



## 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date:	February 15, 2016
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	Kamloops Coast Canadian Salon A

### Agenda items

1. **Chairman's Welcome & Address – Alan Vyse** welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and gave a brief overview of the club's history since its start 35 years ago. The club was incorporated in 1983 with Bruce Tucker as the first President of the original Board of Directors.
  - Food bank donations from Family Day -\$832 cash and 432 lbs of food, 400 skiers and 33 snowshoers.
  - We have had over 1000 school kids participating in skool ski program. Volunteers proudly run our club. We are in a surplus with no debt.
  - We have increased our lighting on trails.
  - We offer both ski and snowshoe rentals. Snowshoer numbers are up significantly. We have had good performances by competitive skiers.
  - Our club hosted the Dirty Feet Snowshoe Competition again. Thanks to the Directors staff and snow cat repair crew for their involvement.
  - Thanks to all our funders- Blazers, Pacific Sport, Fulton &Co.
  - We have excellent skiing on first class ski trails.

### **Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards were presented to:**

Charlie Bruce  
Luc Guillerme

## 2. Directors Reports

### **Treasurer- David Hallinan**

#### Statement of Financial Position

1. Restricted funds
  - a. Machinery replacement fund
    - i. \$10,000 added to fund -- \$58,049 currently in fund
  - b. Balance \$6,453 is the Junior Development fund raising account, fund has been closed and are slated for use in this current fiscal
  - c. Established a Coaching Fund 2013/14 - initial deposit \$5,000 no additional funding added

## 2. Grants

- a. The Blazers Sport Society contributed \$40,000 in payments over 3 years to fund the washroom / access upgrades – first amount reported in 2013-14 \$13,333 however the society was impressed with the progress and they provided balance of the funding to complete the work \$26,667. And an additional \$10,000. Total received from the Blazers this past fiscal \$36,667.
- b. Pacific Sport Contributed \$5,000 to support club coaching
- c. Received an operational gaming grant of \$12,000 to be directed towards OSC's Youth Program
- d. Received an operational gaming grant of \$6,000 to be directed towards OSC's Adult Program
- e. Supporting the Youth Programs \$500 from Fulton and Company
- f. Total Grant Funding Received - \$60,167

## 3. Washrooms Project

- a. Have spend \$57, 093 over the fiscal combine spend over two years \$97,293
- b. Due to the results of last year operations – accessed the reserve funds to conclude the project
- c. Additionally, we received in the new fiscal, 2014/15 the remainder of the Blazers Grant and an additional \$10,000 total \$36,666 overall grant was \$50,000

## Long-Term Investments

1. Further investment in Rental Equipment Program
  - a. \$5,400 in rental equipment – kid skies for the Ski S'Kool program and expanded the number of snowshoes available
2. Light System Extension, this extension which was completed in the current fiscal estimated at \$15K

## Statement of Operations

1. Trailhead revenue was up significantly, even though it was a considerably shorter season, by approximately \$18K
2. This condition also influences staff wages with being open on evenings during the week for night skiing.
3. Fuel costs were under budget; this was due to a more settled snow season – gaps between snowfalls.
4. Volunteer contributions to OSC's program were re-estimated – following up on last year's volunteer reporting.

5. OSC hosted the Canadian Master, while overall participation failed to meet expectations, the event resulted in a small positive contribution to the operating statement (\$1,600)
6. Along the same lines, The BC Teck Cup and Loppet contributed positively to the bottom line
7. Training includes a coach stipend.
8. Revenues exceed expense (again)
  - a. To this point OSC has maintained positive cash flow (excluding depreciation, revenue exceeds expenses)
9. OSC reported a net income position of \$40.0K

### **Membership – Joan Bernard**

- Membership down this year -650 last year less than 600 this year
- Registration to date

Numbers as of Jan 31:

Adult season passes	287	
Senior season passes	87	
Family passes	88 members in 24 families	
Junior season passes	11	
Student passes	10	
Adult members only	18	
Child Season Pass	24	
Junior Member	1	
Senior Member	4	
Student member	2	
Family members	12 members in 4 families	
Staff	3	
Duplicate registrations (lessons)	20 already members	
<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>	

- 600+Six day punch passes have been sold.

### **Vice President -Neil Steinke N/A**

### **Trails Committee Report –Alan Vyse**

I want to acknowledge the work of the Trails Committee over the past year:

Al Michel, Bob Furseth, Chris Jones, Klaus Mey, Luc Guilherme, Lisa Palechuk and myself.

A copy of our annual Trails report to Recreation Sites and Trails BC, which is required under the terms of our contract, is available for you on-line.

