**Golden Nordic Ski Club Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 24th, 2024
Dawn Mountain Chalet, Golden BC**

**Board Members:
Present:** Annette Boelman, Annette Luttermann (by telephone), Tyson Newell, Phil Carson, Jeff Dolinsky, Derrick Murphy, Jim Doyle,

**Absent:** Julie Caldwell, Ian Robinson

**Others Present**: Sanne Van Der Ros, Brian Gustafson
**Quorum Achieved:** YES

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising
	1. Dog trail – Brian G.
	2. Marketing committee update
	3. Golf course map/sign?
4. Treasurer’s Report – Derrick/Kirsty
5. Committee Reports
	1. Grooming and maintenance- Jeff/Erwin
	2. Programs update – Sanne
	3. General manager update- Sanne
	4. Chalet – Jim
	5. Safety and Grants- Phil
	6. Trails – Ian
	7. Loppet update – Jeff/Sanne?
6. New Business
	1. Feb. 1st late season membership?
	2. Rental shop skate pole purchase increase budget?
	3. Fire protection plan for Chalet
7. Other Business
	1. Art night / art sale
8. Adjournment

**Next BOD meetings:**

**February 21, 2024**

**March 20th, 2024**

**6:30pm 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 December 13th, 2023,meeting. Motion Carried.

**3. Business Arising:**

 **a) Dog Trail:** Brian G. came to the meeting by invitation to inform us of the status of Dog Trails in the Golden, BC area. He is a wildlife ecologist, born and raised in Golden BC. 2 of his projects right now are Elk winter range habitat and Bighorn sheep winter range habitat. He is concerned about continued habitat fragmentation and wildlife/dog interactions on the North Bench with the new Dog and Pony club. They are operating without tenure, no planning, no community involvement and are operating by donations right now. It all lands in a “grey” area of what is allowed or not allowed. The area their trails are in is not ideal for dog trails due to the area being in winter habitat of ungulates. Brian would like to help develop a dog trail on the west bench where Dawn Mountain is located. Some ideas were floated around but the main point is that GNSC can not have a dog trail from our parking lot or on our existing trails. New trails would have to be developed. Jeff recommends looking at what was done over 6 years ago when Steve Wyer headed up the Dog Trail committee. Pacific Wood Tech will be logging soon over the next few years, maybe a trail system can come out of that?

***Action: Brian G. is willing to chair a committee looking at the creation of a dog trail on our side of the valley.***

***Action: Sanne will put out a call for volunteers in the next newsletter for folks to be on the committee and Jeff will write an article about the history of dog trail creation etc for the GNSC.***

 **b) Marketing committee report:** Tyson reported that Sanne and him met, with input from Annette B. by email. He circulated his report earlier in the day. A few points out of the meeting was continuing development of the relationship with Kicking Horse Mountain and Golden Tourism, defining the difference between our Facebook page and group, defining what are our key strengths (peaceful quiet experience), parking lot is our limitation to our capacity, who is our day use skier, and posting on Ski Roger on Monday or Tuesday. It is also great to had out posters again to the local hotels and accommodations.

**Motion: Phil moves that one of the goals of the club is to attract more day use skiers. Jeff 2nd. Motion carried.**

One point out of the marketing committee report too is to have a better website in the future.

**Action: Phil will investigate grants up to $5000 to help rebuild our website.**

 **c) Golf course map/sign:** Annette L. reports that she printed off maps for at the Golf Course. She also edited the new map so that it can be made larger. She asked for a quote to see how much it would cost to print the sign in a larger format to have at the trail head.

4. **Treasurers Report**: Derrick reports that we have $162,000 in CVCU, $11,200 in the Lottery Grant, and GIC (which matures in July 2025) or $30, 904. He estimates that budgeted income to come yet is around $31, 688 and expenses around $113, 824. That means we may have a surplus of $80, 025.

Constitution and bylaw review: we are compliant with the requirements of the Societies Act. The one thing we need to be aware of is that a membership roster should be available for anyone who requests it including name, email address, and phone number.

***Action: Zone 4 has all that information and only if someone requests this list of members do we have to print it off.***

Credit card fees: We are permitted to charge a fee to folks that use credit cards to pay for rentals etc. up to a maximum of 2.4%. Derrick suggests we institute a cash or debit discount for next season.

Refunds and Cancellations policy – for next season we need to include on Zone 4 our refund and cancellation policy.

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a) Grooming:** Jeff reports that we need signs at the entrances to the trails to stop people from walking on them. Fuel costs are down. And for our information the Prinoth groomer uses 4x’s the amount of fuel. SBS is still running! It will more then likely make it through the season so we can wait for a grant before purchasing a new one. A few skiers complained about the grooming the other day with the SBS. Conclusion was that with on the 2cm of snow or so it would have been better just to leave it and wait for the Prinoth to groom it all.

**b) Programs:** a quick update and everything is going great!

**c)General Manager Update**: everything is going great! The Chalet staff have all been excellent.

d) **Chalet –** a moveable fire pit was created!

***Action: Jim will call Kootenay pumping to get the septic pumped before the Loppet.***

e) **Safety and Grants:** A new AED was purchased. This one take a less expensive battery. Phil applied for the CBT community grant to get 90% of the cost of the new SBS. On March 4th we are to make our presentation! Phil will be there and is looking for someone else to join him to do the presentation.

We have other admin responsibilities when it comes to events. We need a permit now from Recreation Sites and Trails. For example, the Demo day coming up we needed a permit. This has been done.

Our signs on the trails will soon need an RSTBC logo on them all. There will be a standard coming from RSTBC. We will wait for that to see what will need to be done.

f) **Trails:** n/a

  **g) Loppet update:** Sanne is the race secretary! Everything is coming together and volunteers are coming forward to help. Joe Field is in the sponsorship role collecting donations and such. We got $500 from the town of Golden and CBT to help with the event. We will need someone to pick up the timing system the week of the race in Canmore.

***Action: Sanne will put the call out to see who can pick it up.***

**6. New Business:**

 **a) Feb. 1st late season membership** – discussion about this and it was felt that February 15th will be the better date this year.

**Motion: Phil moved, 2nd by Jeff that on Feb. 15th we start our late membership fee ( same price as early bird membership fee). And offer 30% reduced rate on seasonal rental equipment. Motion Carried.**

***Action: Sanne will update Zone 4 and Annette B. will update website.***

 **b) Skate pole purchase for rental shop** – It was requested that the rental shop needs some new skate poles to rent out.

**Motion: Jeff moved, 2nd by Phil that new skate poles be purchased to a maximum of $1200. Motion carried.**

 **c) Fire Protection plan for Chalet –**

***Action: Annette L. will get the free fire smart assessment from the CRSD Area A for the area around our buildings to see what we need to get done.***

**7. Other Business:**

 **a) art show/sale –** our chalet staff Ashleigh requested if she may have an art show displaying her art and such at the Chalet in March sometime. Jeff suggested we just simply take 10% commission. No rental fee needed.

**8.Adjournment:** At 8:15pm Phil moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derrick.Motion Carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Board Meetings: Mark your calendars!**

**February 21st**

**March 20th**

**Location: Dawn Mountain**