

DRXC Annual General Meeting Minutes, 2022/23 Season

April 18, 2023, Balmer Bay Chalet

In Attendance:

Executive members: Bob Donders, Phil Davis, Diane Davis, Lindsay Dooh, Christian Kaiser, Dave Rhodes.

Sub Committee members: Doug Killey, Stuart Crag, Kevin McDonald, Helena Rummens, Tom Holden, Aubrey Fletcher, Bruce Smith

Others: Susan Butler, Karen Colins, Peter Rose, Mary-Lynn Benz, Walter Benz, Jay Serdula, Andrew Valente, Tim Sykes (part time)

Apologies: Bruce Heinmiller, Melanie Grant, Marc Audet

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from the 2021/22 AGM

Approved. A correction to a photo in one of the figures related to trail improvements was noted. The figure has been corrected, and a revised version of the AGM Minutes has been added to the website.

3. President's Report (Bob Donders)

The DRXC had another very successful season, as will be apparent from the various sub-committee reports presented later. It was certainly nice to have all our facilities and activities back in action after 2 years of Covid restrictions.

Our membership numbers are very good. We have a total of ~340 members, which is well above the pre-pandemic level. It is very encouraging that the average age of our membership is on a downward trend. It's so nice to have more young people enjoying our trails.

The club is in good financial shape. We are well positioned to cover some major expenses that will be incurred in the coming years: replacement of 4 bridges over the next few years, and replacement of the grooming machines in 4 or 5 years.

All of our trails, facilities, and programs are overseen by sub-committees. As the club president I have a chance to interact with the sub-committee leaders throughout the season. Working with these amazing volunteers has been a very positive experience. They are the reason why this club is in great shape. Thank-you sub-committee leaders and volunteers!

There are no significant issues facing the club. The only persistent issue we have is that some walkers use our ski trails during the ski season. We have increased the number of “no walking” signs, and provided some alternative walking/snowshoeing trails. We will have to continue these efforts.

This has been my 5th and final season as the club president. When I started this role I can honestly say that I had no great vision for improving the club. The club already had great trails, facilities, and programs. I tried to find ways to help with some incremental improvements. Here is a list of some changes that I witnessed over the past 5 years:

- 2 new board members joined the Executive.
- 6 new sub-committee leaders assumed their respective positions.
- The emergency response procedures were developed in detail (and put to use several times).
- 2 rescue sleds were purchased.
- The use of the DRXC website grew, including the addition of a “Calendar”.
- Work on the replacement bridges started in earnest.
- Part of King’s Farm Road was incorporated (informally) into the Silver Spoon trail network, allowing skiers to bypass the M hill.
- An electric chainsaw, new brush saw, and new saw harness were purchased.
- A donation box was added to the outside of the chalet.
- Parking along Balmer Bay Road was altered to improve safety, with additional links added to the D Loop.
- A “New Member Open House” event was added to hopefully help retain new members.
- The Covid pandemic happened. Although this actually increased our club membership, it did adversely affect our facilities and programs.
- More “no walking” signs were added to the trails during the ski season.

Being involved in the DRXC executive has been rewarding, and I’ll continue to be on the executive in the “Past President” role.

4. Financial Report (Dave Rhodes)

The financial health of the club is excellent. Membership income was slightly lower than COVID years but better than pre-COVID years. Expenses were less than income. Jackrabbits operated at a reduced level, trying to recover after COVID. Equipment rental was popular. In the last two years we have purchased significant new equipment, but some gaps in sizing still exist. Investments recovered about 60% of last year’s loss that was caused by the Ukraine war and inflation worries. The club is making substantial investments in new bridges, towards which the Four Seasons Conservancy contributed \$14.6k. FSC, the Community Foundation, and the Friends of the Forestry contributed \$7k+ towards material for additional signage.

5. Membership report for 2021/2022 season (Christian Kaiser)

The DRXC had another good year – **344 members**.

- The significant increase in membership during COVID-19 has remained. Hopefully this will persist well into the future.

- The Family membership category remains popular – 33% of members joined using this category.
- The **median age of members remains at 53**, down significantly from 58 in 2020. The proportion of members below 60 years old continues to grow (albeit slowly).
- The **Zone4 system continues to work well** – more than 95% of members registered through it.
 - This year we allowed senior members to join using a “same as last year” option. This meant that their data would be copied across into the new season’s database.
 - 46 members joined using either this option or with paper-based forms.
 - This does create some manual work, but this remains manageable.
- Some areas for development in next season:
 - Investigate automation of the welcome emails – Zone4 has a “membership card” option which could be used. The card could also contain emergency contact details, links to the maps, etc.

