

NICKEL PLATE CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

PRESENT: Mike Bartier, Tom Kampman, Tom Evans, Frank Perrier, Dick Reimer, Colleen Schneider, Gwen Marsh, Irene Nerfa, Peggy Kampman, Barbara Perehudoff

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of August 13, 2007 executive meeting were approved as circulated.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Schneider

Colleen suggested that every adult member receive a guest day pass to encourage more people to try cross country skiing & perhaps increase membership. **MOTION:** A guest day pass be included with every adult membership. Moved by Tom Evans & seconded by Tom Kampman. **APPROVED.**

Colleen raised the idea of passing on the cost of CCBC insurance to the membership fees. This item will be discussed under promotions.

Colleen suggested that a season pass be given to all charity auctions that request them. It was felt that this aspect of free season passes comes under the responsibility of the director of promotions & that each request be looked at individually as whether it would benefit the club. Also we should look at our donation as a package of season pass, rental & lesson.

SECRETARY: Barbara Perehudoff

Barb inquired about who is currently picking up the mail. Irene is picking it up & distributing it to the appropriate director.

PAST PRESIDENT: Dick Reimer

Site inspection was carried out with the USIB archeologist. She identified culturally significant trees & outlined sensitive areas such as the high ground around the meadows. The archeologist will provide us with a map to use with the kids program showing culturally significant trees & what the First Nations people did in the Nickel Plate area.

Mining companies are devastating the area around panorama ridge. Dick will have a look at the panorama trail to see if it has been affected. The USIB archeologist is doing a study for the mining companies & will send us a copy of her report. Dick stated the trails are worth \$5000.00/km. Panorama is 12 km.

The USIB is aware about pine beetle in Nickel Plate reserve area. There is active mountain pine beetle along Bucks Trek. Dick will write a letter to Forestry Service outlining our concern about the damage occurring within our cross country ski areas.

The playground has been completed & the water line to the cabin for the new kitchen has been laid.

PROMOTION: Steve Brown, written report

There was much discussion about passing the CCBC insurance cost of \$10.00/person to members especially in light of the fact that we are allowing children a season's pass for free. However, our club bylaws state that fee increases must be approved at the AGM. This issue will be put on the agenda for the next AGM.

The insurance costs need to be shown as a separate line from membership fees on our membership form.

BREAK IN

There is no real surveillance camera at the club facilities. It was recommended that we obtain a web cam with +++ memory. The other suggestion was a live-in custodian. This idea will be explored for next summer.

CLUB SURVEY

Tom Kampman reviewed the results of the survey. The purchase of the new Piston Bully addresses the largest area of weakness: grooming. The club is on track with its plans: membership, sustainability & tenure for facilities. The main issue for the board to consider: grooming improvement. Tom Evans suggested a grooming schedule to be posted on the website:

M W F & Sat	inner trails are groomed
T Thur & Sun	outer trails are groomed
W Sat & Sun	groomed by 9am
M T Thur F	groomed by 10am

A disclaimer regarding weather would be included. Tom Evans to discuss the schedule with Keith & Paul. Katemivik was identified as a possible source of volunteer staff to assist with day to day club jobs.

Dick noted the small number of respondents, about 10% of our membership. The survey can be used as a basis of strategic planning for the club.

Colleen gave an estimate for the cost of printing the membership brochures: \$1600.00 for 2000 copies. She is to discuss this with Steve as it will come out of his directors' budget.

BUDGET

Mike presented the proposed budget for the year. The expenses of trail setting, construction & maintenance will be given a separate line. Irene will supply a year-to-date budget at each executive meeting. **MOTION:** The budget as presented is accepted with the proviso that any expenditure overruns are to be brought to the executive for approval prior to the outlay of funds. Moved by Tom Evans & seconded by Colleen Schneider. **APPROVED.**

Dick will find out if we can get a truck load of wood from one of the companies logging in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The newsletter will be published the first week in October. Information for the newsletter is to be submitted to Gwen by September 27. The newsletter will be e-mailed to members & some will be printed for distribution to the public. Mike will proof read the newsletter before it's published.
- 2) The club does not have anyone certified in first-aid. However, we do have first-aid equipment located in the cabin. Gwen will put the club's policy on first-aid in the upcoming newsletter.
- 3) There have been many important members who helped build the club over the years. Mike identified one of these members, Ernie Winstanley is retiring from the director of facilities position. Mike acknowledged Ernie's contribution & thanked him for his years of volunteer work to better the club.

NEXT MEETING: Monday October 1, 2007 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 945pm