

Sovereign Lake NORDIC CLUB



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting April 23rd, 2009

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at the Schubert Centre in Vernon, BC
49 Members present

The meeting was chaired by Bruce Cummings, Vice-Chairperson

1. Presentation from the Board - 2008/09 In Review

Board Structure & Function

- Eleven board meetings
- Minutes posted within days of a board meeting
- Two newsletters over the season
- One Information Meeting & this AGM
- Returning Directors for 2009/2010:
 - Chuck Austin, Sharon Clarke, Bruce Cummings, Ed Devin, and Donna Smedley
- Directors retiring from the Board this year, with our thanks:
 - Phil Carruthers, Jim Cookson, Einar Field, Neva Low, and Greg O'Neil.

Significant Events

- Skier Development Programs “on track” with 24 SLNC coaches with some certification level (up from 4 previously!)
- Second season for our Club Manager, Scott Lemon
- Nordic Ski Patrol started
- No major groomer repair or maintenance issues
- Canine trail approved & implemented
- Backcountry trails approved and implemented
- Carl Wylie Trail and connector trails detailed and an environmental assessment was submitted in April

Races Held in 2008-2009

- Two successful NorAms held back to back (SLNC provided volunteers along with volunteers from around the Province to act as the alternative site to the Callaghan Valley NorAm after they had insufficient snow)
- Sovereign Loppet
- BC Cup – Biathlon
- Tips Up/Club Championships

Training Courses

- CCC Officials courses: 2 Level 1 courses - spring and fall
- Coaches training - SLNC hosted the first of the newest level of coach education with instructors from across the country being trained here...the leading edge for Canada's LTADP.

Club Hosted Member Events

- Member appreciation day
- Demo days - family days
- Lantern Ski and potluck as part of Winter Carnival
- St. Patrick's Day event
- Season End BBQ with Easter events

Race Team

- Racing team partnered with SSNC in 2008/09 for another successful racing season
- SLNC won the BC Cup again for 9th time in 10 years
- Significant achievements by SLNC's athletes throughout the season
- SLNC - 8th overall @ the 2008 Nationals with 17 athletes, several medals and top 10 placings
- Several SLNC skiers nominated for the B.C. team
- Another athlete nominated to the Junior National Team (Allyson Cummings)

Biathlon Program Growth Continues

- 23 active biathletes makes SLNC's program the largest in the BC Interior
- Hosted two events - BC Cup Championship & Cadet Provincials
- Norwegian & Swiss Teams used the range for World Cup training
- One biathlete participated @ nationals & fore runner for the IBU course @ Whistler Olympic Park
- Team participated in the Quesnel BC Cup
- Three parents officiated at the IBU World Cup at Whistler Olympic Park
- Mikes Blain & Schmok on track as biathlon officials for 2010
- Dominik Dlouhy stepped up to coordinate Biathlon Bears
- Cadets donated 10 targets to SLNC
- Warming hut "significantly" complete
- Goal is to become the premier biathlon facility in western Canada.

World Masters 2011

- Website established – www.mwc2011.com
- Organizing Committee almost finalized
- Silver Star Mountain businesses have formed a community committee to help support the event
- MLA & MP are supporting the event and working towards accessing funding
- Vernon Mayor is supportive and will help with a presentation to NORD
- Working to finalize major sponsors and expect some contracts to be finalized soon

- WMA to hold their AGM in Vernon in mid September 2009
- Next volunteers needed: people with other languages to host the delegates to the WMA AGM

Park Use Permit Renewal

- Application for renewal made & BC Parks currently consulting with First Nations on the PUP renewal (Okanagan Indian Band and Splots'in Nation)
- Current permit expires at the end of April 2009 - a 10-year term was requested and agreed to by BC Parks.

Finances

- Club finances on target
- Third \$40,000 debt payment made
- \$80,000 2005 World Cup debt remaining
- Expectation of a break-even cash position @ fiscal year end (Aug 31/09) and perhaps a small surplus for the capital replacement fund.

Club Fund Raising

- \$37,000 of Natures Fare receipts resulted in the club receiving \$1,100 from Natures Fare
- Given that all members are not aware of this program, increasing awareness could result in a larger return to the club
- Challenge - \$50,000 of Natures Fare receipts and SLNC receiving \$1,500 in 2009/10
- Stussi Sports contributed \$5,000 towards the racing program plus numerous draw prizes for events throughout the year
- Cross Country Canada, AltaGas and GM contributed \$37,500 in grants towards SLNC programs this year
- Hosting B.C. and the B.C. Gaming Commission contributed another \$26,000 to SLNC programs

Thanks was extended from the Board to everyone for a Great Year!

Reminder: *Spring Opening from May 8th to the 18th; 9am till 1pm*

2. Financial Presentation from the Board - Chuck Austin (Treasurer) presented the August 2008 year end financial statements and presented a projection to the end of August 2009 (the Power Point presentation is attached to these minutes)

3. Awards – Neva Low (Membership Committee)

Prizes from the Kilometre Board were drawn and awarded.

Four 1,000 km pins were awarded.

Skier of the Year – Susan Chartrand

Volunteer of the Year – Susan Spiller

4. Questions from the members present:

a) The current chairperson of the Masters World Cup Organizing Committee is Bruce Cummings

b) The membership of the club is about 1,500.

5. Elections:

Four Directors elected by acclamation –

Bob Advent, Jeff Bassett, Hugh Hamilton, and Pat Pearce

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM