



2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date:	January 28, 2015
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	Kamloops Coast Canadian Salon A

Agenda items

1. **Guest Speaker:Carolynn Boomer** (General Manager of Interior Region) Introduced by Roy Davidson as he has been the liaison between Pacific Sport and OCS.

Carolynn provided an overview of Pacific Sport programs. They include all sport sectors where they focus on funding partnerships, coach development grants, Athlete Services and a performance Centre for Coaches. This past November celebrated their 20th anniversary.

2. **Chairman's Welcome & Address – Alan**

The club's goal is to "To promote and encourage recreational and competitive cross-country skiing at all levels and for all ages." .

This is my fourth President' report and I want to tell you that , together, we have been doing a better and better job of reaching this goal.

For 24 years we have provided an opportunity for thousands of cross country ski and snowshoe enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors. There isn't an outdoor activity quite like it in Kamloops; free for kids, affordable to the rest, run by volunteers, with a minimum of help from the taxpayer. We operate with a surplus, which we invest in programs and facilities ... thanks to the contributions from our volunteers and various funding agencies. And we have no debt.

Your executive was smart enough to recognise that we needed a 5-year plan to guide our efforts on your behalf. We are now in the middle of our latest plan (2013-2017) and we have made excellent progress on almost all of the items we identified.

We are achieving this; highlights include:

- Completed the Washrooms thanks to Luc Guilherme's crew
- Completed the rustler bypass trail and the associated logging thanks to Tim Cole
- Achieved new highs in Ski S'kool thanks to Lisa Palechuk and Lee Card
- Encouraged a rise of snowshoeing thanks to the trail work of Al Michel and Mike Stewart-Smith
- Supported good performances by our junior skiers
- Hosted the Teck BC Cup, the loppet and the Teck Okanagan Cup
- Executive is continuing to review the plan and we welcome your suggestions.
- One topic we do have to look at is how we present ourselves to the public. Are we a Nordic Centre, a Nordic Ski Club or are we simply OSC. Do we have one logo or two? Confusion has spread over the years.
- I want to thank the Executive for their support over the year.
- I also want to thank

- Charlie Bruce and his committee for coordinating the Loppet last year and this and the 2015 Master Committee
- Natalie Manhard and Tammy MacDonald and their committee for organizing the Teck Okanagan Cup this year and the Teck BC Cup last year
- Leslie Tucker, again, for her work on social programs
- And our staff
- Dana, club coach
- Matt, Lee, Theo, Jordan and Shannon t the trails
- Lisa Palechuk and Lee with Ski S’Kool
- And all the many many volunteers who come out to help when asked.
- I want to single out for special mention Jane Laithwaite for her work on the web site
- The washrooms committee
- I want to thank our Government contacts Bruce Petch and Noelle Kekula.
- I want to thank our funders the Blazers Sports Foundation, the Aurora and Daybreak Rotary Clubs, Pacific Sport for their coaching grant and Fulton and Company for their support of the Junior Program.

As I say every year ... we are a club that runs on a very valuable fuel ... volunteer time. On behalf of the executive I want to thank each and every one of you ...

- those of you who work on the machine,
- those of you who set track,
- those of you who help with the lessons,
- those of you who pick rocks and pull seedlings in the fall,
- those of you who work with the juniors,
- those of you who work with the events.

Three years ago we instituted an award to recognize the contributions of volunteers who have gone above and beyond. In the past we have recognised the efforts of Len Mackay and Bob Furseth, Mike Stewart-Smith and Les Laithwaite. I'd like to present the award again this year.

Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards were presented to:

Claire Jacques-Plant, January 2015

Garry Plant January 2015

Along with personal plaques they were presented a stuffed Oscar the Moose representing the Stuffie Tour they coordinated. They will be carving faces for Sitting Bull, Lookout, Geronimo and Rustler.

3. Directors Reports

Membership – Joan

- Registrations to date are at 608 members compared to 668 and 537 in the two prior years.
- Season’s passes and membership were purchased together this year (658), although membership only could also be purchased (14 people), as well as snowshoe only season pass and membership (6 people)
- Program registration includes 61 in youth programs (52 last year), Adult ski lessons are offered through Lisa who takes the registrations.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT FOR AGM 2015

#’s as of AGM Jan 28/15

#’s as of AGM Feb 5/14

2014/15

2013/14

FAMILY memberships

37 families (33 with trail passes)

