



Northern Ontario District ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 Minutes

Date: Saturday September 30, 2017, 11 AM
Location: Walden Cross Country Fitness Club
1 Denis Ave, Naughton

1) Roll Call:

Toivo Koivukoski	Team -Nipissing Nordic & North Bay Nordic Ski Club
John LaBine	Porcupine Ski Runners
Lise LeBlanc	Onaping Falls Nordics Ski Club
Cassandra Nielsen	Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club
Liz Robitaille	Englehart Nordic Ski Club
Mary Waddell	Walden Cross Country Fitness Club
Amy Wheeler Reich	Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club

Note: Toivo Koivukoski declared that he is a member of the Nipissing Nordic team and was in consultation that morning with Tanya McCubbin of North Bay Nordic.

Regrets:

Patti Kitler	Laurentian Nordic
Maria Story	Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club
Sally Hagman	Blind River Cross Country Ski Club

2) Agenda approved by Toivo Koivukoski, seconded by Lise LeBlanc.

3) Minutes from the NOD AGM 2016 were approved by Mary Waddell, seconded by Cassandra Nielsen.

4) NOD Chair and Coordinators Reports

- a) Chair Report, John Labine
 - i) NOD has run deficits and the group cannot continue doing such practices; changes need to be made. Proposals to change funding to athletes will be discussed later in the Treasurer's proposed budget. NOD did not OCup funding, so our previous budgets are not balancing. In 2016, the OCup in Temiskaming Nordic did not charge participants. It is uncertain at this time if Temiskaming Nordic collected \$2 per OCup athlete in 2017 and if a transfer of funds to NOD will occur.

ACTION: CONTINUE TO QUESTION IF TEMISKAMING NORDIC WILL BE TRANSFERING \$2 PER OCUP PARTICIPANT TO NOD

UPDATE on OCT 3/2017: LISE CONFIRMED THAT TEMISKAMING NORDIC WILL BE SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT AND A CHEQUE WILL BE SENT TO NOD.

- ii) The previous NOD website has been removed and a new one is being built by Dave Nighbor of 9Lives Design. The website will be hosted by Cross Country Ski Ontario (XCSO). A working committee after the NOD AGM will discuss options for the website. More funds may need to be approved by the Executive to complete the work.

ACTION: JOHN TO CONNECT WITH DAVE NIGHBOR ABOUT WEBSITE REQUIRMENTS AND ADDITIONAL FEES.

- iii) XCSO is in the process of changing their by-laws, which may affect NOD. John is part of the working committee.
- iv) John thanked all the volunteers for their support over his term as Chair.

b) Youth Report, Cassandra Nielsen

- i) Last season, we had representation from many NOD clubs at Midget Championships at Kawartha Nordic. This upcoming season, the provincial race is at North Bay Nordic and it is hoped that NOD will have even more skiers participate. It was also noted by meeting attendees that there is wax support (including teaching) at Midget Championships, so it is an excellent opportunity for any clubs who may not have a race team to build one.

ACTION: CASSANDRA TO SEND LIZ ROBITAILLE INFORMATION ABOUT MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- ii) The Cross Country Ski de fond Canada Skills Development Program package fees have increased this year by \$1 as per notice from CCC/XCSO on June 16, 2017. Material packages are purchased through Kelly Sinclair, XCSO Youth Representative, who also maintains a blog to communicate with Ontario ski youth and youth program organizers: <https://projectcoy.wordpress.com/> (contains link to purchase program materials).

c) NOD Lakers Team Report, Toivo Koivukoski

- i) NOD Lakers offered support at the NorAms
- ii) There was a testing camp at Nipissing University, which included new lab testing performed by Dr. _____
- iii) There is a training camp at Nipissing University on October 10-12, 2017.
- iv) Skiers will also be attending the camp at Foret Montmorency, QC in November.
- v) The NOD Lakers Team supported skiers from Walden and Laurentian teams at Nationals in Canmore.

Liz Robitaille motioned to accept the reports as presented; Mary Waddell seconded.

- 5) Treasurer's Report, Lise LeBlanc
- a) Revenue was generated from the transfer of investments, which was coming due. Another GIC will be due in October 2018.
 - b) No revenue was received from XCSO from Youth Skill Development Programs
ACTION: LISE TO FOLLOW UP WITH XCSO ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (APPROX \$1500)
UPDATE on OCT 3/2017: LISE CONFIRMED THAT XCSO WILL BE TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO NOD.
 - c) No revenue was received from OCup hosting (see note in Chair's Report).
 - d) Travel expenses were for XCSO; NOD offers 15 cents per kilometer for travelling.
 - e) Bank expenses were more this year because of the quantity of cheques required for athlete support funding.
 - f) The coaching support funds to athletes is just under \$4000 because of rounding.
 - g) The contingency fund was used to support sit-skier Collin Cameron of Laurentian Nordic.
 - h) There are still some athlete who have not deposited their support cheques; please note that cheques are no longer valid after six months.
ACTION: ALL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO REMIND ATHLETES TO DEPOSIT CHEQUES ASAP.

