

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BAY NORDIC'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 8 2016

Portage Hotel

1.0 Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Cook at 7:05. Andrew Koski-Harja was asked to record the minutes.

PARTICIPANTS: Directors: Andy Davies, Kelly O'Grady Gary Jodouin, Mike Ward, Ian Fettes
Club members, Andrew Koski-Harja, David Aiton, Kelly Liesmer, Laure Larocque, Kelly Wallace, David Minden, John Wipprecht, Ryan Lyle, Andre Berube

REGRETS: John Bowes, Kevin Stoppa, Julie Bass

2.0 APPROVAL Of AGENDA

3.0 APPROVAL of the minutes from the 2015 AGM As there were no errors or omissions noted Moved by Andy Davies, Seconded by Gary Jodouin that the minutes be adopted as printed on the webpage. Passed

4.0 DECLARATION of Any Conflicts of Interest: None

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING from the previous AGM minutes: Hydro Costs, Sponsor Board, the change in the Ski Exchange, 10 year plan for new clubhouse, deadline for Jackrabbit registration, Nordic news in the Nugget and Junior Race team items will be discussed by the director responsible for each item.

5.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT Tom read a letter from John that thanked the directors for the job well done this season

5.2 Building and Property: Andy reported that the backwash filter has helped solve the silt problem in the well. The septic tank has been pumped and the septic bed appears to be in good shape, The chimneys have been checked and cleaned. The chimney on the JR building needs to be stabilized. The shingles need to be replaced on the JR club house.. We have sufficient firewood for next season. The replacement of the deck is on hold for another year. The east side deck will be usable. Andy will be approaching sponsors to advertise on the sponsor board and on trail signs. The hydro bill last year was \$7000. This past year it was \$4000 due to the insulation of the garage and a milder winter.

The directors are looking for interested members to form a committee to devise a 10 year plan to replace the club house. NOTE: advertise this in the newsletters

5.3 TRAILS REPORT: Kelly reported that \$11,000 of repair trail work on the purple and blue trails was done last summer. There were three repair jobs during the winter on the Pistenbully. The PB was overhauled by Track Vehicle last summer for \$6000. A major hydraulic leak on the tiller was repaired by the groomers and a problem with the plow late in the season was also fixed by the operators. The alpiners were repaired at a cost of \$800. The Adopt a Trail program was very successful. The Thursday morning Over-head Nearly Dead brushing crew was active Thursday mornings. The grooming costs were \$1000 under budget. Kelly thanked the club members who volunteer to help repair equipment and complimented the PB operators for a job well done.

Snow shoe trail Report: "You are here signs" were installed this winter. All bridges are in good shape.

5.4 MEMBERSHIP: Mike reported that the season started later this year, attendance at the open house was minimal but membership numbers did surge in January. 582 this year, 652 last year and 634 in 2014. Many former members are now buying day passes. All the lockers were rented and there was no waiting list for next season.

5.5 RACES: Mike reported that it was a quiet year with the Blue Sky Loppet growing slightly and a new Chocolate bar race was successfully introduced. Next season Nordic will host the two mentioned races as well as the Ontario Masters.

5.6 School Liaison: Ian reported that 14 schools participated with school memberships. There were some difficulties with invoices and this will be addressed next season. The issue of the Home school group regarding child-parent/adult ratio is not being followed as too many parents are getting free skiing

5.7 Programs: no report available Tom complimented Alyssa Stoppa on her job of running the Jack Rabbit program

The Junior racing program offers new opportunity to progress from the Development Team to the Junior Lakers NOD team. One Nordic Junior racer skied with the Junior Lakers. A potential for three Nordic Junior skiers will be with the Lakers next winter.

The Development Team has 15 athletes, went to out of town races and Midget championships

The adult Learn to Ski evening program was well received and Mike reports there will be more opportunities offered next year

5.8 Newsletter: No report. David Minden complimented Julie on the great newsletters sent to members this past year.

5.9 Treasurers Report:

Budget for next season

Gary reviewed how Nordic finances work. \$10,000 is allocated to annual reserves. In his cash flow analysis \$32000 in the bank that is available cash and excludes \$9000 contingency fund. Nordic needs a cash requirement of \$29850 until Dec 31 2016 when membership money flow in. The trail reserve will be spent this year.

Revenue: Projected for 2016/17 \$140,692 (amended: the OUA was removed from Race revenue)

Expenditures (highlighted items below)

- CCO fees are projected as \$19/member
- Ski exchange profits were directed into programs
- Athletes representing NBN received financial support
- Hydro costs were down last year but \$6000 anticipating a colder year than last.
- Snack bar wages are based on a 12 week season
- Trails maintenance of \$9000 might be used on the cross over trail from the blue to red or green trail repair
- Bridge on the purple trail requires upfront costs for engineering designs planning permits
- Kelly offered to show members plans for next season after meeting

Moved by Garry Jodouin, Seconded by David Minden that the budget be accept as amended. Motion Passed

Year-end Financial Statement

A great deal of discussion on the building reserve fund.. Potentially to be used for deck repair in the future

There hasn't been enough money to add to that reserve fund in the past few years

There is a need to determine priorities.. Trails versus building

Moved by Ian Fettes seconded by John Wipprecht to accept the Financial Statement as printed. Motion Passed

6.0 New Business

A discussion occurred on the state of the PistenBully. It is now 10 years old and is in need of repairs and maintenance. Kelly reported that it should last 10 years but will cost ~\$10000 per year
The board needs to decide when to upgrade to a new machine where there will be very little repair costs for the first 7-10 years

It was recommended that the board investigate the possibility of grants to help buy the new machine to free up dollars in the reserve fund for trail and other projects

Nomination of New Board Members. :

- President: No nomination
- Race director: no nomination
- Membership: Laure Laroque
- Newsletter; Kelly Wallace
- Social Media: Tanya McCubbin
- Building and property: Andy Davies
- Treasurer: Gary Jodouin
- Trails: Kelly O'Grady
- Summer rails: No Nomination
- Programs: Kevin Stoppa
- Secretary: no nomination
- School Liaison: Ian Fettes
- Past President: John Bowes

Moved by Kelly Wallace and seconded by Dave Minden to accept the above Nominations. Motion passed.

7.0 Next Regular Board Meeting: July 11 Location and time TBA

8.0 Motion to Adjourn: Gary Jodouin Seconded by Andy Davies: passed.