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	(4 fam memb.only)			
less 3 (should be 6 adults)	30 fam passes	39 families		
(154 individuals)		128 (189 individuals)	189	185
			(less 4 who s.b. adult)	
Members with season pass		Members with season pass		
adult	320	adult	360	
sr	94	sr	86	
student	12	student	26	
jr	5	jr	5	477
child	26			
Membership only:		Membership only:		
adult	4	adult	4	
sr	1	sr	3	
jr	2	jr	1	
child	6	child	6	14
Snowshoeing		Snowshoeing (new this yr)		
Passes		Passes		
adult	3	adult	5	
sr	1	sr	1	
	<u>474</u>			
total reg's:	613	total reg's:	<u>686</u>	total #people with trail passes:

less dupl	5	608	less dupl	668
total memb per database: (need to check)		605	total memb per database:	678

JRS 2014/15	
7	JD
12	4-5 YR
10	6 YR
6	7 YR
9	8 YR
13	Track (9-12 yr)
<u>57</u>	

JRS 2013/14	
9	JD
14	4-5 YR
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17	Track (9-12 yr)
<u>61</u>	

SKI DEV (ADULTS)
 lessons now done independently
 by Lisa Palechuk

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 29 - skate
 20 - classic
 (some people more than once)
 plus semi/private -1 online

VOLUNTEERS:	total spots: volunteers 13/14
250	264
(includes same people more than once)	(includes same people more than once)

Treasurer – Dave

- It has been very successful back to back cash flow year
 - Statement of Financial Position
1. Restricted funds
 - a. Machinery replacement fund
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 - b. Buildings improvement fund
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 - ii. strategic plan has identified heated washrooms as a priority
 - c. Balance \$3,750 is the Junior Development fund raising account
 - d. Established a Coaching Fund 2013/14 - initial deposit \$5,000
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 - b. Solid Membership
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4. Added additional equipment
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Ways and Means- Neil

- Neil will be stepping down from this position. He outlined the role of the Ways and Means Director which means applying for and maintaining grants, and reporting of finances.
- Funding this past year consisted of:

Blazers Sports Society Legacy Fund:

- \$50 000 for washroom project
- \$12 000 more to come to finish potable water project

Gaming Grants:

- \$12 000 for junior competitive program
- \$6 000 for adult program

Rotary Clubs:

- \$1 000 from Daybreak Club
- \$ 500 Aurora Club

Other grants applied for included Viasport for additional ski equipment but we were unsuccessful.

Trails Committee Report for 2014- Alan

- I want to acknowledge the work of the Trails committee over the past year: Al Michel, Bob Furseth, Chris Jones, Joe Wlasitz, Luc Guilherme and Alan Vyse
- A copy of annual Trails report is available on line.
- We had a healthy ski season last year and we saw lots of happy skiers and snowshoers. This year the snow was slow to come and we really didn't get rolling until the week before Christmas. Since then attendance has been excellent with a record week in mid -January. But slow start means that we are about 1000 down on last year ... snowshoe visits are also down. By the day of the AGM we will have reached over 7000 skiers and about 400 snowshoe visits. I see lots and lots of smiling faces out on the trails, in the parking lot and chatting in the cabin. Everyone seems to be really enjoying their skiing and this makes the work of the committee worthwhile.
- I want to thank our staff of last year Matt Bruce, Lee Card and Theo Seal and our new staff member Jordan Proctor. We were also fortunate to have Shannon Hiebert working with us for over New Year
- The washrooms were completed to great acclaim. And the New Rustler trail was completed ... again to great acclaim. The logging was completed in November the day before the snow arrived. Tim Cole was responsible for this project.
- There is the never-ending work of maintaining the machines and setting the tracks. This is no small task and we owe a huge vote of thanks to the crews. They include: Chris Jones; Luc Guilherme; Fred Platteel ; Garry Plant; Claire Jacques-Plant ; Joe Wlasitz ; Kerry Spear; Peter Voss; Rob Hunter; Tim Cole ; Klaus Voss ; Mike Stewart-Smith; Peter Findlay ; Bill Rideout ; Al Michel; Bob Furseth; Dale Cassell; Dana Manhard
- There is also the job of maintaining the trails in the summer. This involves a lot of volunteers. Bob Furseth has coordinated this work for the last 20 years and he is retiring from the Trails committee in March. Klaus Mey and Lisa Palechuk have joined us in an effort to replace Bob.
- It is interesting and challenging work. It is not easy keeping the trails running. And they certainly wouldn't run without the hundreds of hours that are volunteered. But we always need more help. New blood is needed

Trails – Luc

- Washroom project is completed and the official opening will be on Saturday, January 31 at 12:00 noon. The building Some huge donations from many companies including Finning, Twin Rivers, Living Kitchens, Bob Westrand, and Murray Owens.
- Luc also acknowledged all the volunteers who helped with the project as well as Dave McAbee who prepared the foundation and Dave Hallinen

Publicity

- Publicity had no designated volunteer this year, but we have someone for the upcoming year.

- The website is the main advertising medium. It is to be updated this year.