Bob Furseth, who was a member of the Trails Committee for 25 years, died in May of last year. His son, Gerry, came up to me at a recent event and thanked me for what Overlander had done to arrange the celebration for Bob's life last year. I replied simply and sincerely ... he was our friend and we needed to say thank you.

We had a relatively poor ski season last year with a short season and about 8500 skier visits. But this year the snow came early and in relative abundance. Since then attendance has been astounding. By the day of the AGM we will have reached a new record of 16000 skiers and about 1600 snowshoe visits. Night skiing has been particularly impressive! I see lots and lots of smiling faces out on the trails, in the parking lot and chatting in the day lodge. Everyone seems to be really enjoying their skiing and this makes the work of the committee worthwhile.

The washrooms are a great asset and Paul Clarke keeps adding nice extras. Luc is still working on the potable water issue but he did supervise the completion of the lights around the lake. Those LED lights are a big plus. We also completed a major "trail smoothing" project thanks to Tim Cole's efforts. Although we did screw up with the vegetation control on the dog trails: we thought we were doing a nice job cutting the long grass but sadly the rancher was not happy.

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 Plateel ; Garry Plant; Claire Jacques-Plant ; Kerry Spear; Peter Voss; Rob Hunter; Tim Cole ; Klaus Voss ; Mike Stewart-Smith; Peter Findlay ; Bill Rideout ; Dana Manhard

And from this crew we can thank the Vosses, Fred, Chris, Luc and Matt for fixing the Sno-Cat under trying conditions.

We have had to do a lot of extra work on the snowshoe trails this year. We have had groups getting turned around and heading to Lac Le Jeune instead of Stake Lake and the parking lot and others uncertain of directions very close to the Day Lodge. I want to thank Al Michel, Les Laithwaite and Mike Stewart-Smith for stepping up and fixing the problem.

There is also the job of maintaining the trails in the summer. This involves a lot of volunteers. Klaus Mey and Lisa Palechuk picked up the job that Bob Furseth and his merry band worked on for 25 years.

I want to thank our staff: Matt Bruce, Lee Card and Jordan Proctor and Leah Apeldoorn.

Keeping the trails running is interesting and challenging work. And they certainly wouldn't run without the hundreds of hours that are volunteered. But we always need more help. New blood is needed!

### **Publicity – Vesta Giles**

- IN 2015 the board began the process of assessing the brand of the club. This long and interesting process involves looking at all aspects of our identity, who we are, what we stand for, what we look like. This will eventually lead to the possibility of a new or revised logo. It will also result in a new website

that takes the best from our current and previous websites and serves the current needs of our members and those looking for information on both the club and the Stake Lake trails.

- We have created a new Facebook page for the club and we have also claimed the Stake Lake Ski Trails Facebook page so we can direct relevant information to not only members, but those checking in at the trails. In the future we will also be adding more to the club's Instagram page.
- Our media releases have brought us a lot of media attention, which has all been very positive. We look forward to increasing our awareness in the community through the media in coming seasons.
- Once our branding process has completed we will be looking at merchandising for the club with clothing and other merchandise sporting our logo and helping promote the club.

### **Ski League and Juniors–Dana Manhard**

- 51 people in the ski league program this year. Still consistent with numbers from past several years but still significant room to grow
- Increase in Tuesday and Thursday night session attendance steadily over the past several years (mostly due to lit trails and refocus of the program)
- All of the new brochures at the lodge are gone. Good to see they are being seen.
- JD program has the same number as last year but it is dependent on the success of the other up and coming levels.
- Several kids going to Westerns this weekend and Hanneli Ladyman going to Nationals in White Horse.
- Strong results from the Track Attack Group this year with a few medal contenders at provincial races coming out of this group.
- Great uptake on the Intro to Community Coaching this year with 7 parents willing to help the program coming out of this.
- Mini Olympic event held this past Saturday a success utilizing the support of the older coaches and the new ones on the same day.
- Had a great uptake from the Ski League participants at our BC Cup race. Important to have the younger group realize that the BC Cups are more suited to the youth racing than the loppets as that is what will build the program. They tend to have more social linkage to kids in other areas with similar interests. Hoping to capitalize on this with more attendance at other BC Cup races.

### **Ski S'kool – Lisa Palechuk**

The S'kool Ski program has been expanded to include snowshoeing as well as Nordic skiing. With the ability to now have 2 classes visit Stake Lake, one class will ski in the morning and snowshoe in the afternoon, while the other class will snowshoe in the morning and ski in the afternoon. This change has allowed for the program to expand and provide an excellent opportunity to expose families and youth to Stake Lake, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing.

