

Bruce Ski Club Annual General Meeting
Thursday April 14, 2011
7:30 PM
Gerry's Place, Sawmill Trail

Present: Andrew Howlett, Erich Fahrur, Andrea Graham, Ruth Scheel, Richard Bonert, Ella Lund-Thomsen, Ken Beauclerc, Barbara Gray

Regrets: Fred Scheel, Reg Martin

Absent: Kathy Underwood, John Cameron

1. Welcome and Attendance: Andrew thanked everyone for attending.

The minutes of last year's AGM were reviewed.

MOTION: Andrew Howlett moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ken Beauclerc. Motion carried.

2. Business Arising

a) 2011/2012 Board of Directors: Incumbents Ken Beauclerc, John Cameron and Andrew Howlett all agreed that they would continue as Directors for the next year.

MOTION: Andrew moved that Ken, John and himself be elected as directors, seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.

b) Executive Officers: Andrew reviewed the list of incumbents:

President: Andrew Howlett

Vice-President: position vacant - TBA

Treasurer: Hector Lazzarotto

Secretary: Ella Lund-Thomsen

Past President: Barbara Gray

Colpoys Trail Captain: Martin Kerr

Rankin Trail Captain: Richard Bonert

Sawmill Trail Captain: Fred Scheel

Registrar: Ruth Scheel

Jackrabbit Leader: Andrea Graham

Newsletter Coordinator: position vacant – TBA

Volunteer organizer – position vacant - TBA

All were in favour of accepting the incumbents as listed.

3. Financial Statements Review: Erich Fahrur gave an overview of the financial statements for the year thus far (Balances and Fiscal Year Income Expenses reports were circulated via email. He also included a four year comparison and surmised that the club is doing well probably due to a good snow season along with higher membership in the past year. Andrew and Hector suggested that a specific depreciation account be implemented starting next season which will provide a clearer accounting of capital equipment and the large equipment replacement funds. Andrew again thanked Erich for his work as treasurer for the Bruce Ski Club.

MOTION: Ken Beauclerc moved to accept the financial statements and to forward them to Tim Koker (auditor), seconded by Ruth Scheel. Motion carried.

4. Follow-up from 2009-2010:

a) Plan to update the club's Constitution and Bylaws: Richard confirmed that it is in progress and will be completed in 2011/2012.

b) Shared Trails: The concerns are no longer an issue. Andrew has and will continue to talk to members regularly while out on the trails.

5. Member Issues: Colpoy's Trail had some issue this past season, with complaints regarding grooming. The club's long time groomer retired this past season and was no longer available. It is expected that this will not be a problem next year.

New Business:

a) **Fee Changes for 2011/2012** were proposed at the March executive committee meeting as follows:

- Early Bird Individual \$50 (from \$40)
 - Regular Individual \$65 (from \$60)
 - Early Bird Family \$120 (from \$100)
 - Regular Family \$140 (from \$120)
- The "additional children" fee would remain the same at \$10 per child.
- Jackrabbit fee \$40 (from \$35)
 - Day pass/School pass would not change (\$5/\$2 per pass)

Barbara Gray expressed concern about the individual fee subsidizing family and children rates. Andrew confirmed that this was the case and explained that the executive committee felt that no one wanted to impede families with a high fee for a sport that would require buying equipment etc. If the fees are raised, Barbara recommended that this be explained in the first newsletter of the season.

Richard noted that the executive committee took a lot of time in considering the fees but after reviewing the most recent budget, he felt that raising the fees would not be necessary. He felt that there is enough money to carry next season and if it isn't a bad winter, the club will see an increase in funds.

Hector responded by saying that he would like to do an analysis of next year's budget plan. Discussion ensued. Richard suggested that the fees be increased for 2012/2013 when future projects are known and when money is truly needed. Ken pointed out that the Piston Bully is one piece of equipment that has a finite life and is very expensive to replace. Ruth added that it is crucial in keeping Sawmill open. More discussion followed. Barbara noted that in a past survey, the club members were asked that if BSC had higher costs incurred, would they elect to pay higher membership fees or elect to fundraise. The response was to pay higher fees. Further discussion followed. Given the purchase of the Skandic and the requirements for Colpoy's updates, Andrew does not want to delay the fee increase.

MOTION: Andrew moved that the fees for 2011/2012 be increased as proposed:

- Early Bird Individual \$50 (from \$40)
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Ruth seconded it. 8 were in favour, one opposed. Motion carried.

6. Andrew announced that the next AGM will be held in April 2012 (date TBA in the fall).

MOTION: Martin Kerr moved to adjourn. Ruth Scheel seconded it. Meeting adjourned.