

# **KELOWNA NORDIC SKI AND SNOWSHOE CLUB**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday October 24, 2024 6 pm

At the German Canadian Harmonie Club, 1696 Cary Rd, Kelowna BC.

### **---- DRAFT MINUTES ----**

1. Call to order – John Davina called meeting to order at 6:10 pm after quorum was established, asked Brad Cronquist to chair meeting
2. Adoption of agenda – Motion – Craig Lewis / George Carr – all in favour, carried
3. Adoption of minutes of September 21, 2023 - Motion – Judy Lloyd / Gord Fawcett – all in favour, carried
4. Business arising from the Minutes of September 21, 2023 - None

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a. Treasurer's report and budget update – Rob Hooton - Judy Lloyd read his report (Rob unable to attend AGM). Key points: Club needs new grooming machine and 800 ski members for sustainability. Fee determination process completed, day fees set at \$20 ski, \$10 snowshoe. Financials reflect \$325,000 internally restricted reserve for purchase of snowcat. Questions from floor: how will day pass use be monitored (A: on trails through volunteers), whether we'll issue plastic cards to members again (A: yes, this is planned), why club needs a truck (A: volunteers not willing to use their own vehicles or don't have suitable trucks, club saves from not reimbursing fuel costs.) Motion to accept report, financial statements and budget - Gord Eaves / Michael LeFeuvre - all in favour, carried
- b. President's report – John Davina – read his report. Key points: The directors and other volunteers put a lot of time and effort into the club. A new grooming machine is a priority, ours are 18 and 25 years old. We applied for a Capital Gaming grant of \$250,000 to help fund a new machine. CCBC gave us grants, advice and free coaching clinics. Grooming team transition last season. Suggestion from floor: promote club via Tourism Kelowna. Motion to accept report: David Webster / Craig Marshall, all in favour, carried

### **COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- a. Trail report - Tom Ferguson – read his report. Highlights: Tolko commenced logging on 2 cut blocks in the tenure; 1000 volunteer hours spent on ski & snowshoe trails. Motion to accept report: Karen Wolfe / Lisa Howard, all in favour, carried
- b. Snowshoe report – Marshall Moleschi gave his report. Highlights: snowshoe committee formed with Marshall, Stuart Mikel, Craig Lewis, Gord Miller. Organized volunteer day. Suggestion from floor: have more volunteer days. Motion to accept report: Sarah Creasor / Tim Kucher – all in favour, carried
- c. Building report – Chris Stewart read his report. Highlights: Mt Boucherie school kids helped with FireSmart, woodchopping, taking down old scout shelter. Some signs replaced and biffies painted. Chainsaw certificates obtained by 2 volunteers. Plans to set up maintenance team and have more work parties in future. Motion to accept report: Pam Hoeschle / Gord Fawcett, all in favour, carried

d. Machinery and Grooming report – Phil Klotz gave his report. Older machine is in better shape than newer one, a lot of maintenance work was done on it so should run well for season. Newer machine (Edge) is not in as good condition so will be secondary machine this year (reversal from last year). Snowmobile rolling planned in early season and on rocky K9 trail to limit damage to grooming machines. Grooming team: Stefan Buehl (member, skier), Jason Rock (also works at BW), Alan Turnbull (new hire – trainee with machine experience), Chris Stewart (will do snowmobile rolling). We are fully compliant with Worksafe BC. More trails will be groomed and corners will be handled differently this year based on member feedback received last year. Grooming schedule will be posted on website and daily grooming information on Nordic Pulse. Questions / suggestions from floor: include report e.g. in newsletter of what the grooming team does. Why not groom all trails after a heavy (10cm+) snowfall? A: cost considerations, takes time. Motion to accept report: Keith Robinson / Tim Kucher – all in favour, carried. Gord Fawcett announced formation of grooming machine committee (Rob Hooton, Chris Stewart, Gord Fawcett, Phil Klotz, Ryland Garton) to look at different machines' suitability for club.