More details are provided in the Appendix.

6. Emergency Planning and Response (Diane Davis)

Emergency Equipment was at the following:

- **Silver Spoon Trail** - Top of S , bottom of M
- **Bass Lake trail** - Barrel with first aid supplies at the cabin and sled under the cabin. At junction of the Main Cabin trail and Sidetrack Link trail, there is a sled and first aid barrel
- **Forestry** - The first aid kit at the forestry is no longer there. Rumour has it that it was destroyed by a bear. I will not replace this barrel. Skiers should bring their cell phones and backcountry first aid as suggested on the DRXC website.

Phil and I are in the process of trying to get the barrel from Bass Lake trails at the Sidetrack junction. We tried last week but we’re unsuccessful due to the soft snow on the trails.

Accident follow up - There were a couple of accidents to report: 1) a dislocated shoulder during adult lessons, and 2) a rescue using the snowmobile for a broken ankle from a fall on the S hill. A big thank-you to the rescuers. They handled the rescues well. It does emphasize keeping the first aid supplies up to date and revisiting the emergency procedures regularly.

7. Sub-Committee Reports

Sub-Committee reports are provided in the Appendix.

8. Plan to replace the “Bishop Bridge” (first bridge on M loop) starting in late summer (Dave Rhodes)

Tim Sykes made a short presentation describing the work done so far on the bridge, and explained the installation plan. On-site work is expected to start in July, and be completed by October.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Election of Executive

Robert Donders is stepping down as President, and moving to the position of “Past President”. Diane Davis (the current Vice-President) put her name forward for the President position. No other nominations were received.

The following were nominated for the 2023/24 Executive Members:

President - Diane Davis

Vice-President - Vacant

Treasurer - David Rhodes

Membership Secretary - Christian Kaiser

Secretary - Lindsay Dooh

Past-President – Robert Donders

As no other nominations were received, all positions were filled by acclamation.

There is now one vacancy (Vice-President) in the Executive positions. Ideally a non-voting Member-at-Large person can also be added.

Many thanks to Phil Davis for the many years of service on the Board! Phil will continue to help the club in his role as rental equipment coordinator, as well as adviser for Diane in her new role.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Appendix - Detailed Reports

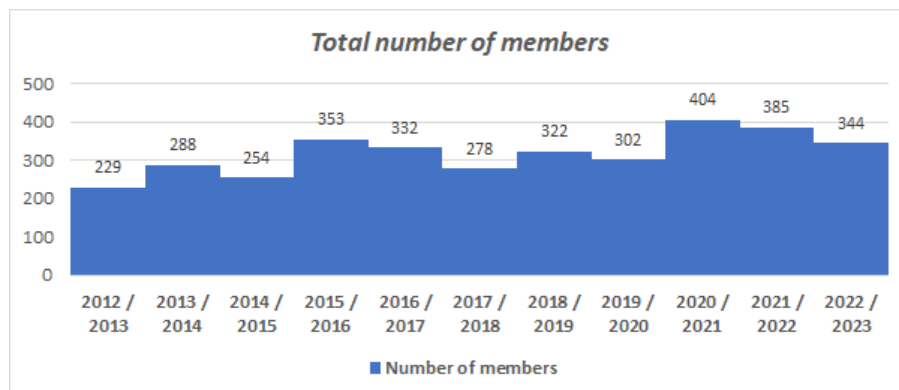
A1. Membership report for 2022/2023 season (Christian Kaiser)

Highlights of the season

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Current membership

- The total number of members registered for the 2021 / 2022 season has **decreased** from 385 to **344 members** (a 10% decrease in total membership).



