

Michelle - excellent minutes Thanks Gary

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Nevison

Tom Cook asked for a moment of silence to remember past members who we recently lost - Joan Horne and Bruce Nevison.

Highlights from the past season include the following:

- Unexpected revenue from the rental of the clubhouse (television production of Cardinal.)
- Billboard advertising
- New coach for development team
- Hosting the Ontario Youth Championships
- Repairs to purple trail bridge and temporary fix for the red trail bridge
- New deck and repairs to the foundation
- Updates to snowshoe trails

This season had a slow start due to the cold weather during the Christmas holidays but good late season skiing as the trails were used until late April.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Dave Weiskopf

Seconded by: Kelly O'Grady

Passed

Conflicts of Interest: None

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Gary Jodouin

Seconded by: Kelly Wallace

Passed

Volunteer of the Year: (Busy Beaver Award) Bridge and Deck Volunteers

Trails: The purple trail bridge was rebuilt thanks to a number of volunteers. Ontario Parks has reviewed the bridge work and are pleased with results. There are some minor adjustments to make such as the approach to the bridge.

Temporarily supports were installed on red trail bridge as a solution for the season but additional work is required. A repair plan in the works and money is in the budget, however, still need to work with Ontario Parks to come to an agreement on the bridge design.

Other bridge repairs for this season include installing a larger culvert on the yellow trail bridge and repairing the main bridge. The design of the main bridge will be similar to the purple trail bridge. Andy applied for a Mountain Equipment Co-Op Community Grant requesting financial assistance of approximately \$19,000 which is the cost of the new main bridge. If unsuccessful with this grant, other funding opportunities may be investigated.

Winter start was cold and slow but things progressed, and we had good skiing into late April. For grooming, four volunteers with experience were available. It was a good year with no issues to report,

trail

culvert

Andrew Rees

and the equipment is in good shape. Although there are some spots where trees may be close to the trail, removing a tree is not easy as Ontario Parks must approve the removal of a tree.

Once bridge work is completed then the focus will change.

Adopt a Trail: Kelly reported that the maintenance of trails went smoothly and signage updates are needed on the on red trail.

Programs: Jack Rabbit program was well attended as it has been full the last two years.

Newsletter: Kelly reported that the new blasts have been successful, and individuals can sign up through the website.

Races: Three races were held this season – Chocolate, Blue Sky and the Youth Championship. A regular level of attendance occurred at the Chocolate and Blue Sky races.

A special thanks to the Youth Championship Committee. During the championship, many compliments were received on the management of races. There were over 200 participants and the event some generated a profit. This was Rod Sinclair's first experience chairing this type of event. So some lessons were learned, and there are ways to improve next year's race.

Social Media: No report

School Liaison: Ian reported that everything went smoothly and thanked Tracy for her assistance.

Building and Property: Report sent by Andy. The deck was rebuilt and foundation was fixed. There needs to be a plan to replace the current building. It was mentioned that when the clubhouse is busy, there can be an odor in the washroom and water pressure can be low. Different options such as replacing toilets with the urinals, using a holding tank, and porta-pottys were mentioned but additional discussion is required.

Membership: Dave reported that there was a total of 685 members (153 new members) which is the best year since 2012. He is looking for options to increase membership as he feels some people do not know that Nordic Ski Club exists.

Social: Tom read Mike Johnston's report. Attendance at events varied due to weather conditions. (Some events were cancelled due to weather.) There was a good turn-out at the year-end social. For next year, Mike is hoping to plan an official season kick-off. Mike will stay on the board of directors until he can find a replacement.

Motion: To adopt the revised policies as amended.

Moved by: ~~Andy~~ Andrew Rees

Second: Gary Jodouin

Passed

The amendment was in Policy 3.1. The discussion involved who should be involved in the decision to close a trail(s). The proposed change was that the decision be made by the Chair of the Trails Committee or their designate(s) instead of the Board of Directors.

When discussing the closing of trails, it was recommended that there be additional signage to indicate what trail(s) is closed.

Dave Minden and John Wipprecht were thanked for their work on the policies.

Financial Report: Overall, it was a relatively successful year with a good cash balance leaving the organization in a good financial position.

Motion: To accept the 2017-2018 financial statements.

Moved by: John Wipprecht

Seconded by: Andrew Koski-Harja

Passed

John thanked Gary for his work and acknowledged the great work and planning by the board of directors.

Motion: To approve the ~~amended~~ 2018-2019 budget.

Moved by: John Wipprecht

Seconded by: Dave Minden

Passed

Michelle - I do not recall any amendments to the budget.

Gary highlighted the following items in the budget:

- Proposed 5% membership fee and small increase to day passes.
- Waiting for response on the MEC grant application. If successful, the grant will cover the majority of the costs to repair the red trail bridge.
- Proposed using \$10,000 of the trail maintenance fund to support to replacement of a bridge.
- May defer replacement of red bridge.

Nomination Committee: The slate of nominees is Brent Heron, Danielle Baker, April Stacey and Michelle Ross.

Motion - To approve the slate of nominations as presented.

Move by: Michel Chartrand

Seconded by: Dave Minden

Passed

Maija Robinson

New Business:

- Clean-up day will be June 9 at 10:00 am.
- A request was made to have a live web feed to use show the trail conditions.
- Need to determine if a Land Use Permit is required for property across the road.
- ~~Mia~~ _____ will help with fundraising for the Ontario Youth Championship.
- For the 2018-2019 season, NOSSA and potentially the OUA Nordic Skiing Championships ~~the~~ will be held in North Bay. (Note- NOSSA will be in North Bay for two years, and it is held during the week.)

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Dave Minden