

Sovereign Lake NORDIC CLUB

Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Annual General Meeting 2011

Date: April 7, 2011

Location: Schubert Centre, Vernon, B.C.

Present from Board of Directors: Pat Pierce (Chair), Bob Advent (Vice-Chair), Sharon Clarke, Alex Lane, Gerry Breneman, Hugh Hamilton (Secretary), Chuck Austin (Treasurer), Jeff Bassett

Regrets: Therese Roberts

Staff: Scott Lemon, Darren Derochie

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by the Chair. About 44 members were present.

Introductions of Board and staff

Treasurer's Report (Chuck Austin)

- The Treasurer's report was presented by PowerPoint. Sovereign Lake Nordic Club (SLNC) members who were not present can receive copies of the financial statements and PowerPoint on request.
- Explained that our fiscal year-end is August 31 each year, so the results that were presented were for August 31, 2010.
- Explained Membership, Operations, and combined book-keeping.
- SLNC paid of the last of the 2005 World Cup debt in December 2010.
- Presented August 31, 2010 results (2010) against 2009
- Presented the preliminary finances as of March 31, 2011. MWC will make a small positive net income. Overall, our cash position is up from the same time last year.
- 17% growth in membership revenue. About 150 additional members this year compared to last year.
- New groomer (a used machine) cost \$90,000. Trade-ins reduced it to about \$75,000. It has been paid off.

Programs Report (Gerry Breneman)

- The skill development program had 134 participants in 2010-2011.
- Ratio of participants to coaches in a little high but we didn't cap enrollment.
- Gerry asked for new coach-volunteers. Training would be provided.
- Gerry thanked the coaches.
- Masters World Cup – SLNC members won 15 medals; 11 women's and 4 men's.
- Thanked the MWC volunteers.
- SLNC had six racers in the Canadian Nationals – Gold medal won by Heather Mehain. Matt Wylie (ex-member, now training in Canmore) also medaled.
- Heather also participated in the World Junior Championships in Europe representing Canada.

Biathlon Report (Dominic Dlouhy)

- Provided background on the group's progress in 2010-2011.
- 16 youth and 7 masters
- 6 certified racers
- 2 youth & 5 masters competed in the BC Cup. Kate Curtis medaled.
- Equipment currently limits the number of kids that the group can accommodate but there is some room for new Masters biathletes.

Coach's Report (Darren Derochie)

- Thanked the age group coordinators and all the coaches.
- Thanked the Track Attack coaches. They helped free Darren up to work with the advanced skiers.
- The program is growing thanks to the coaches and the integration of programs.
- There was an active Master's program with many of the group racing in the MWC.
- Thanked Marie Oliphant for sending out the e-newsletter which really helped with communication.

Competition (Sharon)

- We hosted a Nor-Am race, Tips-Up Cup, Masters World Cup, and a Loppet.
- Over 380 volunteers helped out at MWC, probably more than 500 over all our races
- Thanked Rae Jensen, our Official's Coordinator, and the volunteers.
- Next year we are hosting the Nor-Am, the BC Games, Tip-Up, and our annual SLNC Loppet.
- Question from a member: Can we host a BC Cup? Answer: SLNC is hosting the BC Games in 2012 as our commitment to do one provincial-level race each year.

Social/Membership (Alex)

- There was an increase in social events
- Pre-season dance, barbecues, etc.
- Encouraged people to come forth with ideas to make the club a friendly place.

Sparkling Hill Master's World Cup Bruce Cummings)

- Introductory video (thanks to Rick Latta)
- Thanked Committee (about 20) and the key volunteers
- The event was financially positive for SLNC based on preliminary results. Budget \$550,000 but estimated to have generated about \$4M locally in business.
- 1,134 racers (4th highest in event history); about 470 Canadians
- 1,155 were at the closing ceremonies & banquet
- SLNC has gained a number of legacies paid for by the event – the bridge, trails, first aid room, upgraded electrical & computer systems, sound system, and race equipment.
- Many compliments were received on our volunteers. Many emails came in from people saying they will come back to Sovereign Lake.
- Questions: Sponsorship – How did it go? (Very well, but the success required a lot of hard work by a crew of people). Were the sponsors thanked? (yes)

Strategic Plan Introduction (Pat)

- It is time to put together a new strategic plan – for 2011-2015
- Members will be asked for input later this year

Awards (Pat)

- Life Time Membership for Long-term Service: presented to Einar Field
- Volunteer of the Year: presented to Bruce Cummings
- Athlete of the Year: presented to Heather Mehain

Election of Officers (Led by the Nomination Chair – Theresa Korobanik)

- The Board has 10 seats.
- Sharon, Alex, and Gerry are carrying over into the second year of their mandates.
- Seven people have put their names forward for 2011-2012.
- Theresa asked three (3) times for further nominations. No additional nominations came forward.
- The 7 nominees were acclaimed. The SLNC Board of Directors for 2011-2012 consists of Chuck Austin, Hugh Hamilton, Bob Advent; Patrick Tobin, Jonathan Oliphant, Don Reimer, Sharon Clarke, Alex Lane, Gerry Breneman, and Pat Pearce.
- The executive and committee positions will be determined by a vote of the new Board at their first meeting.

Other Business

- Pat called for any other business to be brought forward.
- There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45