

**Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.
Leir House Meeting Room**

Attendees: Rita Arnicans, George Brake, Franco De Michelis, Jerome Jang, Tom Kampman, Carrey Martin, Ray, Mumby, Todd Redding, Dick Reimer, Esther Skrypiczajko

Adoption of the July 5, 2010 AGM minutes; moved by Dick Reimer; seconded by Tom Kampman. Passed.

President's Report

Esther reported that the club had a good year – more membership; more snowshoers. We are purchasing a new Pisten Bully on the advice of Keith Schultz.

The existing Pisten is now five years old and requires a higher and more costly level of maintenance. Keith was able to negotiate a good deal on the trade-in. The new Pisten Bully will be delivered on November 1st.

Mike Bartier and Gwen Marsh have stepped down from their positions on the Board. Thank you for the good work. We will miss them. Thank you to all the executive for their help in this year of transition.

Directors' Reports

Elvia Dumas – Social Coordinator - report sent by email to Esther:

It was a very good season, with a number of well attended social events and lots of help from volunteers.

Welcome Day was on Sunday, January the 9th. The choice of a Sunday was good as it didn't interfere with the start of the Jackrabbit programme.

The Loppet was on Saturday, February the 12th. A very successful event thanks to the great number of volunteers and the excellent food provided by Esther.

St. Patrick's Day lunch on Thursday, March the 17th was well attended. Buck did a great job with the cooking and a good number of members helped before and after the event.

There were also three Moonlight Ski Potlucks (December, January and February), a Media Day lunch on February the 19th (Esther and Lora organized it) and Chili lunch on February the 21st (Buck cooked the chili).

We had a couple of potluck lunches as well (December and January).

Altogether a very good season.

Jerome Jang – Coaching and Skier Development – Preparations are being made for the start of dryland training which begins September 21. There are five athletes registered for the 10 week course.

Ray Mumby – Trails- The trails have survived the spring runoff fairly well. Cannonball needs a bit of work. An extension to Mother Lode is being developed. Two loads of firewood have been split and stacked with the first volunteer work party. A second work party is planned for October 5th. Trails will be widened as a result of the removal of the beetle-infected pine trees. This will be most evident on Buck's Trek where a significant amount of deadwood has to be removed.

Dick Reimer – Pine Beetle and Facilities Management – Logging of the diseased pine trees is lined up to go. The Upper Similkameen Band has been notified and are on board. The Forestry Service has been notified and coordination completed. Ray is responsible for the overall logging project. Dick has taken on some facilities management responsibilities as we have not been able to enlist a volunteer to fill this position. Facilities work completed to date: poles have been ordered for the night lights; ticket booth window has been repaired; lodge chimney has been repaired; broken upstairs lodge door has been repaired; and septic system has been pumped out. Des Snyder will organize a work group to paint the lodge.

Rita Arnicans – Financial Report – Esther has requested that, in Mike Bartier's absence, Rita deliver the financial report. The revenue and expense highlights were reviewed. Overall revenues were up 2% from 2010 while expenses were up 27%. Main contributors to revenue were Season Passes (up almost 9% - 624 members; growing interest in snowshoeing; higher proportion of female members; good snow season and increased proportion of members from Summerland). Day pass revenue was down only slightly due to low temperatures experienced in February. Main contributors to expenses were Salaries/wages (up 152%; attributed to new Business/Facilities Manager paid position; last season tried a new staff-driven business model rather than volunteer-driven; coming season we are rebalancing with a larger, more “hands-on” board) and Repairs and Maintenance (up 165%; due to increasing costs of maintenance and repair of Pisten Bully). The cost of the new Pisten Bully will be covered with a negotiated trade-in allowance, our Capital Fund and some minor short-term club member financing to cover costs before season pass revenue is earned.

Adoption of the 2010-2011 Financial Report was moved by Dick Reimer.
Seconded by Jerome Jang. Passed.

Election of Directors

President – Esther Skrypiczajko

Secretary – Lora Pronger

Treasurer – Rita Arnicans

Membership – Jana Lemes

Social Co-ordinator – Elvia Dumas

Public Relations – Van Pratt

Trails – Ray Mumby
Pine and Spruce Bark Beetle Management – Dick Reimer
Skill Development Program – Chris Toneff
Coaching and Skier Development – Jerome Jang

Adoption of the slate of Directors was moved by Tom Kampman and seconded by Dick Reimer. Passed.

Executive Vacancies:
Vice President
Fundraising Director
Facilities Director

New Business – Carrey Martin suggested that the club organize a number of smaller races to complement the Loppet. The proposed races would allow the younger members opportunity to participate in more casual competitions and provide more weekend activities for members in general. Carrey along with Tina Hoeben will organize these events in coordination with Jerome Jang and Chris Toneff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Moved by Tom Kampman. Passed.

Recorded by Rita Arnicans. Edited and distributed by Lora Pronger.