

**North Bay Nordic Ski Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NBNSC 630 Northshore Rd.
Oct. 13, 2021**

Present: Mark Thomas, Tom Cook, Kathy Wilcox, Andrew Rees, Kevin Denston, Dave Ward, Otto Bedard, Mike McDonough

Regrets: Alisha Millar, Henning Helms

Call to Order: Andrew **Time:** 7:09

Appointment of a Secretary: Kathy Wilcox

Approval of Agenda: M: Kevin S: Mark Carried

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting Sept.15, 2021 M: Dave S: Mark Carried

Business Arising Board Committees:

Membership: Day rates and rental pricing will remain as is, except for the elimination of the "Beginner package". **Otto suggested the draw for the parking spot could be live streamed and will investigate that.** Tom requested that the NBNSC toques be added for purchase on the Zone 4 registration site and Mike will arrange that. This will be promoted on e blast and social media.

Trails: As requested by Dave Ward: **That the track setter that is on loan to Mikisew Park be given to them in trade for a TV.** M: Kathy S: Kevin Carried **Dave to arrange.**

A discussion regarding beaver management and beaver dam concerns took place. Options include hiring a trapper or installing a beaver baffle. **Otto will talk to the Parks organization for input.** Plan will be to deal with this next summer.

Groomers are all set for the season and several people have been out doing trail maintenance. The board thanks Kelly O'Grady, Andre Berube, Bruce MacGyver, Peter Bullock and Gary Jodouin for all they have done, including fixing culverts. Kelly O will be doing scheduling.

The purchase of a new groomer was discussed. Board agreed that it is time to start fundraising for that and that we may need to raise \$50K to \$75K. **A** Also need to determine trade in value of existing groomer. **Moved that the Club start a formal fundraising campaign for the future purchase of a groomer.** M: Andrew S: Kevin Carried

Andrew reported that the Trillium grant application for added and new trail lighting has been submitted.

Building/property: Kevin discussed that we have always “charged” the local Snowmobile association \$500 for the use of a small piece of our property each season. As gesture of good will it was suggested that this fee no longer be charged. **Be it moved that: NBNSC allow the access to the snowmobile trail on the small parcel of land by the entrance be allowed to continue and that the existing fee for such, be discontinued. M: Andrew S: Kevin Carried**

Dave gave an update on the building, and property housekeeping items were discussed. Heat is on, wood is to be delivered. Plow person from last year has been contacted and will be informed that the lot is somewhat increased in size, this may affect price. Dave is arranging restaurant license and fire inspection. **Otto will investigate water inspections. Kevin will pick up kindling offered by Garretts.**

Tom reported that the windows of the Jackrabbit Lodge are in poor shape and that the Signage hut roof needs re-shingling. Tom has kindly repainted the doors and trim on Jackrabbit Lodge.

There was a discussion regarding the parking lot across Northshore Rd. which is Crown Land. **Mark will ask if City will be ditching Northshore Rd. more and if fill might be available. Andrew will look into a land use permit and get the info to Dave. Club will look into getting NO DUMPING signage printed and installed. A**

Andrew updated the board on the private landowner property concern. Preliminary quotes suggest a survey will be at least \$8500 and take at least 6 months to do. **Otto has had little luck in finding the pin on that lot line and will reach out to see if he can get a more appealing survey quote and timeline.**

Socials: Otto has several ideas that he would like to explore this season: Learn to Ski, Discount evenings, Women’s Only Snowshoe. Event calendar in the works

Communications: Otto reported that he is working on a Nordic app that would include trail location and weather reports. **Kathy will update website and send eblast and social media posts regarding pass and program registration and promoting the ski exchange on Nov. 13.**

Adopt-a-trail: Tom reports that all is running smoothly, and work is underway.

Races: Mark reports that there is not much new. Race committee of Mark, Mike and Kevin will meet to discuss upcoming events but there is agreement that Nordic is interested in hosting some events. A date for the Blue Ski Loppet was discussed but we will wait for a schedule to come out for the bigger races before setting a date. **A Tom will look into the Master’s schedule for input on that.**

Snowshoe trails: Nothing of significance to report though a discussion about cutting more internal trails should be in the future

Programs: There was a discussion regarding the coordinator role, pay, contract and hours. Still waiting for sign up responses from a number of Ski Team members

Mike will run the Ski Exchange and follow all Covid protocols. **Kevin** will request latest updates from Health Unit and pass these along to Mike. Kelly will be approached to see if groomer can be removed from garage to allow it to be used for the sale and equipment storage.

Other Business: CSM have approached us regarding using a trail for training. This seems like a good partnership as our skiers will also become aware. Signage will be posted. **Moved that CSM be allowed to use a trail for training** M: Andrew S: Otto Carried **Andrew** will inform them.

Next Meeting Date and call for submission of agenda items: Nov. 18, 7 pm **Location** TBD

Meeting adjourned: 9:35 pm M: Mark S: Andrew Carried