

**Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2009**

Present:

Item No.	Points of Discussion	Action
1	Call to Order at 7:10 pm	
2	Adoption of Agenda Request to move order of items in the Agenda - agreed Motion to accept Agenda as presented Moved - A. Tomie 2nd - M. Kornell CARRIED - Motion to accept Minutes March 4 th Moved - B. McCron 2nd - M. Kornell CARRIED	
3	Business Arising from Minutes Action Item - S. Elgie - Case Rd. Bridge is on CA land - CA has complained of vandalism and garbage because of bridge - Request to barricade the bridge but the Trail Blazers want to remove bridge because of liability issues. The Kinsmen and Bike Club met with the Trail Blazers, they know of their issues but the liability was an overriding issue. Don't know how this will affect motorized vehicles on the trails.	
4	Directors' Report	
5	Past President's Report -the following resolution was presented as a change to the bylaws. Rewording was requested. BIRT new committees as assigned by the Executive will be chaired by an Executive Member or their designate. All Executive Members will be informed of the meetings. Any and all expenditures affecting the budget/Business Plan will be reviewed by the Executive and approved at the Club's General Meeting. Minutes of all meetings by the Committee will be kept by the Executive Member or their designate. RESOLUTION 1. BIRT a Committee be struck from the General Membership to recommend future trail changes and determine a budget in consultation with the Executive. The Committee will report to the Executive and Membership at the Monthly General Membership meetings. Any major changes will be incorporated into the Business Plan. The committee will consult with the stakeholders. Moved: Kevin Hogan 2 nd : Mike Kornell CARRIED - It was noted that there is no organized recording of BIRTS for future reference. They are recorded only in past minutes.	- Suggestions for rewording to be sent to Kevin who will revise BIRT and present for approval
6	VP Report - A Para Nordic program for 2009/10 is being proposed. Would need to solicit interest from participants over the summer. - Sit skis w/out skis rent for \$50 per mo. and the possibility of having them fabricated locally may exist as well. - Coaching requirements will need to be considered.	- Jim M. will investigate feasibility of program for next season
7	Treasurer's Report	
8	Operations Report RESOLUTION 1. BIRT Hiawatha Highlands allocate up to \$1500 for the purchase of a new PC and daily back-up drive. Moved: Betty vanKerkhof 2 nd : Jennifer McFarling CARRIED The plan is to purchase the above from a local supplier who will provide good support.	

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	<p>2. BIRT Hiawatha Highlands create a line item to provide for capital replacement and allocate up to \$5000 per year. Moved: Betty vanKerkhof 2nd: Colin Templeton CARRIED This fund would be used for future purchases of equipment that would be beneficial to the club.</p>	
9	<p>Membership Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin presented some Biathlete issues for consideration: - No Biathlon registrations at the new \$200 rate were received this year, instead Biathletes registered for family memberships - Colin proposes a competitive biathlete fee that includes waxing and the services the race team receives and a non-competitive fee similar to Jr race team - When Biathletes compete at the national level and come to us for funding, consideration for the number of athletes vs. the amount of funding should be taken into account - It was noted that we started the year with Biathlon in the race team manual but have now removed them reflective of their current involvement with the Club - Colin Edwards expects more involvement of Biathletes with the race team next year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin T. to send BIRTs he is proposing
10	<p>Jack Rabbit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of BIRTS regarding Jackrabbit fee changes were presented for discussion. Request was made that rationale for the BIRTS be presented in advance of the next meeting. - Registration system issues that will arise as a result of some of the proposed fee changes were noted. Colin planning to consider systems other than Zone 4. - We have received a suggestion to broaden our skier base by including some skiers from needy families via the YMCA programs. The suggestion is to waive fees, provide rentals and transportation to 1 or 2 children. Some options were noted: Jump Start can be considered; the Cycling Club supports bikes for kids and works with the soup kitchen to determine recipients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jackrabbit coordinators to send out rationale for BIRTs - Mike Kornell to bring proposal to next meeting
11	NOD Report	
12	Trails and Grounds	
13	Fundraising Report	
14	Newsletter	
15	Race Team	
16	Junior Race Team	
17	Biathlon	
18	Banquet	
19	Web Site	
20	<p>Special Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer is proposing a SFN fall BBQ event - Objective is to provide a social event for club members prior to the ski season; have volunteers clear trails; BBQ using the covered picnic area; generate interest for signing up for Jackrabbit program and volunteering - Date chosen Oct 17 - The cycling club may be interested in partnering with us for the event - Request to be made to the Kinsmen so tables are not put away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer to forward info to Grahame for website posting - ?? to request Kinsmen leave tables out
21	<p>Day Lodge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike reviewed progress to date and next steps as well as a Google earth map showing proposed location of new building. - Council meets Apr 7 to review merit of Federal Infrastructure Grant applications. Our application is one of 40 being reviewed for Federal/Provincial funding. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estimated cost for building is 1.2 million and we are trying to access grants for the full amount. He is estimating very low/nil operating costs for heat and electricity due to the design of the building. Reduced property taxes have been proposed to the City. - Meeting planned for Apr 20 7pm to review day lodge project with Board of Directors, Executive and membership. <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THESE MINUTES, THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The BIRT to request funding for interim work was postponed to the Apr 20 meeting 	
22	New Business	
23	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Club received a thank you note from race team member Jack Carlyle - HAPI is no longer operating 	
24	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm - NEXT MEETING WED. May 6, 2009 Bawating Library 7pm - AGM immediately following regular meeting on Wed May 6 <p>REPORTS DUE SUNDAY May 3</p>	