

Fernie Nordic Society Annual General Meeting  
Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2019  
4:00 PM  
Elk Valley Nordic Centre



1. **Welcome** - call to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda** - motion to approve agenda 1<sup>st</sup> Janice Kron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Heath
3. **Adoption of Minutes from July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018** - motion 1st Samantha Sedlowsky, 2nd Rick Weiss
4. **Directors' Reports**

**a. Treasurer: Matthieu Corriveau**

This summary and the financial reports are for the Fernie Nordic Society's financial year ending on May 31 2019.

The Society ended the season with a small profit of \$592. Our income through the Welcome Home Snowcat Fundraising Campaign, RMI Grant, Membership Fees and other income totaled \$144,403. Our expenses, largely represented by our purchase of a snowcat, registration fees with CCBC, supplies and materials including those for the snowcat and snowmobile groomers and administration totaled \$143,811.

There is an increase in the value of the long-term assets from \$125,000 to \$178,000. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 season includes the cost of purchasing a replacement snowmobile for the golf course IF a suitable grant can be found. In summary, it was a great year with the increase in membership and day passes sold increasing our income.

Megan Lohmann notes that we will also approach BC Hydro regarding their small track machines for grooming the golf course.

**b. Director of Infrastructure: Jennifer Heath**

Ambassador Program

- Hut open to public during nordic ski season for ~55 days and Ambassadors present for most of these days
- 17 Ambassadors active in their role during this period
- Ambassador presence was appreciated by users
- Increased revenue from day usage visitors which may have been affected by presence of Ambassadors

## Hut Facility and Immediate Vicinity

- installed a generator during fall of 2018 - electricity for lighting and equipment (e.g. radios, small kitchen appliances, laptop and phone charging, music) which is very positive for members and users
- Hut also used by instructors for their lesson participants
- Rentals from Sept - July > ~25
- Area around hut was cleaned up and enhanced.

## Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP) First Aid Support

- 3 events were supported by 5 members of the CSP; Kootenay Cup, Community Race and the Birkie.

### **c. Trails: Rick Wiess**

- Acquisition of new (used) Snowcat Groomer (Oct. 2018)
- A huge thank you to all the volunteer snowcat groomers. Total volunteer grooming hours was 412
- Acquisition of second storage C-Can (Nov. 2018)
- Culvert installations on trail network (fall 2018)
- Over 15 new culverts installed and 2 spring wet areas marked
- Grading and drainage work on trail network (fall 2018)
- Brushing of trail network (fall '18 and spring '19)
- Slash pile burning in fall of 2018 (8 locations)
- Total volunteer trail hours was 142
- Hired part-time morning custodian for Staging Area

### **d. Director of Membership: Samantha Sedlowsky**

#### **Membership Report**

- 985 members this year, another record breaking year!
- 250 membership cards that need to be picked up still
- A HUGE thank you to Micheline Picard for taking on the membership cards

#### **Events report**

- Excellent year of events. The Annual Pumpkin Hunt has grown so large we may have to do a sign-up beforehand to prevent turning too many people away.
- Each month we held a Little Critter Ski, Toonie Race and Full Moon Ski.
- We had a large increase in attendees of the Fernie "Birkie" this season. We think there is a lot of potential in this event but the term "Birkie" is trademarked so we will have to rename the event
- The snow-to-ice(cream) event had more interest but less finishers due to weather

- 7th Annual Community Race had a format change with relays for both big and little people and the opportunity to compete solo for those wanting a longer race. The fire pit station for the kids/adult relay was a big success.

**e. Race Team: Jeff Williams**

Highlights from the Race Team

- 14 athletes aged 9-17
  - Coaching by Naomi, Johnny and Jeff
  - dryland training and an overnight trip undertaken through summer
  - 1st place in the Teck Kootenay Cup (4<sup>th</sup> year out of 5)
  - The Master's Program is going well. Thank you to Micheline for helping. Helen McAllister raised \$2,890 for the Race Team
- This year we had a number of racers compete in provincial races and two athletes were invited to the Talent Squad camps. As our team continues to grow and mature we will be attending more of the provincial races in BC and Alberta.

