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| **MINUTES OF THE NORTH BAY NORDIC SKI CLUB** | **DATE:** | Monday, December 1, 2014 |
| **TIME:** | 1900 hours |
| **LOCATION:** | Tom Cook’s Residence |

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| **MEETING CALLED BY:** | John Bowes |
| **RECORDING SECRETARY:** | John Bowes |
| **TYPE OF MEETING:** | General Board Meeting |

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| **PARTICIPANTS:** John Bowes (President), Tom Cook (VP, Building & Property),  Gary Jodouin (Treasurer), David Weiskopf (Membership), Mike Ward (Races), Amy Bartlett (Ski Programs), Erin Fettes (School Liaison),  Kelly O’Grady (Trails) | | |
| **ABSENT/REGRETS:** Julie Bass (Newsletter/Publicity, Recording Secretary) | | |
| **NON-MEMBERS:** None | | |
| **AGENDA TOPICS** | | |
| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE** |
| 1. **CALL TO ORDER**   John called the meeting to order at 1907 hours. |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**   **Moved by: Mike Ward Seconded by: Tom Cook**  **APPROVED** |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**   Minutes not prepared. |  |
| 1. **DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**   None declared |  |
| **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING** |  |
| **5.1 President’s Update** | John |
| **5.2 Treasurer’s Report**   * $27,224 has come in for memberships. There is $3,300 yet to come in cheques. * Insurance bill has been paid. It has gone up slightly due to the water damage claim we had last year. * The cash register has been repaired; the well capped (for rodent control); a new floor has been installed in the kitchen and the condiment counter has been built. * There is a $5000 cap with $400 per athlete that the club contributes to our athletes. This year there are four athletes on the Junior Racing Team. See races for out-of-town athletes. Discussed whether money from this account should be used for athletes on the Development Team who go to out of town races too.   **MOTION: That we allocate $50 per Development Team athlete up to a maximum of $750 total as a contribution to athletes towards out of town events for the 2014-2015 season.**  **Moved By: Gary Jodouin Seconded By: Erin Fettes**  **MOTION PASSED** | Gary |
| **5.3 Trails**   * The trails were groomed and skied upon for a week in November before losing the snow. * The side-by-side, Ginzu and Scandic have been serviced and are ready to go. * Andrew Rees will be welding brackets for the Piston Bulley. * The brown, gold and part of the green trail have sections yet to be done by the adopt-a-trail program. * The brown trail will be taped off where it has been connected to the hydro line to ensure that snowmobiles do not enter the brown trail. * Kelly presented an overview of the plan for the blue trail, purple extension and widening for the 2014-2015 work season. The bridge assessment is complete. Everything is prepared and ready to go to Ontario Parks so it can be approved for the work season in the spring. | Kelly |
| **5.4 Races**   * Chocolate races were discussed. * The majority of the board voted in favour of the OUAA rental proposal. Stipulations are being forwarded to Toivo. * Junior Racing Team – Out of town racers must be members of the club and ski under our name to receive contributions to athletes. | Mike |
| **5.5 Membership**   * Cheques for early bird registration must be received by December 14, 2014. | David |
| **5.6 Ski Programs**   * There has been a programs committee meeting. Members included: Sophie Blain-Rogers, Tanya McCubbin, Chris Hawkins, Roger Smith and Amy Gibson. They discussed the ski swap and programs flow. * **Program Flow:**   There is something wrong with the system. There is a huge difference between the commitment expectations between the Devo Team and the JRT.  Perhaps there needs to be three tiers of programming that goes post Track Attack. Bronze/Silver/Gold System. Bronze is light, optional races, training is less; Silver has more expectations, more races, OCup, training; Gold has JRT commitments. Optional to move up or down based on what they are looking for from the experience.  They would work together and train together   * **Communication with the Board:**   Past relationship with finances and the board have not been the best. There needs to be some degree of transparency. The JRT want to be able to use funds appropriately when required without board approval.   * **Ski Swap:**   It was challenging this year – not as well organized; not as much stock brought in, and less people contributing equipment.  Should the money raised be dispersed to all programs?  Would tiered programs allow for this to make everything more successful?   * **Concerns:**   The JRT is slowly dying. It was suggested that we have a committee of volunteers to help with all elements of the club including fundraisers, trails races, etc. Need something exciting to get people interested in helping out.  High school numbers are slipping as well over the years.   * **Solutions:**   Tiered structure with active involvement from parents. Groups do all aspects as one larger group. All train together, commitment varies based on their desired tier.  Continue with Programs Committee to host meetings and keep discussion open between all levels.   * **Sunday Program Plans:**   Double track main trail and yellow on Sundays to allow for more movement with kids. | Amy |
| **5.7 Building & Property**   * The well cap has been installed. There are no mice in the kitchen. * A fire assessment has been completed. * New ski racks have been installed. * Food prices have increased for the 2014-2015 season. * For the Special Olympics, trees have been cut to allow for start lanes. The fence posts will be removed before the snow falls. * Several trail lights need to be fixed. * Luke Cloutier to fix the alpines. | Tom |
| **5.9 School Liaison**   * The high schools rental program – Thursday, December 4 at 8 p.m. * NDA dates potentially set for February 2-6, 2015. Are there any conflicts? | Erin |
| **5.10 Newsletter/Socials**   * The Open House is Sunday, December 14 from 2-4 p.m. * A news blast is to be sent to remind members of the Open House and that all money for early bird registrations has to be received by December 14. | Julie |
| 6.**0 NEW BUSINESS** |  |
| 6.1 **Fat Bikes**   * There have been some requested for fat bikes. After discussion they were not approved for use at the club. |  |
| 6.2 **Special Olympics**   * The clubhouse and trails will be open to the public with a few exceptions. Some of the trails will be limited. Details to come. |  |
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| **7.0** **DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**  Monday, January 12, 2015 at 1900 hours at the clubhouse. |  |
| 8.**0 ADJOURNMENT**  **Moved by: Kelly O’Grady Seconded by: Tom Cook**  **MOTION PASSED** |  |