- **95 new members¹** joined the club.
- **57% of the 2021 / 2022 membership returned for this season**, while 43% of the 2021 / 2022 membership lapsed¹ their membership in the current season (**increase** from 35% in the previous season).
- **32% of new members in the previous season joined again for this season.**

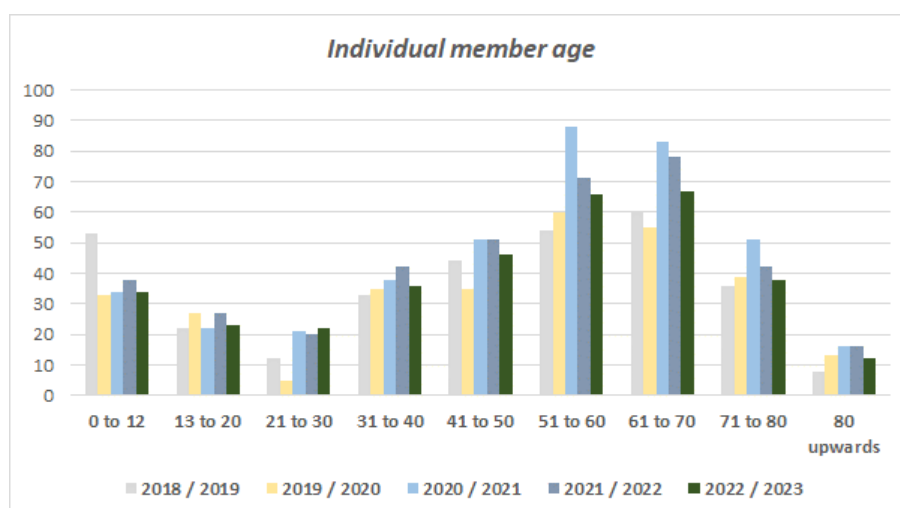
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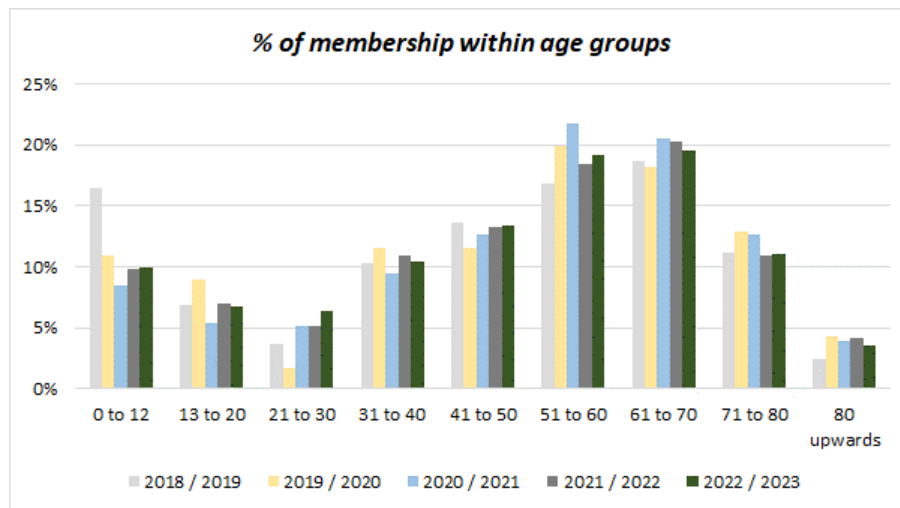
Category	Number of members	Percentage of total membership	Previous season
Adults (20 and over)	287	83%	84%
Youth and children (19 and under)	57	17%	16%
All new members	95	28%	25%
Male / Female	169 / 174	51% / 49%	51% / 49%



Age breakdown over time

- The age range of the club remains similar to last season.
- Note the increasing trend over time of younger age groups as a proportion of the club membership.
- **The median age for adult members has maintained its decrease to 53 years old**, down from 58 years old in the 2020 / 2021 season.

