

**Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2009  
Thompson Room, Sault Ste. Marie Civic Centre**

**Present:**

Grahame Gordon  
Larry Tomie  
Jennifer McFarling  
Linda Hadley-Piscopo  
Bill Polnick  
Joanna MacDougall

Mike Kornell  
Bob McCron  
Margaret Barbeau  
Colin Edwards  
Amy Wheeler Reich  
Laurie Carlisle

Adriana Tomie  
Mark Santana  
Maxine Orr  
Alexis Parr  
Ted Sutton  
Jim Mihell

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1	<b>Call to Order</b> at 7:10 pm	
2	<b>Introductions</b>	
3	<b>Upcoming Events</b> - Trail Trot – September 19, 2009 - Ski Swap – November 7, 2009	
4	<b>New Agenda Structure (J. McFarling)</b> - All meeting attendees must make sure that all agenda items, along with a desired outcome from the planned discussion is forwarded to Jennifer McFarling and Gail Lane three days prior to the meeting	
5	<b>Day Lodge Update (M. Kornell)</b> - Day Lodge feasibility study was submitted to club membership. Any club member who did not receive a copy, and who would like to receive a copy should contact Mike Kornell - Update on Grant Applications was provided. We are still being considered in the second round of stimulus funding. The funding strategy considered within the feasibility study reflects current grant applications. Under this plan, the Club would be responsible for funding \$150 k against the total project cost of \$1.35MM. 2/3 of the funding would come from matching Federal / Provincial stimulus grants, with an additional \$300k coming from the Heritage fund. All grant applications have been submitted, and we are awaiting word by the end of October.	- <b>Mike Kornell / Jim Mihell</b> to propose meeting date to form a building committee to develop a plan for the club to proceed with review and construction in the event that our grant applications are approved. - <b>Jennifer McFarling</b> to send e-mail to all club members soliciting interest in participating in this committee.
6	<b>Para Nordic (Maxine Orr)</b> - Maxine Orr attended accessibility recreation and leisure meetings over the course of the summer. She also has been contacting people who might be interested in ParaNordic skiing. To date, there are 3 adult and 3 youth who have expressed an interest. In all cases, they are interested in simply having access to equipment to try on an informal basis, with no formal coaching or programming at this time, although it will be helpful to have volunteers available to help get them going. Maxine will continue to solicit interest. - Ideally, we will need 4 adult and 2 youth sleds, if all interested parties are to be accommodated simultaneously, although a smaller number of sleds will probably also work out, since not everybody will necessarily be wanting to ski at the same time. - Para Sport Ontario is a potential source of ParaNordic sleds. They might be able to provide the club with free sleds for the first season. - The 0.5 km trail will be suitable for now.	- <b>Maxine Orr</b> to contact Para Sport Ontario regarding availability of sleds. - <b>Mike Kornell</b> to discuss sled storage at Operations Meeting (note this was completed during the September 10 Ops Meeting, and the Hiawatha Highlands Management believes that they can find storage space for up to 6 sit-ski sleds). - <b>Jim Mihell</b> to follow up with Patti Kittler regarding the return of the sled that was loaned to the club at the end of last season.
7	<b>Coach Initiative (Jim Mihell)</b>	- <b>Jim Mihell</b> to form a

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An application was submitted in July for funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$59,960 over 36 months to help pay the costs of a full-time coach / coach director who would provide coaching to athletes and provide mentoring to volunteer coaches and other volunteers, as well as facilitate program development and direction, and assist in administration as required.</li> <li>- We will receive word as to whether or not our application has been favourably received by November 3.</li> <li>- Feedback from Ron Cantin, the local Trillium Grant coordinator indicates that our application is being seriously considered, and that there is a very good chance that we will receive some form of funding. On that basis, we were advised that we should start looking for a candidate, conditional on funding.</li> </ul>	<p>candidate search committee. Jim will send out an e-mail to original application committee, advising that a candidate search committee is being formed, and inviting them to participate. To date Laurie Carlisle and Larry Tomie have volunteered to participate in this committee.</p>
8	<p><b>Masters Ski Program (Bill Polnick)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bill Polnick would like to start up a Masters Ski program, along the lines of the Polar Bear swim program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Marg Barbeau</b> to provide information to Bill regarding Timmins' Masters club.</li> <li>- <b>Bill Polnick</b> to write up draft letter soliciting interest in the Masters Ski Club and will forward it to Grahame for posting on the club web site.</li> <li>- <b>Jennifer McFarling</b> to e-mail this letter to all club members.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Hiawatha Invitational (Bill Polnick)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bill Polnick would like to form a committee to reinvent the Hiawatha Invitational format, which is badly in need of being reinvented, judging from recent turnout to this event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jennifer McFarling</b> to contact Kevin Hogan to see if he has an interest in organizing this event this coming year.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Budget (Adriana Tomie)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adriana is planning on preparing the draft 2009/10 budget in time for the October meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>All Committee Chairs</b> to provide Adriana with budget requests prior to the end of September.</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>New Proposal Template (Jennifer McFarling)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jennifer McFarling distributed the new Proposal Template to be used by all club members for advancing proposals for approval at club meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jennifer McFarling</b> to provide Grahame this template in Word format (suitable for completing and submitting completed forms in electronic format) for posting to the web site.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>Board of Directors Update (Jennifer McFarling)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A meeting will be held between the club executive and the Board of Directors to review roles and responsibilities, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jennifer McFarling</b> to send e-mail invitations.</li> </ul>
13	<p><b>Club Meeting Format (Jennifer McFarling)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in the future, call for agenda items and announcement of upcoming meeting date and venue will be e-mailed to all club members</li> <li>- draft meeting minutes will be solicited to meeting attendees for review and comment. At the end of the review period, and after adoption of all comments, the club meeting minutes will be sent to Grahame Gordon in either pdf or Word format for posting to the club website.</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Colin Edwards would like the club to host and sponsor a biathlon training camp the Weekend of October 31.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Colin Edwards</b> to identify budget requirements for this training camp and will check with Adriana to see if sufficient funds are available this year for the</li> </ul>

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		<p>club to host the camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If funds are available Colin will prepare a written description of the proposed training camp, identifying the intended attendees, registration fees, time and venue, and a description of volunteer support required.</li><li>- Provided that funding is available, the proposal will be discussed at the October meeting, before the training camp posting is put up on the club web site.</li></ul>