

**SASKI – SKIING FOR DISABLED
PROVINCIAL FALL PLANNING MEETING
Sask. Abilities Council
1410 Kilburn Ave., Saskatoon
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 (10:21 am – 15:48 pm)**

In attendance:

Voting Members:

Pat Prokopchuk (Saskatoon Nordic), Steve Bell (Ft Qu'Appelle), Dave Zerr (Asessippi Ski Area), Jeff Whiting (Saskatoon Nordic), Gord Poulton (Regina Ski), Colette Bourgonje (Para-Ski Coordinator), Helen Grimm- Regina Ski Club, Kelsi Paul – Snobuddy, Jamie Smith-Windsor - Sask Adaptive Snow Ski Club, Mark Anderson – Wapiti Valley, Megan Frederick – coach Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club

Observers:

Regrets:

Michelle Dezell (SaskSport); Murray Ernst - Pres of Sask Snoboard, Dave McQuaid – Biathlon Chair, Gail McCallum - SK Abilities Council, Gene Layton –Snobuddy, Sherrri Nelson - Saskatoon City Hosp Adult Rehab, Craig Chapman - Table Mountain Ski School, Ken Walfherr - Asessippi Avalanche Club, Lyle Cronk - Table Mountain Ski Patrol, Craig Sandager - Asessippi Avalanche, Gloria Stang – Hudson Bay Ski Club, Andrea Muir & Chantelle - SK Wheelchair Sport, Lorelei & Jesse Ehman – Saskatoon Bulitz Biathlon Club, Jaime Smith-Windsor – Sask. Adaptive Snow Sport, Mike Cloutier - Saskatoon Bulitz Biathlon Club, Joan Ferguson – Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club (Blind Skiing), David Zerr (Asessippi Avalanche), Dave Elder (Sask Adaptive Snow Club), Murray Bedel (Ft Qu'Appelle), Ken Waldherr (Asessippi Ski Hill),

Kyle McEwen (Choiceland), Chris White (Gronlid), Marc Anderson (Tisdale), Christine Schramm (Cupar), Joshua Schramm (Cupar), Don Williams (Mission Ridge), Anders Svenson (Mission Ridge), Lawrence Blouin (Table Mountain), Kaspar Wirz (Saskatoon Nordic),

Agenda

1. Introduction / Welcome.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Acceptance / Amendments of previous meeting (Fall Meeting Nov 15 2015).
4. Business arising from previous meeting.
5. Reports :
 - Presidents Report & Financials (Prokopchuk)
 - CADS Report (Prokopchuk) with additional comments from Zerr & Bell & Poulton
 - CCC / CCS Report (Whiting) with CCC PN Ctte supplement (Prokopchuk)
 - Para Development Coordinator Report (Bourgonje)
 - Biathlon Report (McQuaid)
 - Club or Area Reports (Regina Alpine Ski Program; Snobudys; Saskatoon Nordic Club; Asessippi Avalanche; Saskatchewan Adaptive Snow Ski Club ; Saskatchewan Adaptive Snow Ski Club ; others)
6. Elections, Nominating Committee headed by Helen Grimm.
7. Potential Planning Topics:
 - Schedule of PA & PN Events ; CADS impact on SASKI-Skiing for Disabled 2016 onwards.
 - Para equipment acquisition & manufacturing (kneelers ; outriggers).
 - Saskatchewan Winter Games 2018
 - University of Regina: Adapted Physical Activity Symposia Dec 3 / 4 2016
 - Relocation of elliptical trainer.
 - Canadian Science & Technology Museum: request for kneeler prototype Nov 2017.
 - Membership - Recruitment - Strategic Planning for succession.
 - Sask Adaptive Ski History Project.
8. Other.
9. Adjournment.

Motion: Adoption of agenda - Helen / Colette

Carried

Motion Adopt minutes from last meeting (Fall Meeting Nov 15 2015) - Steve/Dave

Carried

Business arising from last meeting

Pat - Auditor want motions for major and equipment purchases.

Motion: to commit to building 20 kneeler units for membership use and sale at about \$2500 each and to reassess at year end. - Megan/Colette

Carried

Action: Pat to provide a kneeler financial statement by financial year end

Minutes from Meeting

5. Reports

- President's Report & Financials (Prokopchuk)

The storage garage was moved and some damage occurred plus a break in. The Catholic School and the construction company did the repair and improvements. 3 mountain boards were stolen but insurance did not cover the loss. The Hudson Bay Ski Club has taken the elliptical training equipment that we were given and was surplus to our needs and put it in a school.

Discussion of Financial Report

Line 5136 is SaskSport Equipment Grant for \$12500

SaskSport Equipment & Club grant info link is <http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/parasport.php>

- CADS Report

There was not a CADS rep because of the new representation system. Alberta has hired Ozzie Sawicki and we have had a lot discussion with him. Alberta will send the max instructors and run their own system. They disagree with the new CADS manual, the cost for volunteer and the modules. They will run their own program. They will hold a summit to come up with a plan. Ozzie's CV was read out. Steve says our volunteers do not need to be CADS level 1 only membership and are trained to handle the equipment. Pat has taken the Autism module to 2 local experts and who found it too academic and too much info that is not relevant. Area operators have said they like the sensitivity training.

