

Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:00pm,
Buchfink Lodge at the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre, Smithers, BC

Attendees:

2015-2016 Board:

Daryl Wilson
Leslie-Jean MacMillan (absent)
Lea-Marie Bowes-Lyon
Wally Lesawich
Suzanne Pearce
Kara Prezczek
Jill Krause
Jevan Hanchard (absent)
Steve Osborn

Members attending AGM:

Brant Dahlie
Tenley Dahlie
Shelley Browne
Ben Forsyth
Dave Pellow
Dave Bustard
Theresa de Groot
Adrian de Groot
Bryan Swansburg
Bob Mitchell
Kevin Kriese
James Cuell
Joe De Gisi
Andrea Dunbar
Jane Woods

Call to order 7:25 pm

1. Review of agenda

MOTION by Daryl to accept the AGM agenda as read. Carried.

2. Review of previous AGM minutes

MOTION by Daryl, seconded by Wally to accept the AGM minutes from May 21, 2014, May 13, 2015 and October 23, 2015 as posted on bvnordic.ca. Carried. (Note: May 2014 and May 2015 minutes were not available for review at the most recent AGM on Oct 23, 2015)

3. President's Report:

Here is a sample of the more recent things I have been doing as club president:

- I am working on improving the insurance for the facility with BV Insurance.
- Working on getting new board members.
- The terrain park has been cleared, athletes have walked it says it should be great.
- We had a work bee Sept 25 to get wood in for the lodge, had a super turnout 30 people so we got wood for the lodge, wax hut and biathlon also some kids went out onto the trails and cleared brush.
- Working with Steve and Kara on the budget and books.
- Steve and I have been working on the board structure
- Jevan, Brant and I had a meeting at the trails this summer with Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest about logging in the future. WCF says they expect more salvage logging near BV Nordic trails but probably not this year. Daryl will ask Wetzin'Kwa to present plans to club when they know more details.
- I also have been dealing with Telkwa Cariboo Committee and clarifying about the club no longer being involved in the Star Creek cabin.

Thank you to all the board members for your efforts and sorry to see great people leaving the board but we will see you up the trails.

4. Membership Report – Jill Krause

	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Membership	568	597
Season passes	426 + 32 family passes	443+36 family passes
Ticket booth & self-serve	\$8,708	\$8,380
Store sales	\$5,385	\$4,891

CCBC has a contest to encourage early membership registrations.

5. Lodge and Buildings Report – Wally Lesawich

Lodge is a good asset but at an age when things starting to happen that will drain income so we need to find money for the big repairs. Need to look at a model that anticipates and seeks grants

6. Area and Trails Report – Jevan Hanchard

Jevan absent.

2nd work bee on Oct 16 will focus on trails.

Kevin Kriese suggests the club should budget for a side-mower (20 to 30 thousand dollars) and fix trails to allow tractor access. OK shape for now.

7. Nordic Skill Development Program – Leslie-Jean MacMillan

(Detailed report attached.)

Lisa Perry returned as head coach. Increasing collaboration with other coaches.

Most funding comes from Gaming Grant. Irene put big effort in with support from Steve & James and Kara on finances.

Thanks to Jane and Alex woods for coaching and supporting ADP for many years.

Through Irene's work, the NSDP restricted fund has been re-directed to start-up fund and some priority projects.

Fun things last year and again this year.

8. Race Report – Lea Marie Bowes-Lyon

In the 2015-2016 season, we hosted three cross-country ski races and a biathlon cup race.

This was the 1st year that we could use the whole loppet race course designed by the loppet committee.

Planned for this year is the Teck N Cup and the Wetzin'Kwa Loppet. We are only planning two events this year to keep workload reasonable for growing race committee. (No Chris Dahlie this year.) Once we have a larger group of race officials we can have more races.

9. Communications Report – Sue Pearce

Last year we gained a newsletter editor and so we had 5 newsletters.

We put a club ad in CCBC's magazine.

The website is doing OK.

Going forward, Sue asks whether we need a professionally-produced marketing plan.

10. Treasurer's Report – Kara Prezcsek

See attached financial reports and proposed budget

Kara started this last year and it took awhile to find a new bookkeeper.

We spent a fair amount of time sorting out errors in last years books. (income and expenses assigned to incorrect buckets,)

We have a new format for this year which should make it easier to keep the accounts correct.

MOTION by Kevin Kriese, seconded by Adrian de Groot that the Club does not require a financial audit of the books for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. All in favor, carried.

Suggestion from the floor that the club consider paying for a grant writer.

Comment that the club has gotten used to income from logging but that is not going to continue.

RDBN grant writer available

Comments: our fees are due for an increase. But skiing is price sensitive so we could lose people. Maybe keep the day rate the same but increase yearly rate.

Women's clinic – someone new to town said the clinic was a good deal.

Business meeting adjourned at about 8:35.

11. Election of Directors for 2016-2017

No nominations from the floor. All candidates elected by acclamation.

Returning Directors:

Jill Krause
Daryl Wilson
Kara Prezczek
Steve Osborn

New Directors:

James Cuell
Sara Belanger

12. Questions/Discussion from floor:

Suggestions to have a newsletter to plan out what needs to be done over the summer and plans ahead.

Membership numbers have roughly stabilized last 3 years.

We need more ticket checkers on the trails.

Consider a dog trail pass?

Discussed better trail signage?

Consider eventual fat bikes on some trails?

AGM adjourned 8:45pm.