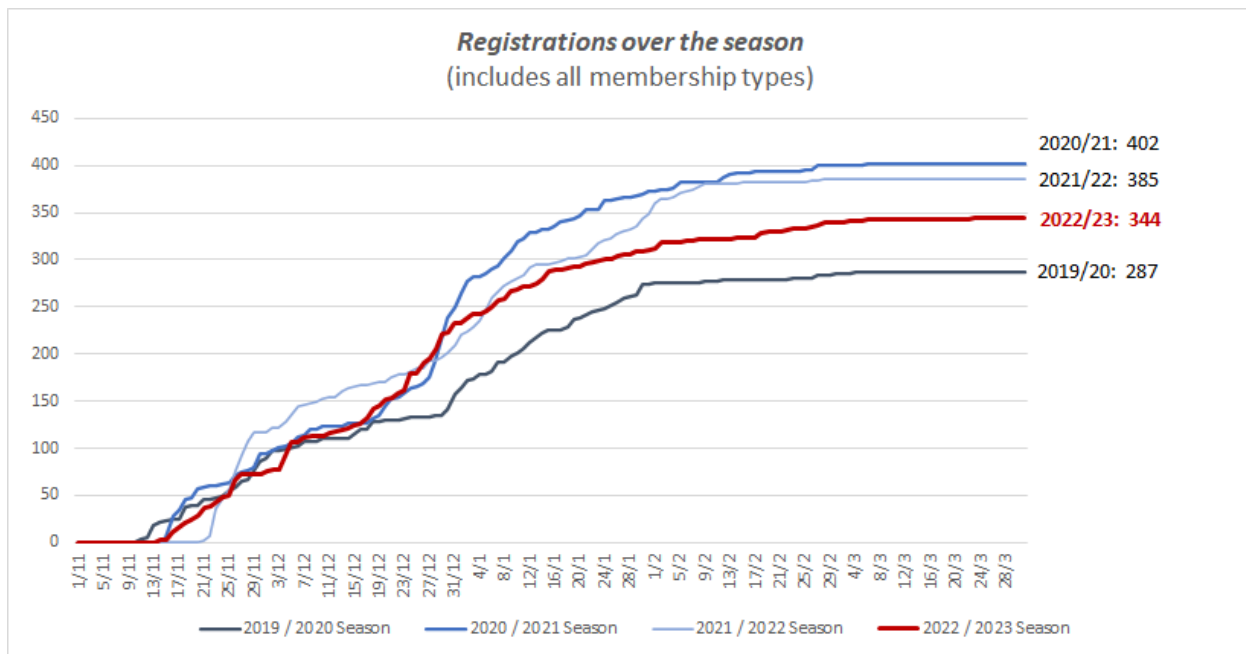




Age of adult members	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023
Average	56.8	55.8	57.7	56.5	48.6	48.0
Median	57	56	59	58	53	53

Registration over the season time

- Similar trends are visible over the past few seasons:
 - 50% of members joined before Christmas this year (these tend to be returning members).
 - The remaining members tend to join once the snow has set in well.



Notes and Definitions

Notes

- All analysis is based on the membership data as captured in the **Zone4** database. This is reliable from the 2015 / 2016 season, but not complete prior to that. For this reason, there may be some discrepancies and small errors.
- There were some limited instances of individuals registering as members more than once in a season. This has been accounted for as far as possible but may result in slight differences in total values.

Definitions

1. **New Member:** An individual who has not been members in the last five years
2. **Lapsed Member:** An individual who was a member in the immediately previous season but did not renew their membership for the current season.
3. **Returning Lapsed Member:** An individual who was not a member in the previous season but had been a member in one of the previous five years; previously.

A2. Trail Maintenance (Stuart Craig)

There was a lot of trail clearing activity this past year. Fortunately, we had more than a dozen enthusiastic repeat/regular trail clearing volunteers, which included a full slate of trail captains. Notable efforts included:

- An overnight trip to the Bass Lakes cabin (for solar panel installation) clearing many dead falls when returning on the Winterbon trail. We also cleared and flagged a drier route to connect Winterbon with Beaver Link. This avoids crossing the beaver pond at the south end of Winterbon.

- Two teams of three clearing Bass Lakes trails on their way to the cabin, clearing Canyon Top the next day, and on the third day returning on unvisited trails; thus, clearing almost all of the Bass Lakes trail system in one, three-day, go. This approach worked well/efficiently and I hope to repeat it this autumn.
- All of the PRF trails being cleared by Frank Knaapen and friend.
- November winds required the Silver Spoon trails to be revisited after they'd been cleared in October. Given the damage seen on the Silver Spoon trails, another two-team sweep of the Bass Lakes trails was done, only to find next to no damage.
- End-of-2022 heavy-wet snow brought/bent down *hundreds* of smaller diameter trees along with some large trees. This greatly impacted all of our local trails. A frustrating aspect was that a couple days after fully clearing a trail, it would look as though no one had started to clear it. For about a week, the trees just kept bending/falling over. Multiple group ski-outings were organized to clear the trails. Some trails (e.g., HSA) required three (or more?) passes. It took a couple weeks to clear all trails.
- This point will also be reported under Trail Improvements, but the work, people, and equipment were the same as used for trail clearing. In early autumn, more than 100 balsams were removed from the 2nd half of C Loop to open the trail to more snow and light (and reduce the over abundance of balsams).
- Over 2023 April 15 to May 1 we hosted / will host a chainsaw operators course, taught by Frank Knaapen. This added seven of our volunteers to the list of those qualified to use a chainsaw on behalf of the DRXC. An eighth member refreshed his skills. Two golf course employees piggy-backed on this course.