This year the S'kool Ski program started off with a bang on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. 15 of the possible 19 days of school in January were booked with school groups! February has proved to be just as busy with another 15 of 19 possible days booked!

Although we offered both snowshoeing and skiing last year, only Thursday and Fridays were 'guided'. Monday through Wednesday trips were advertised as 'unguided', which presented new challenges, with either the ticket booth staff needing to help or with myself having to get the snowshoe group started then do the ski program and switch the groups in the afternoon. It made for some very hectic days with no break. Many teachers also expressed their desire to have some assistance with the snowshoe component of the program often indicating that they were quite uncomfortable leading snowshoe trips. New for this year we have been able to offer 'guided' excursions to all of our groups coming to Stake Lake both for the snowshoe and Nordic skiing. The feedback has been very positive for both programs; students, teachers and parent helpers have all left with a smile.

### **Numbers:**

As of Feb 15<sup>th</sup> a total of **1049** students come through the S'kool Ski Program, with an additional 53 children from Scouts and Boys and Girls club outings. This also equates to approximately 150 adults accompanying the school field trips, with many stating this is their first trip to Stake Lake. With a month or more to go we anticipate close to 1500 kids will have come through the program this season.

Note that groups outside of the schools are charged at a rate of \$10/youth with leaders at no charge.

### **OTHER SKI PROGRAMS:**

#### **Girls Go Nordic**

This fall I applied for a GO grant (girls only) for learn to ski program for adults and a retention program for teen girls. Our application was successful and we received \$1350 to run several programs.

4 adult learn to ski programs were offered – 3 in classic technique and 1 in skate technique – a total of 23 women participated in lessons

1 teen program was offered (and is still running) this was a 12-week program aimed at keeping young teen girls involved in skiing. They spend time on their skis improving ... but really mostly skiing and being very social while skiing! They have also volunteered time to assist with other club activities and hand out rentals on some Saturdays. There are 5 teens in this program with interest from others for next season!

All of the programs under the GO grant have been very well received.

Would like to recognize and thank via Sport and the Province of BC for their support with this program.

## OSC Free Lessons– incentive for early bird registration

This year OSC decided to provide an incentive to all early bird registrants – 50 names were drawn from all the early bird season pass holders and given a free ski lesson. 5 of the 11 dates advertised filled up with enough folks to run the free lesson capturing a total of 28 of the 50 recipients. More dates may be advertised depending on the conditions and availability of an instructor.

### Volunteer and Social Committee- Lesley Tucker

- Easy to do but difficult keeping track of volunteer hours.
- Next Social event is Hot Dog Day- Sunday, February 23, 12 noon at the junction of Drifter and Quickdraw. We will use the new BBQ that was purchased.

### 3. Discussion from the floor

- School buses should not be running in the parking lot while classes are up there.
- Washrooms can be used for changing for night skiing.
- Need posters and information in washrooms for those that do not use the Day Lodge.
- Need Geo referencing maps for the trails as people are getting lost. This will be coming next year.
- Cycling- trail maps can be accessed on trailmaps.com for phones as an app.
- “You are here” stars are missing on the trail signs.
- Snowshoe trails don’t have the ski trails on them. Need signs the same as ski trail signs.

### 4. Election of Directors for 2016-17: Chaired by Brian Vermey

Alan Vyse was acknowledged as out going president. Brian Vermey and Roy Davidson were acknowledged as outgoing Directors at large.

Position	Director
President	Vesta Giles
Vice President	Neil Steinke
Treasurer	Dave Hallinan
Secretary	Sandy Eastwood
Publicity	Vesta Giles
Ways and Means Director	
Membership Administrator	Joan Bernard
Junior Development Coordinator	Dana Manhard
Trails Committee Chair	Alan Vyse
Volunteer Coordinator	Lesley Tucker
Member At Large	Luc Guilherme
Member At Large	Scott Decker
Ski League Coordinator	Rich McCleary

Member At Large	John Grover
Member At Large	

- 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 2016-17 Board of Directors for OSC will be those shown in item 5 above. Moved by Charlie Bruce, Second by Mike Stewart-Smith.  
CARRIED

**Draw Prizes:**

- A number of draw prizes were given out.
- Klaus Mey won the 6 day punch pass.
- David Hallinan won the draw prize of a free season's pass for next year 2016-2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

**Next Director's Meeting**

Date:	<b>Monday, March 7, 2016</b>
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	Kamloops Sports Council Offices, 262 Lorne Street