



Sept. 9, 2009 Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club AGM Minutes

Attending: Gwen Marsh, Steve deBoer, Mike Bartier, Jack & Jill Ambler, Colleen Schneider, Peggy & Tom Kampman.

Minutes from June 4, 2008 AGM was adopted as circulated. Moved by Gwen Marsh and Seconded by Tom Kampman. Passed.

2008-2009 Financial Report was presented by Mike Bartier. Following some discussion, it was moved by Jack Ambler and Seconded by Gwen Marsh that the financial report be adopted. Passed.

Directors Reports

Director of Social Events, Esther Skrypiczajko

This was another busy year for activities at Nickel Plate. Our committee provided the barbeque/hotdog lunch for opening day. Thanks to Buck for his barbequing skills. And thanks to the members for supplying desserts. We had one potluck lunch which was well attended by the weekday skiers. Our committee organized the lunch for the loppet and Esther Minty's chilli once again got rave reviews! We were a bit short on desserts and next year will ask for people to sign up so that we can make some phone calls if it looks as if we will not have enough. Our last lunch of the season was the St. Patrick's Day steak barbeque which was mostly organized by Buck. We had a great turnout—even people coming from the States because they'd heard that it was an event that shouldn't be missed! Thanks to Buck's secret steak marinade, the steaks melted in our mouths, the desserts from the members were delicious. Employees and coaches were recognized.

In addition we hosted three moonlight skis. There were about 15 people at each. At the last one we were entertained by Chris Prowse. Thanks to Chris.

It has been suggested that next year we might want to have an "official" closing day where we would have lunch and some activities for the kids.

I'd like to thank the members who gave willingly of their time to help at the social events those who baked the yummy desserts for the activities

Presidents Report, Mike Bartier

The 2008-2009 projected goals for membership had been met, thanks to Colleen (director of Membership) and Gwen (Director of Publicity)

The Clubs cash position is stronger than 1 year ago and we were able to spend more on maintenance, repairs, projects and signage. Thanks to Jack Ambler for the great work for the signage.

Fuel costs were up, but the club was able to handle it.

Projection for next season may not be the same as the club will be paying the balance owed on the Piston Bully (Snow grooming machine) on January 31, 2010.

The Swedish National Nordic Ski Team will be training at Nickel Plate Nordic Centre the week prior to the Olympics. This will be a good PR opportunity for the club as well as add a level of excitement for the club members.

The Executive membership is steadily declining. One reason is that the Directors have been acting too much like “worker bees”. A solution to this, is to create a paid position in the club which is currently advertised on th our web site. Applications for the position will close Friday September 11, 2009. The job entails evaluating what the club needs to get done, prioritize the tasks and ensure the jobs get done. Examples of such jobs are: Organizing the Grade 5 Learn to Ski Program, the Loppet, and various maintenance and repair items that occur. The club has a good volunteer force that is available for some tasks: contractors may be required for others.

New Business

Snow shoe membership: Last year a few members established and maintained a snow shoe trail system at Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. These trails proved to be very popular and many sets of snow shoes were rented throughout the season.

At the last executive meeting of the season, the executive discussed the creation of a stand alone Snowshoe Membership. This membership would include use of the day lodge, snow shoe trails and notification of events such as moon light skis and other social events.

A motion was made by Tom Kampman and Seconded by Colleen Schneider to authorize the directors of the new executive to establish a Snowshoe membership, with categories and cost to be decided by the new executive. Passed.

Election of 2009-2010 Executive

The following members have allowed their names to stand for the following positions.

President	Mike Bartier
Vice President	Tom Kampman
Treasurer	Peter Achtem
Secretary	Peggy Kampman
Director of Membership	Colleen Schneider
Director of Social Events	Esther Skrypiczajko
Director of Public Relations	Gwen Marsh
Director of Skier Development	Chris Toneff
Director of Coaching Development	Jerome Jang
Director of Fundraising	Dick Reimer
Upper Similkameen Band Liason	Philippe Batini

Jack Moved and Gwen Seconded that the members who have volunteered and accepted the above positions be Elected as the 2009-2010 Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club Executive. Passed.

Thank you to Barb Perehudoff, Claire Matheson, Charlotte, Vankataramen, for all their contributions to the executive in the 2008 -2009 season.

Meeting adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.