

Minutes of Special General Meeting of Calgary Ski Club September 28th, 2015, Railway Orientation Centre, Heritage Park, Calgary

Katie Shea, Secretary/Treasurer, opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. The meeting achieved quorum, with 40 members present.

Council members in attendance: Richard Graham - Vice President, Katie Shea – Secretary/Treasurer, Brendan Sawatsky – Member at Large -Legal, Kelsey Petersen – Member at Large- Legal.

Katie welcomed all attending members and gave a brief overview as to why this Special General Meeting was called. i.e. to make substantial changes to the Club's Bylaws due to changes in directives of the management of the Club; and to discuss proposed changes to the Meet Up system currently used to advise members of upcoming events.

Katie introduces Brendan Sawatsky, a Member At Large and a Lawyer, recently added to the Council

Brendan review the entire set of Bylaws, deleting, changing and adding as necessary. Each attendee was provided with a copy of all these changes and there was a power point screen presentation as well, so all were clear on the changes and why they occurred.

The Bylaw changes that garnered discussion were:

1.1 The Club's members shall ordinarily be no greater than one thousand (1,000) persons.

Member Francine Longpre asked why there was a need for a cap in the first place.

Long-time member and past Executive Alasdair Fergusson explained back in the 70's, the membership was 1200-1400. The Club had its own clubhouse and was very active socially as well as event-wise, and this volume of membership was simply unmanageable. That is no longer the case.

Member John Walton suggested this Bylaw could be eliminated altogether. However, it was generally agreed there should be something about Club size recorded in the Bylaws

This Bylaw has been changed to indicate there is no limit on membership.

1.4 Duties item (vii) To follow the Alpine Responsibility Code as outlined by Appendix "A" and the Cross-Country Canada Code of Conduct as outlined in Appendix "B".

Members Graham Smith wondered if the phrase "as amended" shouldn't be inserted after each Code. Discussion around this resulting in the opinion that as long as the Club was happy with the Codes as attached, we would not necessarily have to update them if the contributing organisation chose to update their version.

The Bylaw was left in the format added.

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2.6 Treasurer/Secretary item (vi) Oversee, direct and ensure CSC accounts and funds are managed and recorded in accordance with good accounting practices.

Discussion on the floor indicated this requirement might be a deterrent when the Club needed to hire a new Treasurer/Secretary. In the past, those holding this office did not possess all the skills indicated here. It was agreed by all that these requirement should be the guideline used in any future hires to ensure the financial matters of the Club were being overseen by a competent person.

The Bylaw item was left as recorded.

3.3 Annual General Meeting – The AGM shall be held in the fall of each year at a time and place as may be set by Council, which shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice to the membership of such meeting.

Member Alasdair Fergusson advised in the past there was a second AGM held in the fall to present financials, budgets and plans for the upcoming season.

Several spelling errors and typos were identified throughout the document and noted for correction.

Member Ann Mooney moved all changes and amendments to the current Bylaws, after spelling and typo corrections had been completed, be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Member Kelsey Petersen

Carried unanimously.

Katie introduced Sandra Nesbitt, Office Administrator, to talk about the changes proposed to make Meet Up more user friendly for the members.

Sandra outlined the proposed changes to the existing site: separate Meet Up sites of each division of events within the Club – Downhill/Snowboard events; Cross-country/Snowshoeing/ Hiking/Biking events; Jackrabbit events and Adult Cross-Country Skiing Lessons. The current site would become Calgary Ski Club Social Events and General Interest Activities – which would include all social events, AGM's, SGM's, Ski Sale Info and Casino Info.

With this breakdown, members could join the site that most interested them – which may mean more than one site. Sandra explained there was no function within Meet Up that would allow them to sign in once and access all site. Each site would need to be joined and a name and email recorded. Members could use the same information they have provided on the current site.

All in attendance agreed this would be a good method of eliminating unwanted emails. It was noted there were options within Meet Up to manage the receipt of this influx of emails – like requesting they only be sent once a week. The biggest issue is not being able to restrict the emails received to those pertaining to one's particular interest. All emails within the site are automatically sent.

Member Graham Smith asked if all events from these different sites would appear on our events calendar, as they now do. Sandra will follow up with Meet Up administration to ensure this is doable – as it is vital to the success of this proposal.

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Member Alasdair Fergusson called for a Motion to Adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by Member David Jensen – and passed unanimously.