

MINUTES OF NORTH BAY NORDIC BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 1905 hrs. Present: Andy Davies (secretary), Ian Fettes, Tom Cook, Gary Jodouin, Laure Larocque, Kevin Stoppa, Kelly O'Grady, Kelly Wallace, Alyssa Stoppa (guest)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved Kelly O'G, second Gary, and passed. No errors or omissions noted.

TRAILS REPORT: Green trail work is done. (8 culverts between 9 and 10 km). Some remedial work needs to be done as per parks staff. First crossing of the pipeline has been redecked. Fallen trees have been removed. Some machinery has required minor repairs. The Piston-Bully is being inspected tomorrow. We have ordered one replacement track to be on hand if needed. The decking on all bridges was repaired. In the future we need culverts on the last km of the green trail. Parks is going to require engineering checks of all bridges at some point. We still are waiting for an official response from the St. Jean family regarding the trails on their property.

DISCOUNTED DAY PASSES: These will be available as in the past over the Christmas school holiday and March break.

NEWSLETTER: The quality of the last newsletter was lauded by all. The next one comes out in January. News blasts will keep members informed in the meantime.

ADOPT A TRAIL: Most of the sections are now done. Two new groups will need signs to recognize their work. The Nipissing students working on the red trail left the clubhouse without tidying up. This will be discussed with them. It was felt they had too long a section to do, and that some of the red should be assigned to another group.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Our Facebook page has been seen by 1600 people. There is a way to promote the site for a small fee. Doing this was approved by the board. A local promotional magazine is being started, and getting an article in it was approved. The theory of billboard marketing was approved, pending cost and location information being presented.

NOD: No report.

SCHOOL LIASON: This is going well. Schools will be invoiced and expected to pay in advance. The board unanimously approved raising the yearly fee from \$100 to \$200 for the 2017-2018 season. A Group of 45 children will be on the snowshoe trails and it was decided to charge them \$100 as per the school groups.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY: The women's change room has been repaired and the floors of both change rooms have been repainted. The water is back on. The

evestroughs have been cleaned out. This should be done yearly to prevent further damage.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 146 members so far. A reminder for early bird time limits will be going out. There has been a lot of confusion about the \$50 summer membership option so the board decided that only a full membership would be available for those volunteers who wished to be covered by our liability insurance. (If someone is only going out one day they can sign a day pass sheet and be covered for that day). Corporate memberships were discussed. It was decided that organizing these would be too complicated considering the small demand. If some company was interested a bulk discount on day passes could be arranged.

FINANCE: We have received \$10000 in income and spent \$8000 on trails including \$2900 for culverts. We will have unbudgeted costs of \$2250 for Jackrabbit training because of the number of new leaders. NOD has not responded to our enquiries as to whether they have funds to subsidize these training costs.

USE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT: The timing equipment had gone missing but is now found. Apparently, the computer and timing clock are not working well. We may have to approach Brian Chute again. In future the equipment will be locked up and a sign up sheet will be filled in before the equipment is used. We did not come to a decision on who should be responsible for this process.

SKI EXCHANGE: Amy Fisher and Kelly W are now in charge. The exchange is Saturday from 9 to 12 am and payouts will be made from 1230 to 2 pm. It was felt that to include a registration desk would not work given the high level of other activities. People will be directed to the Zone 4 site or the Open House to sign up.

PROGRAMS: The prospective Jackrabbit leaders will have to have their police checks before being accepted. They will pay themselves and be reimbursed. Alyssa has already organized the training sessions for January 6 to 8. January 3 is the last day for Jackrabbit registration so this will be publicized to the membership again before that date. There are some issues with Jackrabbit registration on Zone 4. Board members (and other volunteers) were encouraged to come out on the first Jackrabbit day (January 15) to help with parking and general chaos.

SNOWSHOE TRAILS: The bridges on the snowshoe trails need repairs. Tom plans on doing this prior to the season starting. He is planning a SNOWSHOE AND HOT DOG ROAST on February 4.

NEW BUSINESS: We need new brochures for this season. Laure will be finalizing the plans with Dave Nighbor.

Tom will organize a potluck supper for February 18.

A way of notifying people of major lost items is needed. We may be able to do this via the Facebook page.

A lockable filing cabinet is needed for old records.

The rentable ski equipment for the school racers needs to be organized. Kevin volunteered. Monique Dubytz will be contacted to organize this from the school side.

The combinations for the clubhouse and garage locks will be changed soon for added security.

NEXT MEETING: December 12

7 pm

Tom Cook's

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ADJOURNMENT: 2100 hrs

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