The DRXC power tools: battery-powered chainsaw, powered brush saw, and large-wheeled mower; all functioned well and no repairs beyond normal maintenance being required.

Because of land being given up to the new long term care building, it will be necessary to re-route R and P loops. The Four Seasons Conservancy plans to coordinate this with the creation of a short walking trail that links to the back of the new building. Ultimately, this loop will share part of R loop and have the grade/surface suitable for wheel chairs. Re-routing of R and P will wait for late summer, after bird nesting etc. is complete.

A3. Trail Improvements (Helena Rummens)

The following projects were completed during fall 2022.

R loop (before culvert)

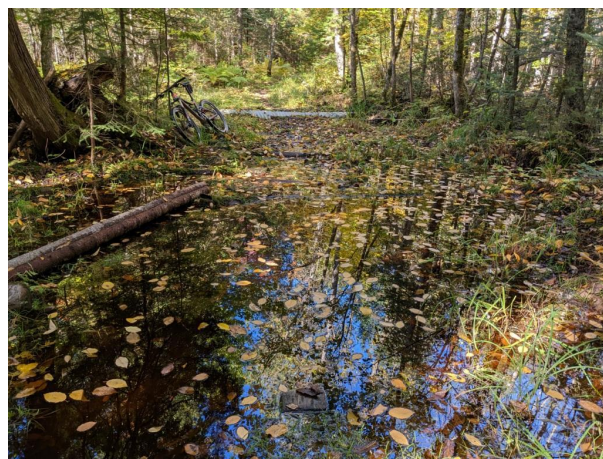
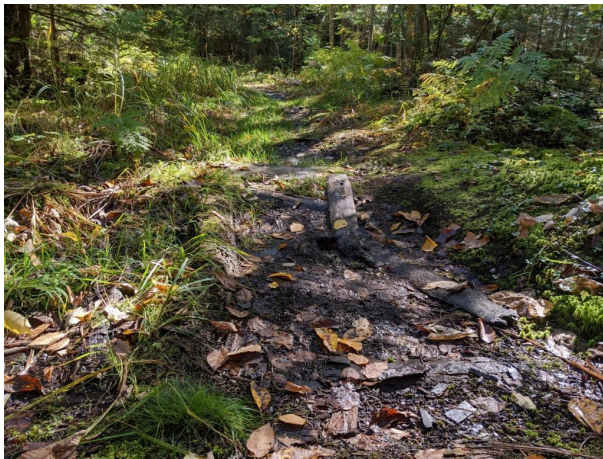
Work was planned for the culvert area on R loop, but the trail leading to the culvert had wet ruts and needed reinforcement. A crew worked with Dave Lee (tractor) and Aubrey Fletcher (ATV and trailer) to place "B" gravel containing stones in these ruts. This material had been delivered by Tracy Lance to an access trail behind the hospital.



R loop (culvert area)

The area at the culvert (about 1/3 of the way along R loop) was wet and uneven and had rotted logs, as shown in the BEFORE photos below.

BEFORE



Several hundred pieces of balsam corduroy were cut ahead of time by the first crew. These were then placed by a second crew over the culvert and the adjacent large puddle. A third crew worked with Dave and Aubrey to place "A" gravel over the logs. We recommend continuing with such a treatment on the section between the culvert and the river.

AFTER



C loop (second half)

C loop has suffered from poor snow cover because of overhanging branches. To open up the trail, about 125 balsams encroaching on the second half of C loop were cut down, by various crews and on several occasions. In the photo, pink ribbons indicate trees to be removed. Cuttings were dispersed in the bush rather than piled, for esthetics and to reduce fire risk. We recommend another round of culling in future.

BEFORE



A4. Grooming (Marc Audet)

We were fortunate to have evenly spaced snowfalls over the winter, which made it easy to maintain decent trail conditions into March. The heavy wet snow in January that caused extensive damage to trees and trail was disheartening. The tremendous effort of the trail maintenance crews to restore the trails was greatly appreciated. Experiencing 2 deer kills on R and X loops was "special" as well, as an odd type of highlight for the year.

