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| **MINUTES OF THE NORTH BAY NORDIC SKI CLUB** | **DATE:** | Monday, September 28, 2015 |
| **TIME:** | 7:00 p.m. |
| **LOCATION:** | Gary Jodouin’s Residence |

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

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| **PARTICIPANTS:** John Bowes (President), Tom Cook (Vice President/Snowshoe Trails),  Gary Jodouin (Treasurer), Julie Bass (Newsletter/Publicity, Recording Secretary), Mike Ward (Membership), Kelly O’Grady (Trails), Andy Davies (Building & Property), Kevin Stoppa, | | |
| **ABSENT/REGRETS:** Ian Fettes (School Liaison), Liza Vandermeer, | | |
| **NON-MEMBERS:** David Weiskopf, Dave Nighbor, Jade Nighbor | | |
| **AGENDA TOPICS** | | |
| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE** |
| 1. **CALL TO ORDER**   John called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**   N/A |  |
| 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**   August 31, 2015 |  |
| 1. **DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**   None declared |  |
| **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING** |  |
| **5.1 President’s Update** | John |
| **5.2 Treasurer’s Report**   * Gary reviewed current financial status. * Discussed issue of a trail crossing private property. This needs to be addressed a.s.a.p. Add it to the agenda for the next meeting. | Gary |
| **5.3 Trails**   * Work permits have been authorized and work is mostly complete. * Extensive work has been done on the blue and purple trails including widening; banking corners; ditching; rock removal, and culvert replacement. * All trails have been dragged several times which knocked down brush and grasses which will result in less work for the Adopt-a trail volunteers. * Hemlock wood was found and cut for future bridge projects at a reasonable cost. This season, broken boards on the purple bridge will be replaced. Kelly will contact members to assist. * Three brush cutters were repaired for $525. * Piston bully repairs are estimated at $2800. An additional $1800 will be required for shipping. | Kelly |
| **5.4 Races**   * John has received two packages for World Snow Day (January 17). We will celebrate the club’s 40th anniversary at that time also. |  |
| **5.5 Membership**   * Gary has borrowed a machine to make plastic membership cards. Mike will use it this season. | Mike |
| **5.6 Ski Programs** |  |
| **5.7 Building & Property**   * Firewood has been stacked. There is enough for 2-3 winters. * The outside tap has been installed. * We are still waiting to get work on the garage done this fall. Gary will contact the company to speed up the process. * Ian and Andy thoroughly inspected the deck. There is no rot except for the side railings at the steps to the front door. These will be replaced this fall. Parts of the decks railing is loose due to poorly secured facer board | Andy |
| **5.9 School Liaison** | Ian |
| **5.10 Newsletter/Socials**   * Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is by Friday, October 16. * A suggestion was put forward to include snow shoes with the ski exchange. | Julie |
| **5.11 Snowshoe Trails**   * The trails and bridges are in good shape. | Tom |
| 6.**0 NEW BUSINESS** |  |
| **6.1 Club Brochures**   * David Weiskopf and Dave and Jade Nighbor made a presentation for new club brochures. * 9 Lives Design discussed costing and design options with the focus on building the image of the club. * 5000 brochures would cost $1400 total. The back page can be split into four business cards – one for 9 Lives and the three remaining costing $350 each. The total cost to the club would be greatly reduced. * 9 Lives will seek high quality pictures from members. If needed pictures can be taken this winter. A limited 1st run of 1-2000 can be done. * Discussed options for paper; including a link to the website; content map to the club; desire to appeal to people who aren’t skiers; skiing as a lifestyle; social aspect (doesn’t have to be a solitary sport). * Jade suggested that club members could submit photos and the winning photo would be put in the pamphlet. * David Weiskopf will find sponsors.   **MOTION: That 9 Lives Design be hired to produce a pamphlet for the North Bay Nordic Ski Club.**  **Moved By: Tom Cook Seconded By: Gary Jodouin**  **MOTION PASSED** |  |
| **6.2 David Weiskopf Suggestions**   * David stated that a lot of people don’t know that the club exists and presented two methods to address this. * Billboards. The cost is not extreme with space rental at $840 for one month. Obtaining business sponsorships would help decrease costs to the club. * Drone shots. Air and ground winter shots can be effectively used on Facebook. |  |
| **6.3 Deaths of Claude Jolin and Emmanuelle Guenter**   * Julie will order plaques for the memorial shelter and send cards to the families. * A list of founding members and active club members who have passed away has been created. Plaques will be made and added as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations. |  |
| **6.4 Adopt a Trail Signs and Work**   * Ian Fettes will do Cam Hunters section. * The Junior Racing Team does the red trail. It will have to be covered. Nipissing University will be asked to cover it. |  |
| **7.0** **DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**  Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. at Gary Jodouin’s residence. . |  |
| 8.**0 ADJOURNMENT**  Time: 8:45 pm  **Moved by: Andy Davies Seconded by: Mike Ward**  **MOTION PASSED** |  |