Ski League/–Roy Davidson

- Ski League Bunnies up to Track Attack (9-12 years)
- 8 coaches with approximately 60 kids Saturdays, Tuesday and Thursday nights
- Building coaches for the future. As kids come and go so do parents help by becoming coaches.
- Rewards are good as dedicated coaches advance through the NCP

Junior Development- Brian Vermey

- 20-25 Kids start in the summer in training camps-hiking, roller skiing, dry land program running, cycling.
- When it gets dark they move into Pacific Way School.
- Skiing has been great until now but appreciate trails grooming.
- Coaches improving and getting involved having a positive experience resulting in skiers having positive growth.

Canadian Masters National Championships- Charlie Bruce

- After being awarded to host the championships it has been a two-year process to implement. Charlie provided an overview of the history of hosting. The last time it was held in BC was in Golden.
- 12 more days before the start of the Masters February 9.
- Anticipate 200+ skiers with a contingent from Quebec, and one from USA.
- Hopefully conditions will improve, we need more snow.
- Thank you to all those helping as part of the Committee.

Ski S'kool – Lee Card

- This year is set to be another record breaking year for the S'kool program. With the addition of a full class set of snow-shoes we've been able to offer a full day of activities for two classes at a time.
- To date we have had 425 students, over the first 10 days out on the trails. To add perspective in the 2012/13 season we had 447 over the entire season!
- Lisa provides an introduction to skiing for one class, while the other is out snow-shoeing (either self-guided or with Lee on Thursdays and Fridays) after lunch in the lodge the classes switch.
- If all classes get to attend, we'll see over 1200 students from gr 2 – 7 pass through the program this year from 2 school districts and private schools.
- An unfortunate change in the weather / conditions at the trail has had us cancel sessions this week. We want to have the student's experience a safe and fun time on the trails, and with the icy conditions, that isn't possible in the AM. After last year's cancellations due to the extreme cold, we held a week in reserve to re-book cancelled classes this season. We will re-book all sessions if the available times work for the students.
- While there has been some adjustments made to timing and logistics now that we have a full day to work with, things have been extremely well received by teachers and students alike!
- I have already seen 4 families return on weekends after their sessions to either ski or snow-shoe, and 1 teacher has been back several times with and without her family to both ski and snow-shoe since she's had her session.

goNordicSkiing - AGM Report Lisa

- For the 2014-15 winter season goNordicSkiing is offering a variety of ski lessons to adults, families and youth. The following #'s have registered for and received lessons so far this season:
- Beginner Classic Lessons – 3 week lesson set 11 adults
- Beginner Skate Lessons – 3 week lesson set 10 adults
- Private Lessons – 14pp
- Family Lessons - 1 family
- Junior Ski Adventure Program – 4 participants

- Cadet Biathlon Learn to skate program – 4 to 9 athletes

New Website – Jane Laithwaite

- Enjoyed developing the new website but is stepping down as of the end of February.
- IdeaLever hosts the site.
- She is encouraging someone to take it on.

- Need more people to fill in the feedback survey to make a statistical base.

Volunteer and Social Committee- Lesley Tucker

- We have a very large base of volunteers for the size of our club.
- Thanks to all those who help
- Several successful social events include potlucks and the windup.
- Someone interested in coordinating future events

4. Member from the floor. Deena Chase, presented some concerns involving the lack of communication when lessons were cancelled and parents not informed. Improvements are needed. Need specific directions to meet the group. Need structure for recreation program. Most people grow through recreational skiing.

5. Discussion from the floor

- Did you know you can dial the Snow phone directly from the website?
- Facebook very active with over 200 people signed in.
- Suggestion that the users of the Dog Park pay a separate fee that is less from regular trail fees. This might encourage an increase in membership if less. More people may use the dog trails and snowshoe trails on other side of the road. Paying for use is a challenge to monitor. Need more signage.

6. Election of Directors for 2015-16: Chaired by Frances Vyse

Position	Director
President	Alan Vyse
Vice President	Neil Steinke
Treasurer	Dave Hallinan
Secretary	Sandy Eastwood
Publicity	Vesta Giles
Ways and Means Director	
Membership Administrator	Joan Bernard
Ski Program	Dana Manhard
Trails Committee Chair	Alan Vyse
Volunteer Coordinator	Lesley Tucker
Member At Large	Luc Guilherme
Member At Large	Brian Vermey
Member At Large	Roy Davidson
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- Nominations were requested for each board position. There was only one nomination for each position therefore all board positions were filled by acclamation as noted.
- **Motion** that the 2015-16 Board of Directors for OSC will be those shown in item 5 above. Moved by Klaus Voss, Second by Bruce Tucker. CARRIED

Draw Prizes:

- A number of draw prizes were given out.
- Roy Davidson won the draw prize of a free season's pass for next year 2015-2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next Director's Meeting

Date:	March 2, 2015
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	Kamloops Sports Council Offices, 262 Lorne Street