



Lightning Creek Ski Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

6:30 – Billy Barker Casino and Facebook live

Broadcast Live via Facebook to the LCSC Facebook Page

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

Quorum requirements met as per our bylaws.

Adoption of the meeting 2023 Agenda – Falko Kadenbach
Adopted by Pam Beaudion and seconded by Trevor Patchett

Adoption of 2022 AGM minutes – Falko Kadenbach
Adopted by Mike Beaudion and seconded by Michelle Kadenbach

Adoption of the 2022 Financials – Rene Tudhope
Adopted by Debbie Scallion and seconded by Trevor Patchett

Nominations and Election of Officers: Dave Frappier

1. Nomination by the board for Michelle Delaney to take over as Registrar from Jennifer Boudreau.
No other nominations. Passed.
2. Nomination by the board for Jacci Leggett to take over as the Nancy Greene Coordinator from Julie Backer. No other nominations. Passed.

3. Nomination by the board for Julie Backer to take over the Fundraising Chair, currently a vacant position. No other nominations. Passed.

2023/24 Board Officers:

- President: Falko Kadenbach
- Treasurer: Rene Tudhope
- Secretary: Kristyna Tomek
- Registrar: Michelle Delaney
- Alpine Chair: Kerensa Medhurst
- NGSL Coordinator: Jacci Leggett
- Director of Coaching: Karsci Peter
- Fundraising Chair: Julie Backer
- Director of Facilities: Sean Seabourne
- Directors at Large: Dave Frappier, Marianne van Luesdan, Sean Scallion

Signing authorities and officers will be updated at RBC.

President Report: Falko Kadenbach

We had a great season this year. Huge shoutout to athletes that worked hard all season and raced at many events around the province. A big thank you to all of our paid and volunteer coaches for all their time and effort. Thank you to our sponsors, Osisko Development, Barkerville Gold Mine, West Fraser Mills, Artemis Gold, Quesnel Sand and Gravel, Fraserview Pharmacy, Blue Collar Group, Taseko Gibraltar, Quesnel Community Foundation and of course Troll Ski Resort who has been phenomenal to work with over all these years.

There was a 135 overall membership increase across BC Alpine this year. This is attributed to many areas of the registration but largely in the U8-U10 categories. The older age categories typically fade off in the U16 categories for a variety of reasons one of which is time and money required to carry on to FIS. As a Zone we would like to make this easier by offering a hybrid FIS opportunity that provide an alternative to a full FIS program the requires 45 plus races in a season and for the athlete to move away to participate. We also see value in a U18 program that allows for continued training and less races to provide that alternative program for athletes that still enjoy racing but have less drive to push into FIS level competitions.

Overall, we would like to raise our general membership as a club to give us better funding opportunities in the future. It is important for us to keep a steady flow of NGSL entrants coming into the programs. Many clubs in our North Zone are struggling right now for several reasons. One is board turn over and succession plans not being in place, second is

coaching, third is athlete registration. We will launch some marketing this Fall to grow the NGSJ registration for LCSC. We hope to bring some of our alumni racers into the world of coaching to foster their development and give them some experience as they set off into the world.

We were able to attend a lot of races this year, and many of our athletes had great results, Way to go Team!

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the end-of-season survey. The board will work towards making improvements where we can. Club professional development will continue to be a focus as we educate, volunteers, coaches, and board members across areas of expertise. Congratulations to Grace for taking the step to becoming a DL certified coach this year.

We were successful in our grant application to NDI's Recreation and Infrastructure program. The award encompasses a full refresh of our B and C net, timing equipment, cabling, some new radio's, a GS start building and a clubhouse storage expansion. The club was able to secure additional funding sources through the Niki Zoricic Foundation, West Fraser, TELUS and volunteer labor.

Other big goals for our club include obtaining funding through grants, sponsorships, fundraising and fee increases next year to continue to build our ability to grow the club and help offset racing costs.

BC Alpine is wanting to promote year-round athleticism and focus on high-performance athlete development at the higher age to get athletes ready for FIS and the BC ski team. They are also looking for innovative ways to get athletes training on harder snow conditions.

