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| **MINUTES OF THE NORTH BAY NORDIC SKI CLUB** | **DATE:** | Monday, December 7, 2015 |
| **TIME:** | 7:00 p.m. |
| **LOCATION:** | Tom Cook’s Residence |

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| **MEETING CALLED BY:** | John Bowes |
| **RECORDING SECRETARY:** | Julie Bass |
| **TYPE OF MEETING:** | General Board Meeting |

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| **PARTICIPANTS:** John Bowes (President), Tom Cook (Snowshoe Trails),  Gary Jodouin (Treasurer), Julie Bass (Newsletter/Publicity, Recording Secretary), Mike Ward (Membership), Kelly O’Grady (Trails), Andy Davies (Building & Property), Kevin Stoppa, Ian Fettes (School Liaison) | | |
| **ABSENT/REGRETS:** None | | |
| **NON-MEMBERS:** None | | |
| **AGENDA TOPICS** | | |
| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE** |
| 1. **CALL TO ORDER**   John called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**   N/A |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** November 2, 2015   APPROVED |  |
| 1. **DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**   None declared |  |
| **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING** |  |
| **5.1 President’s Update**   * About 30 people skied the purple trail on November 22 and 23. 2015 trail work enabled the club to groom and ski so early and with so little snow. * John discussed the items the club will receive for FIS World Snow Day. Items included are: 70 race bibs, race course markers, tent, 10 slalom gates, 2 start and finish poles. These items are made in Germany. | John |
| **5.2 Treasurer’s Report**   * The ski exchange made $1900. * Gary explained potential reductions in the club’s free cash flow by the end of this fiscal year. It was suggested to have a fund raiser on the board that could look into opportunities such as Trillium or other available grants. Discussed other options such as a special levy or increasing fees. Members need to be aware of the situation. Gary will provide a report for the upcoming newsletter. We need a predictable way of earning cash. Gary questioned if we need the smaller funds i.e. trails and building. * Gary to change the front door code to the clubhouse after the Open House. | Gary |
| **5.3 Trails**   * Kelly has found a supplier of wood chips. We are waiting on permission from Ontario Parks to be able to use. * The wood pile to the right of the entrance gate in the main parking lot is rotten. It will be disposed of. * Replacement of the trail light is underway. A replacement lense must be found prior to installation of the new light. * All of the equipment is ready for the season. Tom asked if the snowmobiles are licensed. Gary stated that only the scandic is insured separately. * A groomers meeting was held recently. Bruce McIvor will be a new groomer. Kevin Denston is not available as much due to work. Peter Bullock, Gary Jodouin, Andrew Rees and Kelly will groom this year. * A board member is needed to oversee bridges and bridge repair at the club. Andrew Rees will spearhead work to be done on the purple bridge. * Adopt a Trail work is done with the exception of two small areas. Dr. Buck’s section on the Gold trail needs someone to take over. | Kelly |
| **5.4 Races** |  |
| **5.5 Membership**   * 264 members have registered to date. * Julie will send an E-blast tomorrow re the open house and last day for early bird membership prices. * Kelly suggested that the clubhouse telephone number be added to the membership buttons and day pass stickers. | Mike |
| **5.6 Ski Programs**   * Alyssa Stoppa has been recruiting Jackrabbit leaders. * $500 from trail rental by the Snowmobile Club will be used to purchase three pairs of skate skis. * Board members are to consider how to divide the ski exchange proceeds. Gary stated that a little more money may be needed for training. |  |
| **5.7 Building & Property**   * The garage has been insulated and shelving added. Kelly and Bruce organized the contents. * The roof on Jackrabbit hut needs replacing. * Tom got deal on glass to replace the window in the Jackrabbit lodge. * Equipment remaining from the ski exchange will be assessed, updated (i.e. change bindings) and stored. | Andy |
| **5.9 School Liaison**   * Bookings are full. The ratio of staff to student is 1:12. * Ian to provide school contacts for Gary to set up payments. * Andrew Koski-Harja is the organizer of the school fun days. There are concerns re number of students and how much equipment is available. | Ian |
| **5.10 Newsletter/Socials**   * Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is Monday, December 21. | Julie |
| **5.11 Snowshoe Trails** | Tom |
| 6.**0 NEW BUSINESS** |  |
| **6.1 Program Ideas**   * Kelly stated that some members are concerned about the steep downhills i.e. the blue downhill. Suggested having training days as to how to safely manage the downhills. One hour sessions could be set up several times throughout the year. Volunteers may be needed. * Mike would like to do a Nature and You day program during March break. Everyone was in support. * John and Mike are looking into doing week night training programs i.e. four Tuesdays for a program. |  |
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| **7.0** **DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**  Monday, January 4, 2016 at 1900 hours. Location to be announced. |  |
| 8.**0 ADJOURNMENT**  Time: 9:20 pm  **Moved by: John Bowes Seconded by: Julie Bass**  **MOTION PASSED** |  |