

Nickel Plate Executive Minutes  
November 27, 2006

Attending: Keith, Steve, Tom, Peggy, Gloria, Ernie, Dick and Alan

Minutes: Dick moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Passed

Financial Report: Not prepared. It will be circulated to the executive next week.

Tom questioned if we could get on line banking so the executive could look at the bank statement. Dick suggested that only 3 executive members have access to online banking. Peggy will look into getting On line banking.

Trails: Panorama and Reamers Reach need to be checked for windfall.

Keith reported that there is a 40 – 50 cm base.

Naming of the new trail was discussed. Keith reported that there is 3 or 4 trail name signs that could be used, so a new sign does not need to be made up.

It was suggested that a contest to name the new trail could take place on Welcome to NP day.

Special Events: Gloria reported that there were 3 offers of donations for NP day. Save On Foods, Tim Horton's and the Fruit Packers.

Gloria will be purchasing hot dogs and hamburgers for 300 people. She have 5 volunteers to help on the day. Bojena will help with equipment and

Trish will do face painting.

Charlotte will organize kid's activities. Colleen and Irene will sell tickets and memberships. Tom will give welcome speech. Frank Perrier will organize coaches for lessons. Buck and Ernie will barbeque. Keith will take NP Welcome Day Schedule of Events to UPS store.

Donation Draws: Dick commented that we need to keep the donation program going for the purchase of needed equipment. He asked that we continue with the monthly draws for Those who have made a donation each month. It was suggested that we contact Lisa Wombold of Blasted Church Vineyards, and the Holmans from Mistral for donations of Wine.

Director of Volunteers: Alan reported that 6 volunteers are needed for Ski Waxing Nov. 25.

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Ski Development: Intro to Community coaching will be held Dec 2 and 3. Nickel Plate and Telemark will share cost. Only 2 from NP attending.

Facilities: Ernie reported that he would like to see the benches in the cabin replaced with about 26 chairs. If anyone has chairs to donate, contact Ernie Winstanley.

Keith asked that an automatic door closer be installed on the cabin addition door. He also complimented the installers of the washroom floor surface.

One shower is now operational.

Promotions: Steve reports:

- **New NP clothing** will be available for pre season sales Sept 2007
- **Ski School** schedule and rates will be set by Friday Dec 1.  
a list of those interested is being kept at the store.
- **A brochure and rack card** is being developed by Steve and Van Pratt. UPS store will be contacted for samples of brochures from previous years.
- **Newly designed Web Site** will be launched Thurs. Nov. 30
- **Ullers Winter Festival:** Paint Ball Sponsor "BushWacker" has been found.
- **Insurance Coverage for the Event** will be looked at by Dick and information forwarded to Steve. Of concern is the bike course which is  
outside of the Nordic Centre.
- **Reciprocal Agreement Local Nordic Ski areas-** Larch Hills has agreed in principle.
- **Group Discount:** The executive agreed that a group discount for groups of 10 or more would be 15% on weekends and 25% on weekdays.
- **Promotional Binder** is being developed by Van Pratt and will be placed at the Inn at Apex and B & B's and Hotels in Penticton
- **Video and Slide Show** promoting NP Nordic Centre is being developed by Scott Tremblay and Van Pratt for use at fitness fairs, schools and membership drives.
- **E-mail follow up:** Keith will check emails for the club on a daily basis. He will need someone to check during the summer months.
- **Web site bulletin board:** will contain current info such as the current winner of the monthly donor draw, buy sell and trade page. once it is working, we can send notices to members.
- **Posting of Exec Minutes on Web Site:**

Alan Moved that executive minutes beginning

With the last AGM be posted on the web site. Passed

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Special Events: Keith

- 1) The school board has advised Keith that Nordic Ski Lessons are no longer a part of the school curriculum. It will be up to the parents to decide if they support the classes offered at NP. A package was sent to the schools and 50% have booked. Keith also reported that we are down 2 coaches this year.
- 2) Loppet will be held Feb. 17. Steve will be helping with sponsors and prizes and will work with Keith with a view of taking the event over next year.
- 3) Equipment rental rates: Keith moved that the equipment rental rates be increased to \$16.00 was the sign is changed. The rabbit rate will remain the same at \$8.00.
- 4) Keith also recommended that a **“Spring List”** of things that need to be done. It should include: changing the mailing address to the UPS store and someone to check the website during the summer.

Past Presidents Report: Dick reported on the Ways and Means Committees findings on snow removal for the parking lot.

- The club does not currently have a reliable arrangement for clearing the parking lot.
- The piston bully groomer is not designed for heavy snow removal and is very expensive to repair. It is not a good plan to rely exclusively on the piston bully to clear the parking lot.
- Several options have been looked at by Dick and Keith and the Yanmar wheel loader with a heated cab appears to be a good choice. It was thought that the used equipment that is currently available would likely have repair costs associated with it. The heated cab was preferable for the comfort of the volunteer operators.
- Dick moved that the club authorize him to arrange for a 1 month lease of a Yanmar Wheel loader at a cost of \$2000, which can be applied to the purchase price at the end of the term, should the club decide to purchase it. The cost including tax is about \$54000.00.  
Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Monday Jan 8 at 7:00 p.m. 132 Evergreen Cres. Penticton 493-8281

