

**NICKEL PLATE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Mike Bartier, Tom Evans, Dick Reimer, Steve Brown, Keith Schultz, Ester Scrypiczajko, Gwen Marsh, Barbara Pehudoff, Colleen Schneider, Tom Kampman, Peggy Kampman

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 5, 2007 executive meeting were reviewed. Moved by Tom Kampman & seconded by Dick Reimer that the minutes be approved as written.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Dick Reimer

Our license to cut has been approved, however we are waiting on the map clearance from the Forest Service before beginning. Dick is working on getting trees for planting in the blowdown areas and will be developing a map and a plan for the area.

The Forest Service survey of the area has found 92 trees of green attack of the pine beetle and will be cleaning them up by burning. The FS also found 3 patches of spruce beetle, one patch is adjacent to Vindicator trail.

The club needs to reimburse Dick \$200.00 for the load of logs delivered last year. Dick to talk to Irene re: payment.

**DIRECTOR OF TRAILS:** Tom Evans

Tom raised the question of Nickel Plate club being asked by John Glaspie, Recreation Officer for the Ministry of Tourism, Sport & the Arts to take on management of the OK Vista & Pothole areas located 3-4 kilometers from NP. Mike has spoken to John & said that NP does not have the resources to take on this area.

Tom & Keith have drawn up a grooming schedule which needs to be posted on our website.

The City of Penticton is running 5 snowshoe clinics so the popularity of snowshoeing will be increasing. The NP snowshoe trails need to be clearly marked. Dick suggested blazing trees as markers as the colored tape fades or gets lost. Marking the trails requires several volunteers.

Tom raised the need for a live weather fed on our website. He can find a sponsor to cover the cost. Updates will be provided every 30 minutes.

**DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS:** Peggy Kampman

Peggy is always looking for volunteers. She needs an adult to volunteer to organize children's game during NP Welcome Day.

**DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP:** Colleen Schneider

We have 460 members so far. Colleen has had inquiry to our e-mail – can dogs go on the snowshoe trails. The executive decided that dogs would be allowed on the snowshoe trails. Snowshoes are allowed on the K9 trail.

**SECRETARY:** Barb Perehudoff

Barb asked if we could begin including electronic directors' reports on the website starting with the November 5, 2007 meeting. The executive felt that that was a reasonable starting date.

**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS:** Esther Scrypiczajko

Esther has received 5 corporate donations to Welcome Day. An acknowledgement of these companies will be posted on the NP website message board & in our newsletter. Esther will write a thank-you letter to each company & include 2 guest day passes.

Discussion ensued about the timing of Welcome Day. Dick suggested that it should be held the first weekend after New Years when amount of snowfall is less of a concern & people are over the busy Christmas period. Gwen suggested that families may sign up their children for lessons if they enjoyed Welcome Day & we may want to wait with the start of lessons until after Welcome Day.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Tom Kampman

Tom has been in contact with a woman who is promoting a debit and credit card authorization service for NP. Keith will review her proposal. At present NP is only offering debit service. Keith will keep track of the inquiries for credit card payment.

**MANAGER:** Keith Schultz

NP opened for skiing last Thursday. Unfortunately 15 people showed up on Saturday for Welcome Day (which had been postponed til December 15). They were given free skiing.

The new machine looks fabulous but more snow is needed before it can be used for grooming. Presently the grooming is being done with the ski-do & pull-skis.

The rental equipment looks good. We have some new skis & boots. The skis require waxing.

The trails are in excellent shape thanks to Tom & his crew of volunteers. The mine crew has plowed the parking lot. NP needs to send a thank-you to the mine. Mike will follow-up of this item.

The water system to the new kitchen is up & running now that the heat tapes are plugged in.

Bogena has retired & Keith is looking for PT/FT replacement willing to work 24 to 30 hours/week from 9am to 3pm. Keith will also require a PT groomer for about 2 shifts/week starting in 2008. An ad will be placed in Apex Matters. Keith & Mike to follow-up on this.

The school program is 50% booked so far.

Keith will not be organizing the NP Loppett this year. We need to advertise for a race director. Mike will take on the job in the interim but wants to participate in the race. Keith, Tom Evans & Mike to meet to review lines of communication.

**PRESIDENT:** Mike Bartier

Frank Perrier has resigned as Director of Coaching. Frank will be teaching & organizing the adult lessons with 2 assistants. He will also be following through with the coaching clinics already in place. Most of the work for the Director of Coaching is already done & therefore the executive felt that a replacement wasn't necessary at this time. Charlotte is invited to come to the executive meetings as she sees the need. Gwen suggested that the Director of Coaching should be working with her on long-term planning for grants.

Discussion took place about having the directors' phone numbers & e-mail addresses on the NP website. The executive decided that this was not desirable & Steve will remove all personal contact information from the website. Questions sent to the info.nordic address will be reviewed by Colleen & sent onto the appropriate director for reply if Colleen is unable to answer the inquiry.

Discussion took place regarding our snowshoe equipment rental & snowshoe trail use costs. Keith said that the snowshoe trail use cost was \$5.00 but this had never been charged & the equipment rental & trail use together was \$16.00 for a full day package. Tom Evans moved that NP charge \$10.00 for snowshoe rental & trail use & \$5.00 for trail use alone. Seconded by Gwen Marsh. **APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Apex Matters

NP has begun advertising in this weekly publication.

2. Western News

Steve asked if NP was interested in advertising in a feature about ski hills in the Okanagan valley to be published on December 9 by the Western News. The cost is \$500.00 for the ad. Steve was given approval to go ahead. NP Promotion Day - \$10.00 Tuesday starting January 8, 2008 – to be included in above ad.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7pm.

Peggy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Evans. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.