

Bruce Ski Club Annual General Meeting April 16th, 2025

Draft Minutes for Approval

Heartwood Concert Hall, Owen Sound

6:00 pm Meet and Greet/Potluck 7:00 pm Formal Meeting Start

1. Welcome and Attendance:

Dan welcomed the members attending to the Annual General Meeting of the Bruce Ski Club. A package with tonight's agenda, last year's minutes for approval, and 2023/2024 Financial Summary was distributed at the start of the evening.

Proper notice for the AGM Meeting and quorum (12) to conduct business this evening was confirmed. The following Directors and members of the Executive were in attendance: Dan Purdon, Ruth Scheel, Kelly Rogers, Andrew Howlett, Jen Wardell, Fred Schlenker, Erin Scheel, Heidi Tones, Paula Wilcox, Benito Guzman, Marilyn Suke, Jill and Rick Graham, Nora Scott, Ron and Deborah Downie as well as numerous members at large of the club were in attendance.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM April 3, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 AGM made by Laura Howlett, Seconded by Jean Campbell. All in favour. Carried

3. Report of the President Dan Purdon

- It was a great winter and season for cross country skiing.
- Thanks to all the Directors, Executive, Trail Captains, Groomers, Race Volunteers, Jack Rabbit coaches and volunteers and trail clean-up volunteers the club could not run without you.
- Thanks to all our landowners including the Conservation Authority and Georgian Bluffs.
- Special note to Ron and Deborah Downie who are stepping down as Hepworth Trail Captain and Secretary, respectively. Rick Graham has taken on Hepworth Trail Captain Role. We are looking for someone to take on the role of secretary.
- Special note to recognize Benito Guzman who took on the role of Trail Captain of Colpoys. It was a quick learning curve to get up to speed in a real winter. Also, to Jill Graham who has taken on the Social Media position and Nora Scott as GBN liaison.
- We added another trail loop and would like to thank Dave White and his construction crew for bringing this second trail to completion.
- A second trail emergency sled and emergency access/exit were added.
- The third phase trail is under consideration.
- After a break in last fall, a new security system was installed with wireless support to ensure our site and equipment is as safe as possible. This allows real time monitoring of all main buildings. Thanks to Fred Schlenker and Andrew Howlett for their work in setting up this enhanced system.
- Purchased a new Scandic Skidoo to replace the one at Colpoys that is no longer worth repairing, with delivery this fall.

- New 20amp electrical circuit was added to the equipment shed.
- We had four newsletters sent out to the membership, The first one was mailed out via Canada Post and the other three by email.
- Four races were held: Great Wolf, Elementary Schools, Suntrail Special and the Community Classic. Many thanks to Marilyn Suke, volunteers, Fred Schlenker and Andrew Howlett.
- We had 922 registered members.
- Jack Rabbits cap was 100 with 85 registered (up from 78 last year) and 22 coaches.
- Working on a new three-way agreement with Grey Sauble Conservation that includes the Mountain Bike Club. This still needs to be presented in draft form. Barry Scott has provided a review and recommendations as this moves forward.
- We continue to work on the following: the new trail; Grey Sauble three-part agreement; grooming and grooming equipment needs; chain saw certification and/or refresher in the fall to include club groomers, if capacity allows; Paul Scrive has volunteered to review our 2024/25 books.

A member asked if there has been any progress on the lit loop expansion. Dan replied that it is a challenge to proceed because we would have to upgrade our current lit loop to meet current standards in addition to the cost of the new loop.

4. Report of the Treasurer, Andrew Howlett

Andrew presented the financial statements at the meeting including the most recent complete fiscal year from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 and the current incomplete year up to April 15, 2025.

- The current fiscal year is not yet complete as some expenses have not yet been paid, such as snow removal at Colpoys. The net income is currently showing a loss of \$6897, and this year's depreciation has not been entered yet. We have invested money in infrastructure including building upgrades and new trails.
- As of April 15, 2025
 - \$100,000 in GICs
 - Chequing account balance - \$21,150.80

Motion by Andrew Howlett for the Bruce Ski Club to not appoint an auditor and not have an audit or review engagement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024. Seconded by Mike Campbell. All in favour. Carried.

Motion by Andrew Howlett to accept the financial statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024. Seconded by Lynda Matthies and accepted by more than two-thirds of the group present. Carried

5. Ratification of acts of the Board

Motion: That all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, resolutions appointments and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the President, Directors and Executive Officers of the BSC since the date of the last AGM as the same are set

out in the Minutes of the Executive and Board meetings or in the Financial Statements submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed – Accepted by the Membership.

6. Elections of the President and the Directors of the Board for the Upcoming 2025/26 Season.

The current five Directors of the Board have agreed to stand for the upcoming year. No nominations from the floor were presented.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of the following Directors for the 2025/2026 season made by Tim Smith, seconded by Ed Matthews. All in favour. Carried

Dan Purdon - President
Andrew Howlett - Treasurer
Ruth Scheel – Vice President
Kelly Rogers
Jen Wardell

7. New business

- A. Presentation of a Bruce Ski Club Jacket presented to Ron Downie by Fred Scheel on behalf of the club in recognition of Ron's contribution to the Club over many years. Fred recognized all the groomers and Fred Schlenker for their contribution to the club.
- B. New trail naming vote - Kelly Rogers reported that there were twenty-five submissions, and these were narrowed down to four. The winning name with the most votes is "Snakes and Ladders," nominated by Harry Hong. He will receive a gift certificate donated by Suntrail for fifty dollars.
- C. A few words from Andrew Howlett in recognizing Richard Bonert's passing April 2, 2025.

Richard volunteered to take over at Rankin Trail years ago with his wife Ella. He upgraded and revised their trail system to a loop system. Later, we lost access to that trail by the owners. Subsequently, the club took over Colpoys Trail and improved it substantially over the years, spearheaded by Richard and Ella. We are so grateful for all of Richard's contributions over the years and the Club will make a donation to the Bruce Trail Conservancy in Richard's name.

8. Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Laura Howlett, Seconded by Ruth Scheel