Action: Autism module changes will be put together after Pre-course session in December and communicated to CADS.

More changes are coming from CADS especially in management. Existing Level 1 will be called 'Special', until they do up-grades. They have modules for each disability. Steve and Dave are going to CADS pre-course and do CADS courses to for ski areas. Doug is going to a NCCP course at the same time. You will not need CSIA level 1 (\$400).

- CCC / CCS Report (Whiting) with CCC PN Ctte supplement (Prokopchuk)

Paper report presented

- Biathlon Report (Jeff for Dave)

Motion: That SASKI Skiing for Disabled will continue to follow the HPPI (2016-2019) plan and use every effort to close the gap outlined in the report - Jeff/Colette

Carried

Action: Jeff to send Dave & Steve HPPI word doc.

- Para Development Coordinator Report (Bourgonje)

At lot of work has gone into Sask Tour and fair number of new people have come out of the tour. Megan is an example. The north has started to open up. Pine House is an example. Steve said there is a lot of money for Deaf Sport in Sask. Spinal Cord Injury Assoc. has been great.

Report on the Tour finances

Revenue:

Club Flags \$1400
Tax Receipts \$310
Donation - \$10,980

Expenses

Not all of the expenses have been are yet.

- Para-Alpine (Gord) – verbal report

Kurt Otway won the crystal globe (third overall) IPC WC. Joshua raced all the SaskCup series. Patrick Young was his guide (once by Steve Bell and we hope to develop his sister). Not much development of competitive beyond school program. Some discussion about conversion rates from school program to competition and how low it is. From area operators point of view is you can pre-book for the afternoon when more man power is more available to help.

- Club Reports

Regina Ski Club

Our para-alpine programming has considered exceptional growth this year.

- We have also purchased 2 new PA systems for Visual impaired skiing
- We also purchased 6 new Sit Skies in the last 18 months giving us a total of 10 sit skies.
- We also had a very successful 10th Annual Sasktel Challenge Cup with 13 teams and 24 Disabled Skiers
- We grew by 12 Trained Instructors (27 Instructors)
- We grew by 11 participants (33 Total)
- We had 22 people who are part of our program attend the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame exhibit in Regina.
- We have 9 blind athletes.
- Murray Bedel was the winning recipient of the Karl Hilzinger Award
- Murray Bedel, Gord Poulton, and Mark Catterall were the recipients of Regina Alpine Adaptive Ski Program Life Time Achievement award
- Joshua Schramm and Steve Bell were recipients of the Lesley Binnion Foundation for first time attendees to the CADS festival.

Sask Adaptive Snow Ski Club report was presented. The challenge is providing a program.

Asessippi Club of instructor and no program. Asessippi Club 2-6 x year for a total of 40 skiers. Provided some of their successes and challenges. Ski hills were thanked for providing reduced ski tickets. The number of lesson demand is increasing but the number of instructors is smaller.

Wapiti Club has 3 people

Motion: “To accept the reports as discussed”

Dave/Gord

CARRIED

5. **Election:** Helen was able to almost fill the slate.

Nomination:

President: Pat Prokopchuk

Vice-President: Helen Grimm
Sec./Treasurer: Gene Layton
Cross Country: Jeff Whiting
Biathlon: Dave McQuaid
Alpine/CADS: Steve Bell & Dave Zerr

Discussion of voting privileges. SASKI uses voting by club and assigning 1 vote per 25 club member. In the past, voting has been by consensus. Voters should be a current member of a SASKI club.

Motion: Voting – 1 vote per SASKI club at a meeting Gord/Colette Carried

Motion: That the Alpine/CADS positions be shared for this year. Jeff/Colette Carried

Motion: Helen/Colette “That the positions be filled by acclaimed.” Carried

6. Planning Topic

- Schedule of PA Biathlon & PN Events ;
SaskCup race schedule is on the discipline web sites
CADS courses will be scheduled after ski area staff are hired and National Refresher course (Dec 1)
- Para equipment acquisition & manufacturing (kneelers ; outriggers).
Outrigger – Megan and Dave will fix them. Get Larry to make the pivot
- Saskatchewan Winter Games 2018

Motion Jeff/Colette The PN Technical Package (draft: Nov 12 2016), in its entirety is approved
CARRIED

Discussion about Para-alpine

Motion Gord/Helen Gord will go back to SWG for a demonstration event in 2018 CARRIED

- University of Regina: Adapted Physical Activity Symposia Dec 3 / 4 2016

Para-Alpine have a table and presentation on Friday

Para-Nordic will have gym time on Saturday

- Canadian Science & Technology Museum (Ottawa): request for kneeler prototype Nov 2017
- Membership - Recruitment - Strategic Planning for succession.
- Sask Adaptive Ski History Project.

Motion "That the meeting be adjourned." CARRIED