

# Sovereign Lake NORDIC CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pearce residence; Coldstream BC  
**Present:** *Directors* – Pat Pearce (Chair), Bob Advent (Vice-Chair), Hugh Hamilton (Secretary), Alex Lane, Chuck Austin (Treasurer), Sharon Clarke, Jeff Bassett  
*Regret* - Therese Roberts, Gerry Breneman  
*Staff* – Scott Lemon (Club Manager).

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**Agenda.** Approved as submitted.

### Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- The September 2010 minutes were reviewed and accepted by e-mail.

### Club Manager's Report (Scott Lemon)

- The School Ski Program is expanding in 2010-2011 to include Kelowna schools. Bookings are already close to capacity. It is now administered by SLNC, not the School Board.
- Many of last year's staff are returning, but some have switched to part-time. Interviewing is underway.
- The new Carl Wylie trail will be an early season trail, accessible with low snow.
- The "new" web site has launched in time for ski season. A few bugs will be worked out. Scott Lemon, Julie Melanson, and Darren Derochie have access to update the information.
- Several grants were applied for but there is no news on the outcome.

### Treasurer's Report (Chuck Austin)

- Chuck provided the August 30, 2010 financial statements and indicated that the Club is in good financial health. [Note: August 31 is SLNC's fiscal year end].
- The results will be presented at the members' information meeting in November at the Schubert Centre.

### Committee Reports

- Policy (Pat)
- The revised and updated Policy Manual was presented by Pat. It had been developed by the Board during a September working meeting, and a draft sent out for Board review.
- **Motion** (Hugh): *To accept the updated Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Policy Manual as presented. Carried.*
- The Manual will be posted on the web site.

- Some confusion remains about race fees for SLNC members at races that we host, so a written policy is needed. The Board will draft and finalize a policy before hosting a Nor-Am or similar event.
- Programs (Gerry via e-mail)
- The current training programs were recently outlined in the SLN News Bulletin. Corresponding participation rates are;
  - Tuesday Night: Skill Development (Young). Team and (Old) Masters - upwards of 50
  - Wednesday Night: Masters - 6 to 8
  - Thursday: Skill Development - roller ski - 8
  - Sat & Sun: Masters and Team, 6-8
- Coordinators are in place and at work for the Jackrabbit and Masters Programs. The Jackrabbit Coordinator is Donna Smedley. The Masters Coordinators are Claudia Richard, assisted by Pat Pearce and Gerry Breneman.
- 8 of our athletes attended a weekend regional dryland camp in Revelstoke along with Coach Darren
- 7 of our coaches will be upgrading their certification at the Learn to Train clinic, Oct 29-31
- SLN Masters Camp - will be very in-depth and will thoroughly prepare participants to train for and compete in the WMC 2011 events. The camp will consist of 3 components;
  - Nov. 27-28, Familiarization with training zones using lactate testing
  - Nov. 29-Dec 3, Developing speed, power and technique and finish the week with race planning
  - Dec. 4 – 5, Race prep on Sat and a race on Sunday
- Communications (Scott for Therese)
- The old paper copy newsletter (about 3 per year) has been merged with the monthly electronic newsletter. There will now be a single monthly newsletter.
- Members are encouraged to provide stories, news, and photographs. Please send to Julie c/o [scott@sovereignlake.com](mailto:scott@sovereignlake.com), about 10 days before the end of the month.
- Membership/Social (Alex)
- The second work party was on October 2. Turnout was lower than in September but lots got done. We should send out a reminder a few days before each work party. Thank you notes will be sent.
- The club will have more barbecues through the season, featuring organic hot dogs, with proceeds to improving the waxing building. Alex will obtain FoodSafe certification. Volunteers with FoodSafe would be welcome.
- The season kick-off dance will take place on November 26<sup>th</sup> with proceeds to the Masters World Cup.
- The annual fall information meeting will take place at the Schubert Centre on November 18, 2010.
- Competitions (Sharon)
  1. **Officials Courses:**
    - Level 1: this weekend, Oct 23, 24. 14 registrants.
    - Level 2: Nov 6-7. 4 registrants only -will likely be cancelled.
    - Rae Jensen is our club Officials Coordinator.

2. **NorAm** Dec 12, 13: The Race Notice is complete and should be posted on the web today (CCC and CCBC). Registration will be up Friday. Still needed:
  - Billet for the TD: Claude Chabot from Whitehorse
  - Volunteer Services Coordinator – meet and greet volunteers; hand out name tags/thank volunteers; look after the draw prizes
  - Food Services Coordinator
  
3. **Loppet** is being held the day after the MWC (March 12). We therefore expect larger numbers to take part
  - Brochure has been updated.
  - Registration is live on Zone 4 as of today.
  - Chief of Race: Bruce Sandilands can share the position and would like to mentor someone in that position (he will be away during the event)
  - Race Secretary is needed. The MWC Race Secretary can't do both.
  
4. **World Masters** March 3-11  
 Online registration update as of today: USA 6, Canada 12, and Europe 3 (paid by credit card)
  - Fundraising (Jeff)
  - There will be a "Ski Expo" at SLNC during the MWC. Participants are given booth space in exchange for cash and an equivalent value in product to be used for prizes in MWC and future club-sponsored races.
  - Progress is being made on using the web site as a platform for fundraising through sponsorship. For example, the web cam will be sponsored by Stussi Sports.
  - The public can now make a donation to SLNC and get a tax receipt if the donation is made through BC Parks. However the BC Parks web site isn't yet clear on how to do this. SLNC will look into ways to better publicize it.

#### **Master's World Cup (MWC)**

- New sponsors continue to come on board thanks to Melissa Spooner's hard work. See web site for list (<http://www.mwc2011.com/index.php/sponsors/>).
- The season kick-off dance will be used to publicize the MWC and net proceeds, if any; will go to support the event.
- A Venue Chair is still needed to guide the physical aspects of the event.
- Suzie Sims is organizing a Mountain Film Night during the week of the MWC at the Performing Arts Centre. This will provide a reason for racers staying at Silver Star to come into Vernon and perhaps go out for dinner.
- Sparkling Hills Resort is providing a Swarovski Crystal Trophy as part of their commitment to the event.

#### **Strategic Planning (Pat)**

- Our current Strategic Plan runs until 2011, so it is time to begin organizing the next update.
- Pat suggested that a facilitator be consulted to provide recommendations on a process to engage members and develop the plan in an efficient manner. A facilitator will be invited to the January 2011 Board meeting to begin this discussion.
- Members interested in helping out are asked to contact Pat.

#### **Lodge Renovations**

- The Board has decided to wait until the MWC is over before further discussions on future lodge renovations. The Board has received a proposal from a local architect to assist with RDNO negotiations when the time comes.

**Adjourned** – 9:20 pm. Next meeting December 15, 2010.