**Youth Program:**

1. The season started in October with 6 Track Attack skiers participating in Dryland Training. Roller skis were purchased with Lottery Grant money. It was the first time in 4 years that we were able to offer Dryland Training once again. Coach Annette B., Nils Asfeldt, and Seth Conlin led the sessions.
2. There were 80 children participating in Bunnies, Jackrabbits, and Track Attack. These numbers would not be achieved if it were not for the amazing Volunteer Coaches that stepped forward to help. For their commitment they were given $100 honorariums. There were 14 coaches all together. Annette B. gave a big thank you to them all!
3. Once again, the Youth Rental program had over 30 kids participating. They were able to take home the equipment again for the whole season. We’ve added more small boots now to the inventory. Rossignol was to deliver boots in December 2021 but unfortunately, they did not show up until March 2022.
4. Covid challenges in January/February had the PC feeling like a yo-yo and often there were coach shortages and kid shortages. Groups were often combined! And it was a good thing we had a sub list.

**School Programs:**

From February to Spring Break, Katie was able to get some schools into the schedule. The École La Confluence came 3x’s, Nicholson 4 x ½ days grade ¾ and 6/7’s., and the Outdoor Academy came 2x’s a week for 4 weeks and did both Skate and Classic.

**Ski School**:

About 30 private lessons were taught plus several Adult Group lessons -learn to classic and learn to skate. For the first time in 8 years, we were unable to run a Women’s 50+ program.

For the upcoming season there are 50 kids signed up so far. We can still use some more coaches for Wednesday Bunnies and Saturday Jackrabbits. So far there will be no Track Attack program on Saturdays due to a lack of Coaches. Annette B. has now spent 3.5 hours training Sanne Van Der Ros on running the Programs. She is now the Program Coordinator!

* 1. **Recent Trail Work:**

Jeff and Phil updated us on the trail widening work. There is still some work that remains. Mark Dascher expects to provide some information and an assessment of the work completed.

RCR (Kicking Horse Resort) started on the Lynx Re-route but cut and cleared trees in a straight line, instead of following the suggested flagged trail route. Phil and Jeff will continue to monitor and follow up on this situation. Phil informed us that the Trail Enhancement Grant funding intake is happening now, and he will apply for funds to finish the Trail Widening and to rebuild the Caribou Bridge.

Trevor from RSTBC is responsible for ensuring the safety of our trails. He has informed us that the decision was made to not permit snowmobile tours to use the Caribou Bridge again this winter.

* 1. **Grooming –** Erwin gave his thanks to GNSC, on behalf of the Grooming Team, for the Trail Widening work that was done. His team of volunteers last season were invaluable – Shannon, Jean, Mark, and Bill!

* 1. **EV charging station –** Julie reported on her project to install an EV Charging station. We got a grant from Kootenay Rockies Tourism for $25,000. $2000 was an in-kind donation for the work done to install it. Julie and Andy Caldwell are providing that in-kind labour. She is just waiting on the final piece of equipment to come in. There are no network fees for this charger, and it is what they call a slow charger. Erwin will make sure the snow is shovelled around the posts!
  2. **Other Business:** Our new General Manager, Sanne Van Der Ross, introduced herself! She will be here to support the members and the BOD’s. She is excited to be a part of the GNSC and stressed the importance of nurturing the“club culture“ for the GNSC! She will be in charge of Programs and also in charge of the Chalet, Rentals, and Staffing. You can reach her at [generalmanager@goldennordicclub.ca](mailto:generalmanager@goldennordicclub.ca)

1. **Election of Officials:**

Five 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, Kirsty 2nd to accept the nominations of returning Board of Directors as presented. Motion Carried.**

**Director: Jeff moves to Nominate Adam Oster as a Director of the GNSC, Ross 2nd. Motion Carried. (This is subject to Adam’s approval)**

**Treasurer: Phil moves to Nominate Derrick Murphy as GNSC Treasurer. Bruce 2nd. Motion Carried.**

**Secretary: Phil moves to Nominate Annette B. as GNSC Secretary. Jeff 2nd. Motion Carried.**

**resident: Jeff moves to Nominate Phil Carson as GNSC President. Ian 2nd. Motion Carried.**

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

**Joan Dolinsky did a quick recap on Wildlife Camera data.** She had 4 webcams around the Recreation area: caribou bridge, 4-way, beaver run, and beaver out of stadium. One trail cam at 4 way was unfortunately compromised by the trail widening crew. It seems some dirt bikes like to use the creek instead of the bridge. All together out of the stadium she counted 450 people over the summer. Some groups were as large as 15 people. There were about 40 mountain bikes. On Beaver Run there were only around 50 people (mostly in May). Wildlife numbers recorded were low with only one grizzly, one black bear with 2 cubs, and a deer with 2 fawns. This is much less than last year.

The meeting was followed by a humorous recollection of the years past with Bruce Fairly put on the stand to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Jeff Dolinsky did the questioning!