

Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club Executive Meeting November 6, 2006

Attending: Ernie and Gloria Winstanley, Irene Nerfa, Peggy Kampman, Alan Hird, Colleen Schneider, Steve Brown, Dick Reimer, Pat Buchanan, Tom Kampman.

Minutes from Oct 24 meeting: *Approved as circulated.*

Correspondence: Steve explained the merchandising agreement between Nickel Plate CCSC and PCR and Nordic Ski. In respect to the revenue sharing agreement, PCR to date, has not kept any share of the profit from sale of jackets. This is due to the very small mark up on the jackets. He proposed that we sell the remaining jackets at the lower cost and mark up the new NPCCSC merchandise by a higher percentage.

Steve also proposed a line of NPCCSC clothing including jacket, vest, pants and shirt with a blue color to replace the black and white. The NP Nordic Centre Logo would remain the same. Tacara would be the manufacturer.

The executive chose the darker turquoise blue and agreed to Steve's suggestions to offer a variety of clothing options with a bigger mark up. It was also agreed upon that the old stock (8 large or extra large jackets at PCR and 2 at NP) be sold at the lower price.

Financial Report: Irene reported that the financial report is not ready yet and she would be meeting with the bookkeeper this week to ensure all is in order for a report.

Trails: Dick reported that the new 5 km trail linking the upper meadow to Reimer's Reach is now completed. An excavator was rented at a cost of \$3500.00 to complete the trail.

Work Parties: Dick and Bob Cuthbert worked 3 solid days burning 40 piles of blow down Down.

Theo, Randy Prime and Will Chalk worked on Sunday

Ernie and Dick brushed Hidden Mystery. McNeil's and Vindicator still need to be done. Grooming of the lower trails can be done next spring.

A donation of a truck load of wood was provided by Ray Mumby of Spruce Valley. Dick rented a logging truck @ \$200.00 to bring the wood to Nickel Plate and Ray was given A complimentary Seasons Membership in recognition of his contribution.

Membership: Colleen reported that 350 members have paid their fees to date.

Dick remarked that seniors who have made a donation for their seasons membership should be issued a tax receipt for donations \$20.00 and over. He also reminded Colleen that individuals who are given free passes must fill out a membership application and sign waiver.

Colleen will be away Nov.18 to Dec 3/06

Social Events: Gloria reported that there will be a NP Christmas party Dec 2. A notice will be posted in the cabin.

Volunteers: Alan reported that there have been 3 work parties this fall and that it was difficult to get sufficient volunteers. Nov 18 was mentioned as a possible date for rental ski waxing.

Facilities: Ernie reported that the ATV purchase is on hold until further information is obtained. Paul suggested a small bob- cat to assist with trail maintenance and clear the parking lot. He added that it might be best to rent a bob- cat and see how it manages the job of snow clearing.

An over hang at the ticket window was constructed last week.

Ernie has requested more volunteers especially for wood cutting so the job could be completed in one day. It is expensive for one or two individuals to make repeated trips up to NP to cut the wood. He remarked that younger volunteers would be a good idea too. John Buckley's Out door Ed Class from the high school came up to NP and piled all the wood. They did this last year as well. A thank you card should be sent.

Special Events: Keith is still in Saskatchewan and will arrive Nov. 15.

Dick reported that none of the grade 5 school packages have gone out as it is not known how the Government ruling on extra curricular costs to parents will play out.

Ski Development: Pat reported that there will be an Intro to Community Coaching on Dec 3. As of now, only 4 have signed up.

Ron Hayman is interested in coaching the Jr. Racers at Nickel Plate this season.

Steve Brown reported that a plan for coaching at NP has not yet been solidified. He will get back to the executive with a plan as soon as it is ready.

Pat said he would like to stay on as Director of Ski Development and will work with Charlotte and Frank Perrier. Family and business commitments have made it difficult for him to give more time to the position.

Promotion: Steve reported on promotional activities to date which included:

- 1) J.P. Squire of the Okanagan Saturday paper has reported on Nickel Plate in his weekly column.
- 2) Brochure Development: Steve met with Charlotte on designing a new brochure which will also include a membership form. Dick commented that Mail Boxes Etc (UPS store) may have a record of previous brochures. Steve welcomed any ideas from the executive.
- 3) Ullers Winter Festival: Steve showed the draft of the new logo of the head of Uller looking over the Nickel Plate Mountains from our logo. He asked if the CCBC insurance would cover the event. Tom and Dick offered to meet with Steve to look at the insurance policy to determine if it will cover the event.
- 4) Live Remote radio broadcast will be held Sat. Nov. 18 at PCR and Nordic Ski. Steve suggested that new members could sign up at the store for the early bird rate for that day only,
- 5) Web Site Design; some preliminary work has been done. Steve will have a front page mock up available at the store tomorrow.

- 6) Regional Pass: Steve will contact the other clubs in the valley re a pass that allows for a reduced price of a day ticket at each others facilities.

Past Presidents Report: Dick reported the following:

- 1) Dick has heard that Ziggy's (a bus tour company) will not be bringing groups of skiers from Vancouver area to Nickel Plate this year. They did not come last year either. He is wondering how we could encourage bus groups to ski at Nickel Plate. Steve offered to discuss ideas with Dick.
- 2) Kilometer rate for Volunteers: Dick moved that NPCCSC pay \$0.35/per km to staff and volunteers who come up for regular work parties. All were in favor. Passed.
- 3) Plowing of the road between the two lakes and the parking lot: Dick will talk to Arco maintenance to get a commitment that the road will be plowed. He added that it is difficult to count on Arco to plow the parking lot as they will not come in when there are any cars parked there. A suggestion was made that the club look at purchasing a bob cat to plow the parking lot and for use on trail maintenance. Another suggestion was to rent a bob cat for the winter to see how it works. Steve suggested that Larry McAdam (a member of NPCCSC) who operates a Bob Cat service would be a good resource person. *Dick moved that he and Ernie be given the authority to explore the ways and means to keep the parking lot cleared. All in favor. Passed.*
- 4) Bob McAtamney has donated 2 brush cutters.

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. All in favor.

Next meeting set for Monday Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Tom and Peggy Kampman's