We were also fortunate to have another year where our snowmobiles and trail grooming implements worked without incident, other than the snowmobiles overheating during warmer grooming days (but that's normal for those sleds).

We took on one new groomer, Aaron Priebe, who proved himself to be an excellent addition to our grooming team. Much of the grooming was performed by 5 people, and while that contingent is adequate, there were times when we were strained, so we do need to recruit at least one more person. Each snowfall requires 4 groomers to work for about 3 hours each, so when one or two are away or are unavailable, we have to fall to using double shifts (one person going out for both 3 hour runs). Recommendations for skiers with snowmobiling experience are welcomed.

In the coming week, the snowmobiles will be prepped for winter storage and the implements will be moved to covered storage.

A5. Chalet (Doug Killey)

Halleluia! The chalet returned to normal operating hours this past winter with a 14-person roster of volunteers. Many thanks to them for opening and closing, firing up the stove, and keeping the place tidy. The limited chalet operations in 2021-2022 meant that the firewood supply was only slightly depleted last year, but Stuart Craig provided some maple and birch from trees that had to be removed, and Bruce Heinmiller and Aubrey Fletcher helped with the moving and stacking. No significant problems were reported, and there are no imminent issues at the chalet that need to be addressed.

A6. Bass Lake Cabin (Erik Hagberg)

Finances

The Hut had a pretty good winter. Income so far is \$513.89, Expenses \$355.16, and profit \$158.73. Most of the profit came from our GIC, as interest rates have been interesting lately. The GIC came due on Feb 14. A new GIC was taken out for \$2,500, 1 year at 5%. It was reduced by \$385 from the previous GIC in order to have more cash available for possible hut improvements. Our cash balance is just over \$500.

The charges for renting the hut were roughly doubled at the beginning of the season for both shareholders and non-shareholders. The charges had not been changed since 1981. The hut was financed mostly by the selling of shares, with a smaller contribution by the DRXC. After the construction, our cash reserves were practically zero. But 'year-by-year' a cushion of money was built up and plateaued at around \$3,000 during the last few years. This cushion was meant as a good

starter fund if the hut was burned down or had a similar catastrophic event. With today's high construction costs, it is quite inadequate. The higher fees will enable the reserves to be run up again to a more reasonable amount.

Usage

The following table summarizes the monthly overnight use of the cabin starting in 2022 September.

Cabin Usage in 2022-23 (as of 2023 April 18)

	Groups	Nights Occupied	Visitor Nights	Groups Booked	Nights Booked	Notes
September						
October	1	2	12	1	2	
November						
December						
January	2	3	15	2	3	
February	2	4	16	2	4	
March				1	1	Group of 6 snowshoers got lost
April						
May				1	2	
TOTAL	5	9	43	7	12	

As of 2023 April 18, there have been 5 groups that stayed over a total of 9 nights. There were a total of 43 visitor nights. Seven of the people staying at the cabin were non-members. There were a number of bookings that were canceled due to weather (not included in table) and one group of snowshoers who got lost and did not make it to the cabin. This year saw a significant number of snowshoers staying at the cabin.

In comparison, in 2021-22, the cabin was used for 21 nights and a total of 75 visitor nights. The NRT reported that in 1993, 70 people visited the cabin in one day to celebrate its 10th anniversary. We are considering ways to introduce people to the cabin and its trails and to encourage their use. Suggestions are welcome.

Maintenance and Improvements

There have been efforts over the past few years to improve the cabin experience. Mouse proofing efforts appear to have eliminated mice in the cabin this past season. A gasket has been fitted to the wood stove – a change that will hopefully make the stove more controllable. We have a plan to revise the Cabin Users' Manual.

In its first year of use the new solar/battery lighting system has proven a great success and has made the cabin much more inviting after dark. However, ensuring the lighting-system battery is left fully charged is proving to be a challenge. Because of constraints on the temperature at which the batteries may be charged, the solar system is turned off when the cabin is unoccupied. Since the cabin is well

shaded in the morning, it is difficult to get much solar charging unless a group leaves the cabin late in the day. Plans are being discussed to allow more solar charging to take place earlier in the day.

In the past, trail captains were assigned to clear the trails of the Bass Lake trail system. However, there are now several unassigned trails. Over the past two years this shortage of trail captains has not been a big issue because maintenance of much of the cabin trail system has been accomplished with a multi-day group effort. While we intend to keep the larger group event for removing large trees, we also plan to make sure that trail captains are assigned to all trails. The trail captains will be responsible for scouting and brushing their assigned trail. Please contact Bruce Smith about becoming a trail captain.

