

SOD meeting 8pm April 29th 2014 - conference call format

1. Introductions - 2014 board - all present

Patricia MacDonell - Chair

Richard Lemoine

Marilyn Suke

Ron Howden

Ken Norris

Gord Kerr

Connie Ohrling

Colin Rhodes

Peter Daleman

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Agreement that it would be a rotating position – Connie offered for this meeting.

Group agreed that Minutes to be posted on SOD website.

3. Review of Agenda - approval unanimous

4. Review of previous minutes (meeting held April 6 at Highlands)

Motion/seconded by Gord/ Peter - approved

(a) Roles confirmed by the board

(b) Appointment of a Vice Chair - Volunteered by Gord
Approval unanimous

5. Introductory Remarks by Chair/General Discussion

- There was a general discussion about the mandate of the SOD and its biggest responsibility of the district being the connection to the member clubs.
- It was agreed that a survey of clubs would be useful, especially for the non- competitive clubs to find out how they develop programming for their club and about their needs.

ACTION: Ken and Colin to initiate some questions - to be brought forward to the next meeting.

- Role of Membership Coordinator: Peter Lothian has agreed to help out - compile club information into a registry for SOD. There was a general discussion about self registration vs. registration by the club. Richard described an optimum solution that would have automatic collection of fees and appropriate redistribution of fees i.e. to SOD/CCO/CCC. In the meantime, clubs need to use Zone4. As a district we need a process to collect district fees and so monies are not lost.
- There is a requirement to do a "District Report" at the upcoming AGM. Agreement that brief report will update CCO on new SOD Board: names and roles, the Paraffin race series and mention new club that has joined since last year (Glenelg) and returning club (Horseshoe).

6. Bursary

- 14 applications for the bursary SOD is offering this year have been received so far. Deadline a few weeks away. Al White has sent an email to approximately 25 active skiers (all attending Nationals with year of birth 1994-1996).
- Discussion ensued regarding the criteria, history of the bursary and selection process.

- Agreement that the Board should do a formal review the SOD bursary for the 2014-2015 season once the budget has been reviewed.
- In the meantime, for 2014, it was agreed that :
 - 4 bursaries shall be awarded: 2 males and 2 female
 - \$ 1000 each
 - clear commitment to post secondary education must be demonstrated
 - greater weight to be given to a 1st time applicant over a previous recipient
 - eligible to all candidates pursuing post secondary education (= weight to both college or university education) with more weight given to a skier taking a greater course load
- Bursary Subcommittee Appointed - Richard, Colin, Connie.
- **ACTION:** The sub-committee will write the document for selection criteria 2015 this weekend. Once the criteria have been documented, the sub-committee will meet to evaluate/select the candidates that have submitted applications to this year's bursary program.

7. University camp June 21-23 2014 –

Colin discussed the university students looking for funding support of \$200 for the camp to subsidize the cost of accommodation. He outlined that:

- a formalized agenda for the camp is established
- registration open
- mandate of camp: bring together university athletes - build ties between universities, work through challenges focused specifically to meet the needs of university athletes,
- Rick Dickey to be main contact from a coaching prospective - welcomes the University coaches
- 6 people registered so far
- athletes completing high school are also invited to the camp

Richard / Peter motioned/ seconded the request for \$ 200 - approved

ACTION: Colin to advise university skiers of Board decision.

8. SOD Website

- Ron took the initiative to improve the website; has built a new version in wordpress.
 - link has been sent out and accolades received by Board members for the new site
 - Gord agreed to serve as content manager for the web site- he will receive all posts and be the web master for the time being.
 - clubs can provide news entries to Gord for posting. Possible at later point to give clubs access directly for direct posting.
 - Ron explained the site home page - very simple - calendar (events/ races /registrations/ ski trails of the various clubs in the SOD / try paranordic/ learn to ski - recreational component / high performance - HS and University racing post - standings and results / wax of the day to drive traffic to the site / youth programs/ coaching & official courses/ Admin – minutes.
- Ron explained about the hosting of the website and related costs. There will be a nominal hosting cost for SOD.

ACTION: Send any comments about site to Ron and Gord.

9. Reports from Board Leads:

Treasurer – Richard Lemoine:

Richard going to get bank account transferred. In addition to chair and treasurer, vice-chair and Connie will be signing officers.

High Performance – Marilyn Suke:

Awaiting candidate team selection for Training Centres, expected at end of this week.

Ron - suggested conference call with any SOD coaches interested in discussing high performance to ensure input is received from all SOD coaches re: direction of High Performance. An alternative approach is to have an annual meeting at Nationals, and another meeting during the year.

ACTION: Marilyn to set up meeting or conference call.

Paranordic – Ken Norris

5 sit skis in district. Team Hardwood 1, Kawartha Nordic 1, Highlands 1.

Ken described "try it on /soldier on" program and indicated there would be a follow-up meeting to program this past season at Highlands. Ron asked about para-roller-skiing and suggested Downsview to promote sit skiing in the GTA; great location for technique session ,1.8 rolling km with no vehicular traffic.

Youth- Connie Orhling

Would like to send survey to all clubs to find out about Club needs for youth programming.

Board suggested these questions about youth programming could be added to larger-scope survey as discussed earlier: general SOD club survey.

University –Colin Rhodes

OU's - applying for CCC sanctioning of CPL points - Liz Inkila via CCO to facilitate. License and day licenses needed in order to be sanctioned.

10. Other business

- Ron gave an update on progress of building the Paraffin Race series. Midland has offered to host championships at end of series. Series will offer races that include distance/ cross/ sprints – mixture. The idea of a banquet following club championships - perhaps on the same weekend as races – is being discussed but nothing is confirmed.
- Other opportunities for Racing :
 - Feb 14-16 likely dates for OU's
 - Ron would like to launch a Roller ski series - Wednesday nights at Downsview
 - Duathlon- 1st weekend November (Colin)
 - Other roller ski races to be advertised on the website
- Planning for summer SOD camps going well.
- Gord discussed need for a SOD planning cycle - to have SOD budget finalized to coincide with ski season/fiscal year - April 1st start of the year - March 31st following year
- Ron suggested focusing on short-term needs now: revisit planning cycle after the CCO AGM.
- Coaching courses: Subsidies will continue: applications to be submitted to Richard. Suggestion that these subsidies should be better promoted.

11. Date for next meeting:

Early June for next meeting - Patricia to notify date/ time

Motion to adjourn meeting @935pm - Marilyn seconded by Gord.

