

NICKEL PLATE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2008

PRESENT: Maryann Schmidt, George Brake, Gwen Marsh, Dick Reimer, Alan Hird, Tom & Peggy Kampman, Barbara Perehudoff, Mike Bartier, Murray Farbridge, Esther Skrypiczajko, Colleen Schneider, Janice Kitson

Call to order at 7:05pm.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS: Esther Skrypiczajko

Esther referred those present to her report in the May 2008 Nickel Plate newsletter.

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Schneider

Colleen referred those present to her report in the May 2008 Nickel Plate newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike Bartier

Mike reported that overall the club did quite well this year. The highlights include:

1. New Piston-Bully machine – worked phenomenally well & eliminated the troublesome right pole plant problem of last season. The club needs to look at replacement of this machine every 6 years.
2. Logging of trails – has financed club facilities & infrastructure over the years. However, there is no more significant logging to be done & therefore we have lost a revenue source to maintain the club. The facility is larger than the membership, therefore we can increase membership without affecting fixed costs. Our goal is to increase membership to make NP sustainable.
3. Skill development program – we need to go beyond the track attack program as there is a high attrition rate at age 11-12 years old. The club needs to look at competitive & recreation streams. Also programs for adults need to be offered eg) masters' training, technique improvement, loppet training. Other ideas are training camps & increasing tour buses to NP.
4. Director/volunteer burnout – the present organizational structure of the club is not sustainable over the long term. Mike is functioning as an executive director. NP needs to move to a system with staff & coordinators (this will increase expenses). NP has been extremely fortunate to have responsible, reliable, friendly staff. Our thanks to Keith & Oakie, Randall & Cindy & Paul.

Discussion took place as to why Telemark ski club has a larger membership. The reasons cited were: bigger population base; night lights; 15 minutes out of Westbank; bigger paid staff; cafeteria; 3-4 groomers; paid coach.

AGM MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2007 : Moved by Tom Kampman & seconded by Dick Reimer that these minutes be adopted as circulated.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike read an email from John Milligan of White Kennedy Accountants which stated that the NP financial reports were unfinished & were being presented as a draft. Tom Kampman moved & Dick Reimer seconded that the financial report be adopted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Proposed fee structure** – Mike reported that the directors decided to adopt changes to the NP fee structure as follows:

Adult:

Before Nov. 1	\$140.00
Nov. 2 & after	\$155.00

Family:

Before Nov. 1	\$270.00
Nov. 2 & after	\$300.00

CCBC Fees (previously \$10) Separate line item payable by each member

Trail Pass & Rental rates remain the same.

Application may be made for financial assistance for a family pass to a committee of the NP executive.

Dick Reimer moved & Colleen Schneider seconded that we adopt the fee structure as proposed & the CCBC fee become a line item. Passed.

2. **Amend by-law regarding method of AGM notification** - Dick Reimer moved that notification of general meetings be by email where an email address is provided by the member otherwise notification will be by posted mail. Seconded by Colleen Schneider. Passed.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009

The following members have allowed their names to stand for the identified director/coordinator positions:

President

Vice President

Past President

Secretary

Mike Bartier

Tom Kampman

Dick Reimer

Barbara Perehudoff

Treasurer	Claire Matheson
Director of Membership	Colleen Schneider
Director of Social Events	Esther Skrypicjazko
Director of Public Relations	Gwen Marsh
Director of Volunteers	Peggy Kampman
Upper Similkameen Band Liason	Philippe Batini
Coordinators of Skier Development (2)	Charlotte Venkataramen

Peggy Kampman moved to adopt the above slate as directors for the 2008/2009 season. Seconded by Dick Reimer. Passed.

The following positions remain vacant: Director of Trails; Director of Facilities; Director of Coaching Development; Director of Events Hosting; second Coordinator of Skier Development.

Gwen Marsh expressed thanks to Mike for all his hard work as president. Mike acknowledged the contribution of retiring directors: Irene Nerfa; Tom Evans; Ernie Winstanley; Steve Brown; Frank Perrier; & Elva Dumas.

Tom Kampman moved & Colleen Schneider seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22pm.