We know that next winter there will be a logging operation that will affect the Canyontop Loop and plan to be in conversation with the licensee and the province to make sure our interests will be considered.

Committee Changes

After 32 years of service, Erik Hagberg is resigning from the Cabin Committee. We wish to thank Erik for all those years dedicated to maintaining this special facility and its trails. Bruce Smith is planning to take over Erik's duties as treasurer.

Ski Cabin Committee - Bruce Smith, Erik Hagberg, Karen Colins and Hilary Veen

A7. Rental Equipment (Phil and Diane Davis)

- 2022 May/June: The equipment that we rented out for the 2021/22 season was all returned (except for a few wax kits).
- June: The military had surplus ski equipment for sale and we were able to buy 60 pairs of skis and 50 pairs of boots for \$820.
- October: We bought 20 pairs of poles on sale from Bushtukah for \$520.
- November: The order that we placed with Gearheads (\$2200 for various skis and boots) early in the year finally came through.
- November/December: We held one rental weekend and carried out fittings by appointment after that. We outfitted 72 groups and took in about \$4600 in rental fees.
- 2023 April: We're presently in the process of reclaiming the equipment that was rented out last winter.

Issues:

- We are low or sold out on some sizes of skis, boots and poles. We need to do a full inventory to determine what we should buy to plug the gaps.
- Our inventory is heavily weighted to SNS when the rest of the nordic world is rapidly switching to NNN.

Income vs expenditures for the year was \$4600 - \$5200, or \$600 in the red. But we have had surpluses over the previous three years because we have been unable to buy anything due to the pandemic.

A8. Jackrabbits (Kevin McDonald)

The Jackrabbit program is in a rebuilding phase following several years of pandemic restrictions. There were a total of 25 Jackrabbits, including a few kids from Pembroke (the PAXC club did not offer a Jackrabbit program this season).

A9. Adult Lessons (Tom Holden)

There was a strong demand for cross-country ski lessons again in 2023. Twenty-seven people signed up for beginner lessons on the 5th and 12th of January. Lesson plans were suggested for the instructors to ensure uniformity of coverage of the material. The lessons were limited to about an hour and a half as in 2022. Guided by previous experience the group size with each instructor was limited to three or four. The weather was fortunately favourable and the groomers again did a wonderful job in setting tracks on the hydro line for all the lessons. There was a strong call for intermediate teaching and six people signed up for Margaret Waechter's lesson on February 20th on more advanced techniques. Those who took part were very enthusiastic about what they had learned. Two people signed up for the skating lesson from Kevin MacDonald. If the skating lesson was planned for earlier in the season it is thought that there would be more takers. A waxing demonstration was held at the DRXC chalet on January 5th to start the beginner lessons as was the case before covid restrictions. The comments below strongly suggest that the waxing demonstration should be more complete and more hands-on next year. It is also apparent that more than one intermediate lesson would be appreciated. Probably next year one should budget for several intermediate lessons: say \$300 or so.

The skiers were polled as to their perceptions of the lessons.

- "I found the lessons to be very helpful overall! Perhaps a more hands-on waxing session would be good next time. I would appreciate having an experienced skier checking how I did with the amount of wax and spreading it out, etc."
- "The skills (especially downhill tips) were very useful to learn and I have been practicing on the trails since we've learned them."
- "The lessons were wonderful. I was appreciative of our instructor taking the time to give me some one-on-one instruction, and it was great to meet other skiers too. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn something new as an adult, and for such a low cost, as well."
- "I missed the most important lesson unfortunately...waxing. I did attend the second day and it was good. Slowing down and going around corners would be helpful...unless that was on day one."
- "I learned so much it is incredible! At one point, all of us expressed how amazed we were at how flawed our techniques were and how grateful we were to have such excellent guidance. Not to mention the joy and energy brought to the lesson - it was really a pleasure."
- "The lesson was absolutely amazing. I learned so much and it has changed how I ski fundamentally. I would definitely take additional lessons and would love to have more than one in a season."
- "The lesson last weekend was excellent! The instructor was so knowledgeable and delivered her critiques and coaching in a great way. I do think that two or three lessons would be an improvement for next year so we can learn new techniques and become aware of our mistakes, and then some more opportunities to implement the adjustments and new techniques."
- "I know we can obviously use the trails at our leisure, but it would be helpful to have some repeated guidance over several lessons next year."