Lise moved the approval of the Treasurer's Report, Toivo seconded.

- 6) Budget, Lise LeBlanc and John Labine
- a) We continue to run at a deficit; however, we may be receiving more income from XCSO.*
 - b) The \$1 fee collected from each NOD club member will be approximately \$4500 in revenue.**
 - c) No OCup Revenue was budgeted because at this time, NOD will not be hosting an OCup.
 - d) The website fees will be changing, as we will not paying to host the site; however, we will be paying this year for development.
 - e) Coaching Development will be for individuals who apply to receive one third of cost bursary from NOD for training in "Learning To Train On Snow/Dryland" and higher. XCSO offers a one third of cost bursary as well.
ACTION: CASSANDRA TO INQUIRE IF BURSARY "QUEST FOR GOLD" WILL BE OFFERED BY COACHES ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO FOR 2017/2018.
 - f) Elite Athlete Bursary is in the amount of \$1500, with \$500 going to NOD athletes Collin Cameron, Alannah Maclean, and Jack Carlyle.
 - g) An amendment will be made to the distribution of Athlete Coaching Support funds as compared to last year. For 2017/2018 season,

OCup Revenue (race fees collected by a NOD club hosting an OCup) will be used to support NOD club athletes attending two OCup races and Nationals, up to a maximum of \$200. Those who receive the Elite Athlete Bursary are not eligible to receive an Athlete Coaching Support bursary.

*As of Oct 3/2017, Lise confirmed with XCSO that a transfer of funds will occur for Youth Skill Development Program.

**The version of the budget that was sent out for the AGM was incorrect; the updated version will be distributed with the AGM minutes. Amendments include Club Fees (\$1 per NOD Members) income, Youth Development Program income, and OCup 2017 income.

John motioned to approve the budget, Lise seconded.

- 7) Club Reports from Soo Finnish, Onaping Falls, and Walden were submitted for members to read. Club reports are a great way for other clubs to learn about and help each other.
- 8) Amendments to By-Laws
No by-laws were amended; however, John Labine suggests that NOD by-laws are outdated and should be updated, but wait until XCSO completes their by-law amendments.
- 9) Elections: A person does not need to be present to be nominated and/or elected to an executive and/or club member board position. Board has the right to appoint members to the executive if spots are available.

Position	2017-18 Nominations
Chair (2 yr)	Amy Wheeler Reich
Vice-Chair*	John LaBine
Secretary	Cassandra Nielsen
Treasurer	Lise LeBlanc
Coaching Coordinator	Mary Waddell*
Officials Coordinator	*duties combined, but only one vote.
Youth Coordinator	Vacant
High Performance Coordinator	Toivo Koivukoski
Para-Nordic Coordinator	Patti Kitler
Past Chair – (non voting)	John LaBine
Other officers – created by Board	

John approved, Mary seconded.

- 10) Other Business
 - a) Midget Championships at North Bay Nordic, Toivo Koivuloski
North Bay Nordic is hosting the event on Family Day weekend. Saturday’s events will include a classic interval start, a fun relay, and a banquet. A free technique mass start will occur on Sunday. Rod Sinclair is the Organizing Chair and can be contacted by email: omc.nbnordic@gmail.com

- b) Youth Festival Initiative, Cassandra Nielsen
At the 2016 AGM, some ideas were discussed to promote NOD youth to ski different trails and have fun at different clubs by designing a “ski carnival” type event. After much discussion, the group felt that instead of creating a new event, NOD clubs should promote inviting other NOD club members to their existing events. Mary Waddell suggested that we offer small prizes to those who participate in other NOD club events. For example, if you attend one NOD event, you would receive a pen, attendance at two events would give you a sticker, attendance at three would give you something of larger value, etc... There was also discussion of expanding this idea beyond youth, and promoting all ages of skiers.
ACTION: A WORKING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF EVENTS, PRIZES, AND LOGISTICS.
- 11) NOD AGM for 2018 will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 11AM at Walden.
- 12) Other items:
- a) Communication (emails, document management)
The new website will be able to support documents uploaded, such as meeting minutes, newsletters, by-laws, and meeting dates.
There is a NOD specific email nodxcski@gmail.com that Cassandra will monitor and use to distribute meeting information.
ACTION: Lise or John to send NOD by-laws to Amy and Cassandra.
- b) Officials
If any club is interested in Officials Training, please contact Mary Waddell at marywaddell@gmail.com. The Level One course is online; follow the link for more information. <http://www.cccski.com/Events/CCC-Officials-Training.aspx>
- c) Round Table Discussion
- i) The group asked Liz of Englehart how NOD members could support her club. Liz indicated that they do not have enough interest as of yet to start a Jackrabbits youth program. She did indicate that the rink in Englehart may be closed this winter, so skiing could be an alternative activity for those families looking for options. The group encouraged Liz to post information on a hockey page (e.g., facebook) about ski opportunities.
- ii) Both Walden and North Bay Nordic pay Jackrabbit coaches. Many of their coaches are youth in high school.
- 13) Adjournment
Mary motioned to adjourn, Toivo seconded, at approximately 12:50PM.