

# GOLDEN NORDIC SKI CLUB SOCIETY

## AGM 2017

**In Attendance:** Sue Rowe, Ian Rowe, Jeff Dolinsky, Joan Dolinsky, Dave Morgan, Quinn Morgan, Heather Morgan, Angela Stott, Dan Veselic, Sue Mann, Paula Patakiora, Julie Caldwell, Andrew Caldwell, Julian England, Ian Robinson, Bob Toothill, Mike Cattle, Todd Keith, Annette Luttermann, Maxine Lockeridge, Bruce McMahon, James Ross, Brianna Burley, Justin Tataryn, Erwin Perzinger, Carolyn Lilgert, Mark Dascher, Lolli Gagnon, David Gagnon, Emmanuel Mercier, Jane Fearing, Sarah Osadetz, MaryLynn Lewis, Doug Adama, Bruce Fairley, Annette Boelman, George Ross, Marvin Lloyd, Joanne Wittstock.

### AGENDA:

1. Elect a Chair for the AGM
2. Determine that there is a quorum
3. Approve the Agenda
4. Approve the Minutes of AGM 2016
5. Business Arising ?
6. Approve Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017
7. Other Reports
8. Club Survey Results
9. President's Report
10. Tribute to 20+ years of Jeff's leadership
11. Elect a new President, Treasurer and five Directors with nominations from the floor.
12. Special Resolution to make changes to Club By-Laws
13. Adjournment
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15. At 7.02 pm, Jeff Dolinsky called the meeting to order.
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17. **Elect a Chair for the AGM: Bruce Fairley moved, seconded by George Ross, to nominate Jeff as chair of this meeting. Motion carried.**
18. **Determine that there is a quorum:** Since more than four people were in attendance, there was a quorum.
19. **Approval of Agenda: Bruce Fairley moved, seconded by Joanne Wittstock, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.**
20. **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2016:** Since the minutes had been

circulated to those present, and available on the club website for nearly a year, Sue Rowe did not read them. **Joanne moved, seconded by Ian Robinson, to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion carried.**

21. **Business Arising:** none.
22. **Treasurer's Report for 2016-17:** is attached, as approved by the Board. Joanne Wittstock explained that she had taken on the role in February from Magi Scallion, and had made some changes. Susan Olsen has been engaged as bookkeeper/accountant, without signing authority. Joanne expressed appreciation for the past financial work of Cox and Co.
23. Last year there were a record 636 members, 43% of them in families, and gross membership revenue exceeded \$77,000. Total income for the year was almost \$200,000, and the club is showing a profit of nearly \$35,000, but since that is mostly invested in trails, parking improvements and other assets, it's not really profit. The club's finances are in good shape. In early summer, after discussions and analysis of Wayne Manzer's offer, a decision was made to purchase the rental shop from him for \$25,000, which includes all equipment and some initial consultation time. Joanne expects this to be a profitable venture. In the future, Joanne plans to make the accounts more useful to program areas: tracking budgets and expenses should be much easier.
24. Bruce Fairley suggested moving excess cash aggressively into reserves for equipment. Joanne agreed, and has purchased a \$20,000 Term Deposit to that end, with cash on hand for shop requirements.
25. **Joan Dolinsky moved, seconded by George Ross, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.**
26. Jeff thanked Joanne for stepping in and picking up the Treasurer's responsibilities.
27. **Other Reports: Trails:** Erwin reports he has not started grooming yet, but is ready to go.
28. **Skills Development:** As retiring SD coordinator, Annette Boelman gave a brief history of the ski school and the club's development programs, including the obtaining by Ghislain de lePlante of a 3 year Altagas grant to help cover costs of a full time, year round head coach. Ghislain was head coach for a year, then Nicole Perrin, and then it was decided to move to a seasonal coach position. Attempts to find a coach for this winter are ongoing, however there is a lack all over of qualified coaches, and there has been no luck so far. This clearly impacts the race team and kids and Masters programs, but a Plan B is being put in place, with Sarah Osadetz hired to coordinate the 55+ program and school programs. Jackrabbits will be coordinated by a Parents' Committee. Last year there were 39 juniors, 600 school kid visits, 35 in the 55+ group, and 15 Masters. The ski school

was particularly busy over the Christmas holidays. Annette and Sarah will be checking club gear and offering the waxable skis in the basement for sale to members, with left overs going to the Ski Swap November 4<sup>th</sup>.

