

Sovereign Lake NORDIC CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 5, 2009; 7:00 p.m.

Location: Summit Environmental Consultants Ltd. meeting room, Vernon, BC
Present: *Directors* - Bob Advent, Chuck Austin, Jeff Bassett, Sharon Clark, Bruce Cummings, Ed Devlin, Hugh Hamilton, Pat Pearce, and Donna Smedley.
Staff - Scott Lemon (SLNC Manager).

This was the first meeting of the SLNC Board of Directors since the 2009 Annual General Meeting that was held on April 23, 2009.

Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.

Appointment of Officers

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors ("the Board") were appointed by the Board as per Section 5.5 of the SLNC Bylaws; as follows:

- Chair – Pat Pearce (new in 2009)
- Vice-Chair – Ed Devlin (returning)
- Secretary – Hugh Hamilton (new in 2009)
- Treasurer – Chuck Austin (returning)

The remaining "at large" Directors are Bob Advent (new in 2009), Jeff Bassett (new in 2009), Sharon Clark (returning), Bruce Cummings (returning), and Donna Smedley (returning).

Committees

- Bruce explained the number and purpose of the SLNC committees to the new members of the Board.
- Current committees are Member Services, Operations, Membership/Social, Competition, Policy, and Fundraising (new).
- There is no longer a need for a Marketing Committee since marketing is part of the Club Manager's duties.
- Various Directors agreed to join one or more committees.
- Committee Terms of Reference are available on request.

Club Manager's Report (Scott Lemon)

- "Spring Camp": The spring 2009 re-opening in May 2009 was a success. More than 500 day passes were sold over the "spring camp" period in addition to the

season pass holders who came to ski. Operations made money during the May opening.

- The new Carl Wylie Trail: Plans are moving forward to construct this new trail that will link the Black Prince Cabin to Woodland Bell and other trails on a gentler gradient than the current options. The club is eligible for a grant under the Job Opportunity Program to assist with construction.
- Other Potential Upgrades: SLNC is applying for a number of grants that could be used for lodge improvements and other works. The grants are available as part of current federal/provincial job creation initiatives.
- Racing Program: Darren Derochie has been busy developing a plan for the 2009-2010 Racing Program, designed to follow Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development Program (LTAD).
- Operations – General Finances: Operations financial situation has improved and it will be possible to do repairs and maintenance on the grooming equipment this summer.

Treasurer's Report (Chuck)

- As noted above, the 2008-2009 season ended with the club in a reasonable financial position.
- An Annual Operating Plan (AOP) is required to be filed with BC Parks each August. Chuck is working on the budgets that form part of the AOP.
- The Membership Division's cash reserves are growing. Some of these reserves are dedicated for specific purposes (Note: \$25 of each membership sold goes to the Membership Division. The remainder goes to the Operations Division).

Report on the Park Use Permit (Bruce)

- Renewal of SLNC's Park Use Permit to operate in Sovereign Lake Provincial Park is imminent (subject to First Nations review).
- A 10-year permit is likely.

Report on the Dual Area Pass (Bruce & Chuck)

- SLNC and Silver Star Mountain Resort are negotiating the terms of the 2009-2010 Dual Area Pass. It will likely be the same or very similar to the 2008-2009 agreement.

Report on the Masters World Cup (Sharon & Bruce)

- SLNC is hosting the Masters World Cup (MWC) in March 2011. More than 1,100 participants are expected.
- A 16-member organizing committee is in place and working.
- About half the funding will come from racer's fees.
- Government grants have been applied for, but minimal support may be forthcoming given current economic conditions and spending priorities.
- Negotiations with possible private sector sponsors are proceeding.
- The MWC Organizing Committee is looking at hiring an event-planning consultant to develop the detailed plan for the event.

- **Motion of a Resolution** (Bruce Cummings): That the SLNC Board of Directors authorize SLNC to 1) negotiate a contract with an Event Planner to prepare an Event Plan for the 2011 Masters World Cup by October 2009, and 2) authorize a

- retainer payment not exceeding \$2,000 upon successful negotiation of the contract.
- Discussion.
 - Motion carried (unanimous).

Biathlon

- There is a plan to better integrate Biathlon into the Rabbits and Racing Programs in 2009-2010.
- Biathlon skiers will ski with the Rabbits and Racers on Saturday morning and practice shooting on Sundays.
- There are no plans to hold a biathlon event (e.g. BC Cup) in 2009-2010 due to the Olympic Games effect on resources, but a Cadet event will take place.

Schedule of Board Meetings

- SLNC Board meetings for 2009-2010 will be on the third Wednesday each month, beginning in July.
- The next meeting is July 15, 2009. It will be combined with a social meeting with outgoing members of the last Board to review issues and assist with continuity.

Adjourn – 9:00 p.m.