Highlights from the Skills Development Program

- 88 kids in the program
- 14 coaches
- 2 Den Parents
- The SDP ran 10 weeks

**f. President: Megan Lohmann**

- Thank you to the Board of Directors, all of the members and volunteers
- New membership record – it's turning into an annual announcement, this year we blew it out of the water again with 985 members.
- We heard members' request for more and consistent grooming so a part-time groomer was hired 7am-9am every day
- We also heard that more access to adult lessons was important. A huge thank you to Tarah and Amy for working on new systems and we are excited to have them offering lessons again 2019-2020
- A huge thank you to the individual Board Members, Groomers, Mechanics, and Volunteers
- A huge thank you to our sponsors and supporters

**5. General Reports**

- Adult Coaching
  - Tarah and Amy both felt there could be some improvements to the staging area and that there will be some changes to the structures of the lessons (eg. Starting earlier in the season and ending earlier for the more consistent snow and weather).
  - We need to advertise the lessons earlier in the season. There were a lot of beginner skiers but we need to let advanced skiers know there are lessons for them as well.

## **6. Annual Membership Dues**

### **Previous year membership**

- i. \$75 Adult
- ii. \$170 Family, up to four. \$19 per additional child (insurance fee)
- iii. \$50 Youth
- iv. \$65 Senior (65+)
- v. Bunnyrabbit \$60
- vi. Jackrabbit \$70
- vii. Track Attack \$75
- viii. \$50 ski rental, \$25 per additional set of skate skis
- ix. Race Team A \$425
- x. Race Team B \$375

### **Recommendations**

The Board recommends a reduction in fees as an early bird incentive of \$10 off adults and \$20 off family passes up to November 15 2019.

The Board further recommends an optional 'sliding scale' in response to members that feel the membership rates are too low. This is to continue to provide low-cost recreation options to our community, but encourage those that can to contribute more through their membership fee.

Suggestion from attendees to increase membership costs by \$5. We could maintain this early bird cost (with the additional \$5) until December 1 2019.

Motion:1<sup>st</sup> Amy Nipha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Rohn

## **6. Events, Goals and Objectives for 2019/2020 Season**

- Events to remain the same other than re-naming Fernie Birkie
- Land security is a priority. Our land did not sell with the recent Galloway Lumber and Land purchase. There are a few groups in town looking to purchase lands for recreation this year...we are working with them as well.
- Infrastructure growth. We are looking at perhaps installing temporary pit toilets. We are also looking at building a Grooming Garage and Waxing Room with bathrooms (using the Capital Gaming Grant and Rural Dividend Grant)
- Evaluation of CCBC Membership – we would like to contact other Nordic ski clubs to see if we can go to CCBC with our suggestions for improvement.

## **7. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Wiess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Sedlowsky

Meeting for the Election of Officers of the FNS  
Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2019  
4:45 PM  
Elk Valley Nordic Centre



1. **Call to order**
2. **Selection of Chairperson and Secretary** - Megan to chair, Madeleine to secretary
3. **In accordance with the Society Act Part 5 concerning the election of officers, the following rules apply:**
  - a. The number of directors must be 5 or greater
  - b. The directors must retire from office at each annual general meeting when their successors are elected
  - c. Separate elections must be held for each office to be held
  - d. An election may be by acclamation; otherwise must be by ballot
4. **The outgoing officers are as follows:**
  - a. Treasurer: Matthieu Corriveau
  - b. Secretary: Mary Miller
  - c. Infrastructure: Jennifer Heath
  - d. Director of Trails: Rick Wiess
  - e. Director of Membership: Sam Sedlowsky
  - f. Race Team: Jeff Williams
  - g. President: Megan Lohmann
5. **Those persons who have agreed to let their names stand as candidate for the 2018/2019 term are as follows:**
  - a. **Treasurer - Matthieu Corriveau** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Kron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Rhon
  - b. **Secretary - Jane Stevens** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Kron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Nipha
  - c. **Director: Lead for Infrastructure - Jennifer Heath** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Matthieu Corriveau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Nipha
  - d. **Director of Trails: Rick Wiess** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Sedlowsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Rohn
  - e. **Director: Lead for Events- Samantha Sedlowsky** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Rohn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Micheline Picard
  - f. **Race Team: Jeff Williams** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Wiess
  - g. **Director: Lead for Memberhsip - Micheline Picard** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Sedlowsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Rohn
  - h. **Director at Large - Amy Nipha** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Matthieu Corriveau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Rohn
  - i. **President: Megan Lohmann** - by acclamation 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Wiess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Nipha

**Are there any further nominations for the positions?** none

6. **Motion to close nomination** - 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Bragg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Sedlowsky
7. **Motion to adjourn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Nipha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Micheline Picard