29. Members present showed their appreciation for Annette's work for the club.
30. **Jackrabbits:** Julian England spoke for the Parents' Committee. Last year the different Jackrabbit streams had to be run together due to a lack of coaches: drop-out was happening as a result, and the Parents' Committee was formed to address the problem. With 2 levels of training being offered in November, and a refund of the training cost to those who commit to coaching for the club, the situation should improve this year. Julian also mentioned there are plans to diversify training sessions, eg 1 or 2 sessions available per week, Wednesdays and Saturdays, to better meet families' needs.
31. **Sarah Osadetz**, in her role as Program Coordinator, says she is working on developing a team of instructors. A CANSI instructor/tester will be visiting in December to work with potential instructors.
32. **Sponsorships:** Dan Veselic reported that, with help from Bob Toothill, they made a total of about \$30,000 for the club in money and product donations from businesses and the community. The Zone 4 donation option was useful, many products were auctioned at the Loppet and other events, and Loppet draw prizes for competitors and volunteers really help the event's reputation and appeal. Special thanks were given to Mark Dascher and Dee Wolfe of Pioneer Consulting for their recent donation of \$10,000.
33. Jeff thanked Dan for his help in this area.
34. Jeff also acknowledged Jim Doyle's many hours of work in looking after and improving the Chalet structure.
35. **Club Survey Results:** Joanne provided a summary of survey findings, (attached). The survey was originally put together by Vicky Wilson and Geoffrey Richards, and results tabulated by Vicky and Joanne. The full results will be available to the new Board. 176 members responded to 43 questions. Most of the comments were positive, especially around grooming, the trails, the Loppet and the chalet, with some enthusiasm for a lit loop and a dog loop, but not much for fat bikes. Comments were often interesting and useful. Thanks were expressed to Joanne, Vicky and Geoffrey for their creative input in the survey.
36. **President's Report:** Jeff circulated a written report summarizing his 21 years with GNSC, but talked instead of his "accidental ride" into building a club: the Snowmobile club almost gained the area and trails. Many people have contributed to trail development and eg dealing with all the drainage problems, and special thanks go out to Brian Lundstrom for his work. Last year's memberships set a record, as did the Loppet participants, and this

year we will have chip timing at the Loppet! One result of program development is that Quinn Morgan has been selected to the BC Development Team! Many thanks go to Wayne Manzer for developing a rental shop ready for the club to purchase, for being a superb greeter, and running the Greeter program, and for developing snowshoe trails that actually make money for the club! Thanks to James Ross and Marvin Lloyd as well for snowshoe trail development. Thanks also to Marvin Lloyd for running the golf course trails, all on a volunteer basis, and used regularly by people who may not buy memberships and rarely get up to Dawn Mountain, but whose contributions cover all the costs. Thanks to all the volunteers, trail mowers, brush cutters, 45 Loppet volunteers every year, parents, the four volunteer groomers who help Erwin, the grant application writers, Joan D and Ian Blanchard, Andy Caldwell for stepping in as website manager at short notice, and many more. One of the club's plans is to hire a paid club manager: the job description is being developed. And all are invited to a work party at Dawn Mountain on Sunday from 10 to 4.

37. At this point Bruce McMahon stood up and thanked Jeff and Joan for all their work for the club: it would not have happened without them. Members present showed their appreciation with applause in all the appropriate places.
38. **Tribute to 20+ years of Jeff's leadership:** Dan Veselic spoke of the years of work Jeff and Joan have given to the club: grant writing, chalet design, negotiating with KHMR, running Jackrabbits, creating contracts, etc etc. He told members that one of the last decisions of the current board had been to give Jeff and Joan Lifetime Membership in the club. Standing applause.
39. **Election of Officials:**
40. At each official/director nomination, Jeff asked three times for further nominations from the floor.
41. Sue Rowe reminded those present that under the current by-laws, only members may vote, and within a family membership, only one adult may vote. Proxy votes may be used with written permission from the member.
42. **President: Dan Veselic** nominated by Jeff, seconded by Jim Doyle (BoD Sep 27)
43. There being no other nominations from the floor, Dan was acclaimed President for a two year term.
44. **Treasurer: Joanne Wittstock** was nominated by Sue, seconded by Jeff. (BoD Sep 27)
45. There being no other nominations from the floor, Joanne was acclaimed as Treasurer for a two year term.
46. **Secretary: Sue Rowe** enters the second year of a two year term.

47. **Directors:** At Sep 27<sup>th</sup> BoD meeting, the following 3 directors were nominated and seconded, and provided verbal consent to their nomination:
48. **Jeff Dolinsky:** nominated by Ian Robinson , seconded by Sue Rowe
49. **Ian Robinson:** 1. Jeff 2. Sue
50. **Jim Doyle:** 1. Jeff 2. Sue
51. **Steve Wyer:** nominated at AGM by Dan Veselic, seconded by Jeff.
52. **Carolyn Lilgert:** Nominated at AGM by Sue Rowe, seconded by Ian Rowe.
53. There being no further nominations, these five were acclaimed as directors.
54. **Alternate Director:** to become a full director if the new by-laws are passed and come into effect: **Lolli Gagnon:** nominated by Angela Stott, seconded by Sarah Osadtez. There being no other nominations, Lolli was acclaimed as alternate director.
55. **New Bylaws:** Sue explained that necessary changes had become apparent when the BC Government brought in the new Societies Act last fall. Copies of the proposed changes were being circulated and had been available on the club website for some time. Wayne, Magi Scallion and Sue had started work on the changes, Sue eventually completed them, with amendments suggested by Glen Ewan. They are now in line with the new Act, in line with the club's mode of operation, ( eg corporate membership was removed: only one corporate member could be remembered in 20 years), and wording available through the Act's Regulations replaced and improved eg the job descriptions for Treasurer and Secretary. Sue hopes it will be a useful club document: eg director commitment to the club's purposes. Following brief discussion and questions, **Sue moved, seconded by Jeff, to accept the new By-laws as presented. All in favour and motion carried.**
56. **Adjournment:** Wayne moved, seconded by Jim Halvorson, to adjourn. **Motion carried.**
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