**Golden Nordic Ski Club Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 13th, 2023  
Dawn Mountain Chalet, Golden BC**

**Board Members:  
Present:** Annette Boelman, Annette Luttermann, Tyson Newell, Ian Robinson, Phil Carson, and Julie Caldwell

**Absent:** Jeff Dolinsky, Derrick Murphy, Jim Doyle

**Others Present**: Kirsty Panneton, Sanne Van Der Ros   
**Quorum Achieved:** YES

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising
   1. Video update
   2. Dog trail update – Annette L.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Derrick/Kirsty
5. Committee Reports
   1. Grooming and maintenance- email sent
      1. SBS – lease to own idea
      2. Snowshoe trail?
      3. Golf course?
   2. Programs update – Sanne
   3. General manager update- Sanne
   4. Chalet – Jim
   5. Safety and Grants- Phil
   6. Trails – Ian
6. New Business
   1. Insurance update
   2. Parking lot back up for plowing and sanding
   3. Selling postcards?
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

**Next BOD meeting:**

**January**

**February**

**March**

**6:40pm Phil called the meeting to order.**

**1. Approval of Agenda:** Phil moved, seconded by Ian to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Annette L. moved, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes of the November 22nd, 2023,meeting. Motion Carried.

**3. Business Arising:**

**a) Video Update:** Annette B. received a quote from Inflight Robotics for $800 to edit our existing promotional video. Consensus was reached that this expense is not necessary right now. Sanne wondered if she could ask for the video footage and do the editing herself?

**b) Dog trails:** Annette L. reports that this is a long-term challenging issue. Brian Gustafson has a proposal that he would like the BOD’s to look at. Phil brought up the fact that we do not want a dog trail connecting with our other trails.

***Action: Annette L. will circulate Brian G’s document to the Board of Directors.***

4. **Treasurers Report**: Kirsty reports that we are sitting at 822 members which is the same as this time last year. We have $155,000 in CVCU but three is a $15,000 Insurance cheque to be cleared yet. The Kal Tire grant of $1200 will be received once the purchases are made and we submit the receipts. The question was asked under payroll expenses if the General Manager wages can be separated from the other Chalet Staff wages.

***Action: Kirsty will separate the 2 different payroll categories.***

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a) Grooming:** By email Erwin reported: we survived the recent storm and gave us a solid base; took the Bison out for the first time and gave us a nice groom on the upper loops. BTW the functions on the Bison are fixed but have not heard or seen an invoice or seen a report what caused the issues. I did make an inquiry, but no reply yet.

Also, we have started packing the lower trails and think by the weekend or early next week, trails like Hawk Owl, North Moose, Pegasus, Cougar should be open. Caribou and South Moose are currently open and in good shape.

Following up on our last meeting.

I was asked to figure out what our current assets are worth; grooming equipment etc I have sent that information to Derrick.

We are waiting also on a fuel delivery.

Phil mentioned that RSTBC/Trevor would like us to have a plan in place if there ever is a fuel spill.

***Action: Phil will work on this emergency plan.***

The SBS lease to own idea is a no go. Mtn. Motor Sports is not interested in this idea. There may be a financing option through Yamaha though.

So, Phil will continue to look at grant options. The CRSD is one option which has a fund for local organizations. As well as the CBT Initiatives grant. We do have the capacity to buy a SBS outright, but our reserves would be drained, and we are not comfortable with this.

Snowshoe Trail us not yet open. As reported by Marvin, there is too much brush and shrubs yet. Maybe next fall we need to do some brushing on the trails.

Golf Course: This week they were able to roll the snow, but the base is lumpy and icy with a skiff of snow on top.

**b) Programs:** Sanne reports that the Youth Programs have begun! The Coaches gathering on the weekend went good. School programs are still being finalized but it is looking like a full schedule again. More instructors have come forward. Sanne will be working on creating group programs next. Winter Fit program started too with 11 participants.

One coach was requesting an overnight in the Owl’s Roost. The concern is that we need a CO2 detector in the building.

***Action: Phil will investigate our partnership agreement to see if overnights are allowed. Will report back to Sanne.***

**c)General Manager Update**: Sanne reports that we are open! She is building a great relationship with Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. They do have limited snowshoe and cross-country rentals. She would like to plan a Kicking Horse staff night.

Updates to Ski Roger are being done. And we are posting more to Instagram.

Ideas for events include a community day and a demo day. There is a social media influencer coming to DM tomorrow.

The idea of a future strategic plan needs to be considered again. What is our carrying capacity of DM?

Next meeting – discuss fire protection for the Chalet i.e sprinklers etc.

d) **Chalet –** Jim was not here to report. Kootenay pumping did come up to pump the septic. Just the outhouse was not done.

e) **Safety and Grants:** He will be looking at grants for the SBS. The Caribou bridge project continues to be in a state of limbo. RSTBC/Trevor is helping us and may have another bridge structure available! We will need more funding for this project.

f) **Trails:** Ian reports that the sign at 4 corners has been replaced and repositioned. We will ski around the trails to see what needs trimming. Moose and Caribou need a bit of trimming of branches.

**New Business:**

1. Insurance update: Phil reports are insurance is done.
2. Parking lot back up for plowing and sanding – it is reported that Kicking Horse has a sanding truck? Otherwise private companies are really expensive!

***Action: Phil will ask Jeff to investigate this.***

1. Selling postcards: an artist in town has beautiful postcards of DM/cross country skiers. The consensus is that we sell these on consignment only and we would make a tiny bit of profit.
2. **Other Business:**
   1. Moving the Yield sign for people coming into Dawn Mountain.

***Action: Phil will move the signs around.***

* 1. For next meeting Phil looks forward to hearing what the marketing committee will bring forward.
  2. Loppet Metting: the committee hopes to have registration open in the early 2024. Donna G. has stepped down from her role (sponsorship and draw prizes) and a big thank you is needed for her work over the last few years.

1. **Adjournment: At 7:53 pm Phil moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Annette L. Motion Carried.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Board Meetings: Mark your calendars!**

**January 24th**

**February 21st**

**March 20th**

**Location: Dawn Mountain**