To finish off, we are acknowledging and Thank Jennifer Boudreau for her many years of service and dedication to our club's board. She has brought a wealth of expertise to the board these past years, she will be missed.

Next season hosting line up; Teck race?, Highschool zones, BC winter, club race.

Race highlight reel

- Early season timing and clubhouse work (Sean Tyler and team)
- Troll Teck Race (thanks to Scott, Kerensa, Sean&Mike (Live timing) and all for early race tough conditions)
- Zone Highschool Race Smithers
- Smithers Teck Race (zone final)

- Sunpeaks U16
- NGSL NZ festival
- Sunpeaks Highschool Provincials Correlieu 1st place combined, Girls 2nd overall, Boys 3rd overall.
- Sunpeaks NGSL festival - Fruzi placed 5th
- BC Games Silverstar
- U14 P Revy Kins takes 3rd, 5 LCSC athletes in top 20
- U16 P Silverstar
- Whistler cup (way to go Maggie for qualifying)
- Girls Fast forward - excellent feedback
- Troll spring Camp
- FIS Team away! 25 day road trip for Bridie and Chloe, Boroka en route- Panorama, Nakiska, Sun Peaks- 12 FIS starts! Plus GFF and some Lake Louise and Sunshine exploring- SG, GS, SL- Big thanks to coach Dillon and chaperone Lara. BC Alpine North Zone

Treasure's Report: Rene Tudhope

Firstly, wanted to thank everyone for excepted the e-transfer process, we mostly have gotten rid of using cheques. Income fundraising, registration and race/athlete accounts (race expense account but shows as income). We did awesome with fundraising this year. There will be an increase in registration fees for the upcoming season (2024). All members will be notified of the percentage of the increase once the board has voted. Listed off the expenses for the year (see Profit & Loss Sheet). Other income is government grants: received a community grant from the City of Quesnel which was specifically for equipment. If we have other equipment or items needed that are not allocated with the Northern Development Project then we can apply for another grant from the City of Quesnel. Northern Development Project funds are allocated funds for a capital project. Made a little bit of profit on the Nancy Greene and Teck Race this year. Big expenses are payroll and registration for BC Alpine, grooming/running of the t-bar. The club did pay for certain expenses for races that athletes traveled too. Out of town races are the offset to the racer/athlete account in income. The profit for the year looks significant but it's because of the income from the Northern Development Capital Project which the funds are already allocated. Falko completed an inventory list of equipment and were able to determine a dollar amount for those items. The gaming account has a small amount which will be used

towards coach's bonuses. Within the clubs profits, \$49,795 will be reserved for club house maintenance, club jackets, operating cost, and swag.

Alpine Report: Karsci read Kerensa's report due her being absent.

We had a successful season with roughly 25 athletes registered in our alpine level program. Coaches Grace and Emma did a fabulous job this year creating great energy, team spirit and great results at our races. We had a Christmas and Spring Training Camp as well as we attended many different races including Smithers Zone Race, Troll Teck Race, U14's had BC Games in Silverstar and Provincials in Revelstoke. U16's travelled to Sun Peaks and Silverstar for provincials. Many of our alpine athletes also participated in the high school events. At provincials we had an athlete on the podium (Kinsay Boudreau) as well as a majority of our athletes finishing top 20 out of about 200. We have a great team dynamic and other coaches commented on how positive and close knit our team is and how much they cheer for each other and help with tear down. For BC Games we combined with Prince George and also had wonderful results there.

We are gearing up to host the BC Games next year so the club supported Kerensa and Falko to go and do some professional development and learning at the BC Games in Silverstar which we are very grateful for the support and very excited about the event next year.

NGSL Report: Julie Backer

After 6 years this is my final Nancy Greene Report. When I first signed up to the NC Coordinator, we had only been a part of the club for a year. I never grew up skiing, let alone ski racing. So, I was extremely green! I was fortunate to have a lot of help and guidance and I of course will do the same for the next coordinator.

