ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 16, 2025

Buchfink Lodge, Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre, Smithers BC

draft

Note: relevant documents posted: http://www.bvnordic.ca/about-our-club/annual-general-meetings/)

Territorial Acknowledgement (Sarah Newton) We are located on the Gidimt'en Clan on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en, where we endeavor to be good stewards of the land.

1) **Introduction of 2024/25 Board of Directors**: Barb Guillon (treasurer), Anne Harfenist (secretary), Ali Howard (events), Sarah Newton (communications), Joanne Reid (rec director at large), Sarah Sacharoff, co-director of Nordic skills with Adrianne Rosenberger (not present)

2) **Confirmation of Quorum** (majority of directors + 5 members who are not directors)

Sarah N: count # of attendees excluding board members: 17

3) Review of Draft Agenda

Motion: Rory Luxmoore moves to accept the draft agenda, Tammy Woods seconds. All in favour.

4) Review of 2024 AGM draft Minutes

Motion: Steve Osborn moves to accept the draft minutes, Ben Forsyth seconds. All in favour.

5) **Financial Statements for previous year, 2024-25**, and Budget for current year, 2025-2026

Steve Osborn commented on the good use of contingency and restricted reserves to ensure the smooth running of the club.

Motion: Steve Osborn moves to accept 2024-2025 financial statements, Ben Forsyth seconds. All in favour.

Motion: Steve Osborn moves to accept draft budget for 2025-2026, Tammy Woods seconds. All in favour.

6) **Directors' Reports (see documents on website)**
   - Secretary (Anne Harfenist)
   - Nordic Centre (Jan Wenglin)
   - Potential new recreation trail(s) (Joanne Reid)
   - NSDP (Sarah Sacharoff, w Adrianne R) Nordic Skills Development Program
   - Events (Ali Howard)
   - Communication (Sarah Newton)

7) **New Business**
   - Operations Committee (Anne H)

An Operations Committee is an idea the board has been discussing; we sent out a plea for people to join the board. We got 19 responses, which is incredible. We are grateful that some will join the board, others have picked an event to help with, others found a program role to fulfill, and a few others will be stepping up to board positions. With that said, the biggest and most difficult position to fill is the Director of Nordic Centre Operations and we hope to use some of the skiers who stepped up on a new operations committee. We hope that such a committee will help people get involved with their valuable skill set, but without overly burning them out. [note: With Kevin Kriese offering to join the board as Director of Nordic Centre Operations, the idea of an Operations Committee is not relevant at this time and has been shelved].

- **Super Supporter Pass**- new this year, $50 more than a regular pass. The extra $50 will go into a different account than the money from the regular pass and on a yearly basis the board will look at the needs of the club and put the funds toward that project. We will report each year where we put the Super Supporter funds. And, you get a fancy sticker…

- **Olav Skjelbred** passed away last year. In his younger years, he shared his teaching skills with many residents of Telkwa and Smither, through Jack Rabbits, and Skill development for young racers. His children, Geoff, Mina and Thelma would like to donate to our club to continue his legacy and honour his passion for Nordic skiing.

From his obituary: Olav was born in 1930 in Høyjord, Norway to parents Ole Kristian Antonsen Skjelbred and Emma Olava Notnes. Olav grew up on a farm with his six siblings. He attended a farm and forestry school before serving his military commitment in the King's Guard regiment in

Norway. He moved to Canada on his own in 1952 knowing absolutely no English. He worked as a farm hand, then a tree-faller throughout BC. In 1960, he met his future wife, Anne Campbell, in Cache Creek. They settled in Telkwa where they raised their three children. His passions were cross-country skiing, gardening and later, when he moved to Parksville, lawn bowling. He will always be remembered by his gentle nature, curiosity and subtle wit. Olav is survived by his brother Emil, sisters-in-law Ann Helene, Lorraine, and Anne Kari, children Geoff (Nancy), Mina and Thelma and grandchildren Quinton, Tyla and Alina.

8) Election of Directors for 2025-2026 – Steve Osborn chairing

Thank you again to those directors stepping down this year: Jen Chapman, Courtney Maricle, Steve Osborn and Joanne Reid for their contributions as directors.

- call for nominations from the floor
- Steve Osborn nominated Kevin Kriese
- Full slate for election:

1 Barb Guillon
2 Anne Harfenist
3 Ali Howard
4 Sarah Newton
5 Adrianne Rosenberger
6. Sarah Sacharoff
7. Tammy Woods
8 Rob Dowling
9. Malcolm Johnson
10 Andra Nadeau
11 Torbjorn Rive
12 Kevin Kriese

Slate voted in unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, 510pm Steve Howard, Rory Luxmoore, seconded