

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2017 NORTH BAY NORDIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 1900 hrs January 16. Tom Cook, Andy Davies, Ian Fettes, Gary Jodouin, Mike Johnston, Laure Larocque, Tanya Mccubbin, Kelly O'Grady, Kevin Stoppa, Kelly Wallace all present. Guest-Alyssa Stoppa

ACTING SECRETARY: Andy Davies

DRAFT AGENDA: Approved with additions.

CONFLICTS: None declared.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING: Most of the advertising sign holders have renewed for 2016-2018. Several wanted redesigned signs. Although the club paid for the original signs, if the companies wanted to change they are paying for the replacement signs themselves. The signs that have not been renewed are being taken down. There is room on the board for new advertisers.

TRAILS REPORT: The Piston Bully has been repaired. A great deal of work was done last week after the storm to remove trees and brush from the trails so they were able to remain open. Andre Berube is organizing the Thursday morning brushing crew to start this week.

A meeting was held with the St. Jean family regarding their land that our trails go over. A preliminary offer of \$250 per year was made to reimburse them for our use. The board agreed that we could increase this to \$500 if necessary. This was felt to be fair since the snowmobile club pays us \$500 for using our property.

We have not yet received our land use permit from the provincial park people. They have been contacted and there are no issues involved. They have assured us the permits will be in our hands soon.

SNOWSHOE REPORT: The trails are up and running. They are in good shape and being well used. The furthest loop up to the look out above the cliffs is out of bounds at present because our signage has gone missing. More rental snowshoes are being purchased.

NEWSLETTER: The next full newsletter will be in March, but news blasts will be used to communicate anytime. The Nugget is printing a weekly column about the ski club. Soon we will be able to see who opens the newsletter. There will also be sublists available to send specific information (i.e. Building and Property, Social, Races, and Trails).

ADOPT A TRAIL: The signs are now correct. We are looking for coverage for one section of the red trail, otherwise all the trails are adopted.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Instagram and Facebook posts are ongoing. Another draft of the brochure was circulated. Changes will be entertained for 24 hours and then it will go to be published. The publicity for the Wednesday night ski session did not highlight that it was geared for higher end training and race preparation. Perhaps we should market another night for more recreational skiers. This also could be discussed with the Social Director.

NOD: The race team has been travelling to races. The board approved that club member racers should be reimbursed as in the past.

SCHOOL LIASON: Fifteen schools have signed up, only ten have paid so far. The board was informed that the home school group was still inflating the number of adults who could ski for free as supervisors. The board approved of revoking the school privileges of this group if the extra adults did not pay trail pass fees.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY: The water filters have been getting clogged more frequently with fine sand leading to no water pressure. Then the toilets need to be closed. We now have two outdoor toilets on site so the board agreed that the toilets should be locked whenever we lose water pressure. If these outages continue to be frequent we will consider locking the toilets routinely. The history of this problem was outlined. There has been sand in the water for over 25 years but it is getting worse especially when water demand is high on weekends. To reduce the water demand the board approved buying low volume flush toilets. Ian Fettes volunteered to install them. Andy will be contacting Marshall Well Drilling who drilled the well back in 1988 to see if they have any new suggestions and also Bouffard Drilling for a second opinion.

The garbage contractor has not been responding appropriately to requests to remove the bin, so Millers will be contracted for both the garbage and recycling. As a result of the fire inspection we need more electrical outlets in the snack bar area. The board gave authorization for Evans Electric to be called to make the necessary improvements.

MEMBERSHIP: The memberships to date are up almost 10% over last year. We have 639 members including 131 new members!

A discussion about special pricing for the military took place. The board felt our rates were already a bargain compared to other outdoor activities and that adding additional membership categories would be overly complicating the membership system.

FINANCE: Financial reports of expenses and revenues were presented by the treasurer. Income was greater than last year because of increased memberships and because the snack bar and trails were open earlier. However there were increased unbudgeted costs as well (Piston Bully repairs) so the report was not all positive. The treasurer was cautiously optimistic that our overall financial situation was good.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Johnston was introduced and given a warm welcome. He told us that the first games night he organized was successful and people had a good time. The other directors who were there agreed and it was quickly decided to have another games night on January 28.

Other events that Mike will be helping with include:

Chocolate Race January 28 1 pm
\$2 for members, \$5 for others

Snowshoe Hot Dog Day February 4 12 noon
Cost for food \$2

Potluck Supper February 25 5:30 pm

PROGRAMS: The leader training was completed by all Jackrabbit leaders. Alyssa has receipts for the police check for all leaders. The reports should all be available by next weekend. Everyone agreed that the first Jackrabbit day was a huge success. The early registration cut off worked well so that all groups were organized in advance. The board discussed how to reimburse extra leaders for special needs children. The following policy was drafted:

If any Jackrabbit participant or Jackrabbit graduate requires individual attention because of special needs status, and if a appropriate leader is available then the leader is to be paid the same rate as other Jackrabbit leaders. If the training occurs at a separate time or place from the regular Jackrabbit sessions then the leader involved must submit documentation for the training sessions to the Jackrabbit coordinator. The maximum payment should be for the same number of sessions as the Jackrabbits have that year. All these arrangements must be approved each year by the board before the training sessions begin.

Approved

OTHER BUSINESS: Lockers are being looked after by Tom but it takes a lot of time so he feels it would be better as a separate job. Kelly W. knows of a possible candidate and will be contacting them.

The recently repaired fence has inadvertently been damaged by the groomer. The groomers have agreed to make the necessary repairs.

The snow banks around the parking lot need to be removed to increase the parking area. Bill Bradford has done this in the past and will be contacted.

People are parking dangerously on both sides of the road on the hill to the south of the clubhouse. The members will be notified and the city contacted to see if they can put up some signage.

A long discussion was held concerning a request to use the clubhouse for a private function with a liquor license. It was decided that the risks

and disruption outweighed any benefits for the club and so the request will be denied.

Finally we all thank the Wasi Ski Club who kindly donated parts temporarily so we could get the Ginzu up and running immediately.

NEXT MEETING: February 13 7 pm
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ADJOURNMENT: 2200 hrs