We have had a wonderful season with lots of snow, some cold days but lots of great skiing and fun! I am always impressed with the progression of all the kids in such a short amount of time. We hosted the North Sone Festival which has 115 athletes from Smithers, Prince George, Powder King, Murray Mountain and Bear Mountain. This was the largest festival we have ever hosted and in my opinion one of the best! Lightning Creek set the bar pretty high for clubs in the future who will be hosting this event. As you know races would not be possible without all hands on deck and I have to say this year has been exceptional for the amount of parent volunteers.

Huge thank you to our volunteer coaches! Glen, Tyler, Karsci, Falko, Michelle and Kerri. Thank you for all your continued hard work and efforts throughout the season. Volunteering every Sunday to teach the fundamental skills to our young athletes making skiers for life.

Of course our amazing hill, we are truly blessed to have such an amazing hill to train on. Hildur and Scott have been so accommodating and amazing to work with.

Wrapping up, I have enjoyed the past 6 years so much. I have learned so much and I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful club and to have met so many wonderful people who are now our

ski family. I am not going anywhere, I just foresee the next 3-6 years in my girls lives and I think we are going to be very busy with the Highschool and Alpine teams.

Coaches Report: Karsci Peter

Coaches for season: Nancy Greene had 6 coaches, Alpine had 2 coaches, Highschool had 2 coaches (Mike and John) and Special Olympics had 1 coach. (Marianne). Once certified Kara helped out with both alpine and NG. Also had Kaylee from PG for a weekend.

Dynamics of the club still the same 50% alpine and 50% NG. We felt the challenges few should add coaches to the alpine due to 25 alpine athletes to 2 coaches. The coaches did a good job in managing the kids and Kara was a perfect fit and help. The Highschool team is a huge success, it's getting better every year. The team does really well at provincials, advantages only having one highschool. Encourage ex-racers to register in Highschool.

We are a unique club were we still have volunteered coaches for Nancy Greene. Looking at other clubs we are really lucky to have volunteers and we have to keep what we are doing with the volunteer culture. The biggest challenge this year is the majority of the coaches have kids in the alpine program. In the past the way it normally works is you start coaching in the Nancy Greene program and when your child moves to the Alpine program, new parents flow into the NG coaching role and you move out but this hasn't been happening the past three years. It's got the point that coaching parents are unable to watch their kids race. Two parents have stepped up and participated in mentoring and training and have offered to coach next year. A third parent has come forward and offered to coach as well next season. The focus needs to stay on Nancy Greene in building the club.

Focus for next season is to include dryland and work on physical conditioning. Dryland can be done all year around. Dryland can create huge improvements in your skiing.

Facilities Report: Sean Seabourne

It's been a fairly busy season: worked on the timing wire project, installed window in club cabin, replaced moldy MDF in club cabin basement with plywood, built and installed new ski racks in the club cabin basement, put a waterproof floor under the ski racks, installed a new desk for the timer, repaired slalom and GS gates which is an ongoing project as our gates are getting old but trying to fix up as many as we can. Current projects: additional timing equipment, club cabin expansion, start hut for GS (on the hill by tower 8), new gates and timing wire.

Special Olympics: Falko spoke on behalf of Marianne due to being absent.

Special Olympics had a successful season and the program should be continuing next season. There was a lot of smiles on the hill this year and the club to help evolve the club and create other opportunities to use other areas of the hill.

Club Business

To thank Scott Turton for doing an exceptional job this year in helping out with some of the races this year: running the races from a chief of course perspective, dealt with lots of adversity with the teck race happening earlier this year. Thanks to everyone who helped out with everyone involved in getting the snow ready for the Teck Race.

Additional work the coaches did in supporting two of our North Zone clubs by helping some of their athletes attend races.

Thanks to Michelle Kadenbach who took the athletes to the BC Winter Games.

Thanks to Tamara Goyer for volunteering her time to take photos of the athletes.

Thanks to Mike and John for exceptional job coaching the Highschool athletes. Correlieu bringing home two championships banners two years in a row.

Thank you to Sean Scallion for taking us to live announcements at races and to Sean Seabourne for live timing.

Thank you to Sean Scallion for putting the tech together for today's meeting.

Adjournment: 7:35 pm

Motion Julie Backer

Second: Rene Tudhope

Attendance: 30

Online Attendance: 84