- “I thought the lesson was terrific! The instructor was able to keep watch on all of us and give specific feedback that was very helpful for me. Since the lesson I have been trying to incorporate what I learned. After a week of practicing, yesterday I felt like things finally clicked! However, it would be great if there was a follow up lesson as I'm certain there are improvements I could make and to be sure I'm on the right track!”

I would like to thank all the instructors for their time and expertise, Adrian Cecco, Nick Cox, Phil Davis, Diane Davis, Rob DeAbreu, Bob Donders, Audrey Hagberg, Jamie Hopkins, Margaret Waechter and Kevin MacDonald.

A10. Junior Racing (Aubrey Fletcher)

The MacKenzie Community School skiers had a successful season. Dry land training started in November.

The MacKenzie Invitational was held February 8 with 60 skiers participating.

MacKenzie Community School athletes did very well at EOSSAA. At OFSSAA the school placed 7th overall, and several individuals had top 10 finishes.

A11. Silver Spoon (Helena Rummens)

The 2023 Silver Spoon Fest was held on 2023 February 11–19. A touring event for both skiers and snowshoers was held in that nine-day period, following the format of the previous two (pandemic) years. An additional ski loppet (racing) event was held on the last day, with a free chili lunch for all Fest participants.

The ski events were open to DRXC members only, to keep the events local and low-key. The Silver Spoon Committee had pledged to match touring kilometres skied and snowshoed for the benefit of a local charity, so \$2,700 was donated to the North Renfrew Family Services. About 70 skiers or snowshoers participated in the touring event, and about 30 skiers in the loppet event.

The Committee has decided that, after 51 years, this past event will be the last “Silver Spoon Ski Fest” as we know it. The Fest had already evolved into a different format (thanks to the pandemic), but the main reason for discontinuing is that the huge amount of work is not benefitting our community, other than making a modest financial profit. The event is very demanding of volunteers (typically 70–80 of them are helping on race day), yet participation by local skiers has dwindled dramatically over the years.

The existing Committee is therefore disbanding and is now dispositioning the assets:

- Remaining profits (~\$11,000) will be turned over to the DRXC with a request to earmark the funds for 10 years for future racing or touring events.
- Racing paraphernalia (2 bags of bibs, banner, marshalling equipment, and medallion awards) will be stored by a Committee member for 10 years.
- Historical artifacts (photos, posters) will be archived by the Deep River Public Library.

- About 35 left-over Silver Spoon mugs have been distributed to long-serving volunteers of the Silver Spoon Ski Fest, and the last few mugs will be placed at the ski hut.
- We hope to display the trophies and quilt at the chalet, and store racing trail signs in the shed.

Already, two people have indicated an interest in eventually spearheading a new touring event or a new racing event.

A12. Four Season's Conservancy (Bruce Heinmiller)

1. I'm willing to continue as the DRXC rep on 4SC if both DRXC and 4SC approve.
2. 4SC is happy with the allocation formula for distribution of contributions left in chalet cash boxes.
3. Bridges project: 4SC disbursed \$14.8k from the DRDCF 4SC endowment fund earnings, earmarked for contribution toward Bishop Bridge replacement. Almost all of the amount has been spent toward purchase of materials required for the bridge. DRDCF expects me to give them a report on how the funds were spent, and they routinely use the report and any pictures (which they encourage) for publicity purposes. I will probably contact Tim Sykes about getting photographs of the to-date construction. I'm aware that DRXC has some concerns about the publicity, insofar as DRXC would not like it widely known that there will be a new bridge with considerably greater load bearing capacity, lest it lead to trail damage from unauthorized heavy vehicles. I welcome advice on what I should report to DRDCF, or any requests I should make about their intended use of my report. I'd like this advice forthwith, as I want to submit the report to DRDCF soon. (They've already requested it.)
4. Signs project: 4SC applied for and received a DRDCF grant for \$5k toward purchase of materials for Dave's signs project. The entire amount was spent and I've submitted a report to DRDCF and sent photographs. The signs are both on ski trails (of interest to DRXC) and on snowshoe routes, probably also of interest to DRXC if snowshoers and walkers contribute donations.
5. 4SC will collaborate with DRXC through Stuart on suitable re-routing of R-loop around the LTC facility and back onto 4SC land.