

DRXC Annual General Meeting Minutes, 2019/20 Season

2020 November 17, 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom

In Attendance: Bob Donders (President), Diane Davis (Vice-President), Phil Davis (Past President), Adrian Cecco (Secretary), Dave Rhodes (Treasurer), Christian Kaiser (Membership), Stuart Craig (Trail Maintenance), Doug Killey (Chalet Maintenance), Kevin McDonald (Jackrabbits), Paul Chiasson (Rentals), Bruce Heinmiller (Four Seasons Conservancy), Ann Serdula, John McKay (general members).

Regrets: Helena Rummens (Trail Improvements), Marc Audet (Grooming), Aubrey Fletcher (Junior Racing), Anne Murphy (Silver Spoon Race)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from the 2019/20 AGM

Approved. The Minutes are available on the DRXC website.

3. President's report (Bob Donders)

The DRXC had another successful year, with excellent ski conditions once the snow finally arrived in early January.

As always, volunteers have allowed the club to offer a wide range of facilities and programs. On behalf of the members, thank-you, volunteers, for your time and energy.

Our membership is down slightly from last year, likely due to the later start to the season compared to last year. The number of adults in the 31-40 age group increased slightly, which is encouraging as the club is trying to grow interest among younger skiers. Also, our retention rate for new members has increased from the previous few years.

The club had a reasonably good year financially. Overall we are well positioned to move ahead with some significant capital projects (short term: new bridges, longer-term: grooming headquarters).

Over the past few years, a great deal of effort has gone into preparing and improving the trails so that they are smoother and better drained. This year we really saw some benefits, with Short M being skiable very early on, and R loop being mostly dry starting in late January.

With the large amount of snow for the second year running, grooming was a real challenge. Once again the grooming crew did a fantastic job keeping the trails in great shape.

The club offered adult lessons in classic skiing in January (a total of three), and skate skiing in early March. There were also two moonlight skis, which were reasonably well attended. New this year was a new-member open house, which was also reasonably well attended.

This year parking on Balmer Bay road was changed so that parking only occurred on the south side of the road, with extra access points to D loop made available. This seemed to work for our members and most of the residents of Balmer Bay Road. We'll plan on continuing with this system in future years.

Members made suggestions, including:

- Updating and posting emergency procedures,
- Making the donation box more accessible, and establishing a more formal process for guest fees.

The Executive will be following up on these for next season.

4. Financial Report (Dave Rhodes)

Overall the club had a good year financially, with an operating surplus of around \$11k. The club was able to contribute a total of \$8k to our three capital funds (grooming equipment, buildings, and bridges).

Membership income was similar to previous years. With fewer Jackrabbits this year, the equipment rental program also had \$1000 less income. Purchases of rental equipment and leader training costs were deferred to next year.

5. Questions, comments, suggestions on the program reports

Reports for all the DRXC programs are available on the DRXC website ([link to 2019/20 reports document](#)), and were emailed earlier to all DRXC members.

6. Some Changes for the 2020/21 Season (Bob Donders)

Some of the plans for the upcoming season were presented.

Trail improvements. Extra work is planned for C loop, B loop, and extra signs will be added throughout the trail system.

Chalet opening. The availability of the chalet and Bass Lake cabin for the upcoming season is uncertain because of the ongoing Covid situation.

Programs and activities. The Covid situation means that many of the clubs programs will need to be cancelled or reduced in scope. More details will be provided closer to the start of the season.

Donation box for day-use skiers added to the exterior of the chalet. A donation box and a sign with suggested donations for day use skiing will be attached to the Balmer Bay chalet. The donation box revenues will be shared with the Four Seasons Conservancy.

Updated emergency procedure. The DRXC emergency procedures will be updated this season and made available on the DRXC website.

7. Any Other Business

As always, the club would appreciate volunteers to help with organizing club activities. One important area is with the equipment rental program.

8. Election of Executive

All of the current Executive members are willing to continue in their respective roles. No other nominations were made. All positions acclaimed.

Adjournment: 8:30