e. Communications report – Michael LeFeuvre gave his report. Photo contest: 8 photo entries, votes will be used to select 3 for website. Needs material for newsletters and encourages members to contribute. Key accomplishments: website moved to Wix platform, Donorbox set up for personal donations to grooming machine, new volunteer Sophie Miller recruited for social media. Question from floor: no tweets from X/Twitter account? A: board not aware of its existence, doesn't know who controls this account. Motion to accept report: Tom Ferguson / Ryan Cope, all in favour, carried

f. Membership report – Lisa Howard gave her report. Current year sign-ups at 325. Membership drive at MEC this weekend. Members are our best ambassadors – spread the word. Goal to create a community with more participation. Additional membership benefits: discounts at Fresh Air, MEC. Quote from CCBC: our club has the greatest growth potential outside of the lower mainland. Membership low compared to Larch Hills with 2000 members. Plans to issue plasticized membership cards again. Motion to accept report: Graham McMynn / Gord Eaves, all in favour, carried

g. Events report – Lisa Howard - Events planned this winter: meet & greet, moonlight ski, family day activities, cabins & cookies tour, volunteer appreciation. Suggestion from floor: Grow sport by getting new skiers out? A: challenge has been rental equipment, Play it Again Sports only option in Kelowna - currently working with them. Motion to accept report: Craig Lewis / George Carr, all in favour, carried.

h. Masters ski lessons – John Davina – planned again for Sundays in January. Ski clinics to be offered in February. More info to follow in newsletter and website. Safe sport policies now in effect so coaches must have criminal records checks. Motion to accept: Ryan Cope / Mona Ferguson, all in favour, carried.

h. Strategic planning report – Gord Fawcett gave his report. Established committee of: Gord, Graham McMynn, Sarah Creasor, Alison Campbell Urness, Dave Rush. Strategic plan & survey results to be announced soon. Motion to accept: Judy Lloyd / Tim Kucher, all in favour, carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Proposed bylaw changes 4.6/4.7 – attached – Motion: Laurie Cole / John Davina - all in favour, carried.

d. Any new business – none

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - 4 directors staying on board for second year: John Davina, Rob Hooton, Lisa Howard, Chris Stewart. 6 nominees for 6 open positions: Tom Ferguson, Laurie Cole, Michael LeFeuvre, Gord Fawcett, Marshall Moleschi, Tricia Anderson. Chair called for nominees from the floor – none. 6 nominees were declared elected by acclamation.

**ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION – John Davina / Laurie Cole – meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

## **Special Resolution to Amend Bylaws of the Kelowna Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Club**

The current bylaws do not allow for directors to be added after the AGM when a full slate of directors is not voted in at the AGM, making it difficult or impossible to recruit needed volunteers to fill vacancies on the board until the next AGM. Therefore, the directors propose the following motion to change the bylaws:

**Be it resolved that the following bylaws be deleted:**

### **Directors may fill casual vacancy on Board**

4.6 The Board may, at any time, appoint a member as an interim director to fill a vacancy that arises on the Board as a result of the resignation, death, incapacity or removal of a director during the director's term of office.

### **Term of director filling casual vacancy**

4.7 An interim director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy ceases to be a director at the end of the unexpired portion of the term of office of the individual whose departure from office created the vacancy.

**and replaced with the following:**

### **Directors may fill vacancy on Board**

4.6 The Board may, at any time, appoint a Member in good standing as a Director to fill a vacancy in the Directors.

### **Term of director appointed by Board**

4.7 A Director appointed in accordance with section 4.6 holds office only until either of the following: a) in the case of a vacancy resulting from an insufficient number of Directors following an election, the appointed Director holds office until the next general meeting of the Society, and is eligible for re-election at the meeting. b) in the case of a vacancy resulting from a Director resigning or otherwise departing from the Board of Directors, the appointed Director may hold office until the end of the departing Director's term, or until the next election, and the length of this interim term shall be determined by the Directors at the time of appointment.