

President's Message

My how time passes! Here we are issuing our last newsletter for this season. Not only does the time pass quickly, but also we've had little opportunity to ski this year. There were only a few occasions when we had really decent skiing.

Our social events for this year were disappointing weather wise, with each of our Director's Brunch, Moonlit Ski, Chili fest and finally our Spring Cookout all impacted by the lack of snow and if you brought your skis, by the icy trail conditions. We tried this year to hold our events regardless of the weather, hoping we could at least enjoy some social time together, but for the most part the drive in questionable conditions is too daunting. In the future we will be holding our Social Events "weather permitting" and we will post on the club phone any cancellation if conditions are bad.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Cossar Cabin and I urge you to attend. At the AGM we review the year's performance and the club's financial status as well as looking at the future plans. At this year's AGM we want to discuss and get the member's input into a suggestion that we disassemble the Bennett Cabin and abandon the trails accessing the Bennett as a result of our perceived low use of that facility. So if you are interested in the Bennett Cabin as a destination for your skiing experiences you should plan to attend this meeting. We also make the AGM a social event and invite attendees to bring their supper and join us for our last social for the season. The BBQ will be available.

We have made application for a Trillium Grant to enable us to upgrade our trail system through the smoothing of trail beds and the widening of trails to a minimum 8' for our Classical Trail sections, and we want to develop a Skating Trail loop accessible from the Cossar Cabin for the skate skiers. Skate skiing, as seen in the Olympics, is most popular with young skiers and with skiers interested in racing. We currently cannot accommodate this style of skiing on our trails and if we want the younger generations to be involved on our trails we must provide them the facility they need. We plan on widening the trail from the Cossar Cabin up the Kawartha Trail to the Wolf and Owl trails where the trail is already widened by the logging activity that went on there several years ago. This would provide a combination classical skiing and skating loop of about 9 km encompassing the Kawartha, Wolf, Kenner, and Owl trails, complete with access to the Tanney Cabin. In addition the Trillium Grant includes a request for funds to purchase equipment to help clear and groom these trails. We will be providing more details at our AGM.

I am stepping down as President after this year and want to take this opportunity to thank our hard working Executive Committee, who not only sit on the Committee, but also do a huge amount of the work required to keep our club going. Without the dedication and efforts of these folks, we would not have a ski club or trail system. Also to all those volunteers who help out with trail clearing, grooming, cabin keeping, social events, telephone committee, etc, my sincerest thanks.

I hope to see you at the AGM.

Dave Kirk



AGM Vote - Future of Bennett Cabin

The Bennett Cabin located at the northern Junction of the Kawartha and Kenner Trails was at one time a favorite destination for long distance skiers. In recent years however its use has diminished. In the 2000/2001 Season, only 10 skiers signed the logbook at the Bennett Cabin.

As a result of our perception of the dwindling use of this cabin it has been suggested we abandon the Bennett and the sections of trail that access it, from the PL Trail north. We would have to disassemble the cabin and remove it from its site. We would retain whatever reusable lumber, etc. that is available for use at a later date for a future cabin on our trail system.

At our AGM on May 5th, we will bring the proposal before the membership for a vote. The future of the Bennett Cabin will be presented on the basis of two options, as follows:

- (a) It's proposed, as a result of the low usage of the Bennett Cabin and it's access trails, that the Bennett Cabin be disassembled and removed from the site and reusable materials be retained for future use. The access trails, the sections of the Kawartha and the Kenner Trails from the PL Trail to the cabin, about 10 km of "wilderness" trail would be abandoned. While the amount of trail clearing and grooming has been low in the past several years, it would be eliminated, and we would save about \$200 annually in land use fees and taxes.
- (b) While the usage of the Bennett Cabin appears low basis "sign-ins" at the Bennett Cabin, there are paying skiers in our club who enjoy skiing the distance, the "wilderness", and the terrain. If they are of sufficient number, then we should retain this facility for their enjoyment and for the use of future younger skiers whose energy levels would compliment skiing these distances. The operating savings in abandonment is only about \$200 annually plus limited trail maintenance.

This is a major change in our trail system and if you consider the Bennett Cabin and it's access trails a meaningful part of your skiing activity and of this trail system then I urge you to play a part in the decision to either abandon this facility or to retain it.

Please attend the AGM, Sunday, May 5th, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm when we will vote on this proposal. If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may vote through the mail by sending your vote for or against Abandoning the Bennett Cabin and it's access trails to:

Kawartha Nordic Ski Club, Inc.
Box 1371
Peterborough, ON
K9J 7H6
Attn: Bennett Cabin

Thanks,
Dave Kirk, President. KNSC



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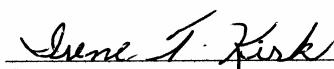
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the KAWARTHA NORDIC SKI CLUB, INCORPORATED will be held at the Cossar Cabin, on Sunday, May 5, 2002, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (see newsletter for details) for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Annual Report of the Corporation for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2002, and the report of the auditors thereof.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint auditors.
4. To review and vote on a proposal to disassemble the Bennett Cabin and use recoverable building materials in the construction of a cabin in the Kawartha Northern Trail area south of the PL Trail. Inherent in adoption of this proposal is the abandonment of those sections of the Kawartha and Kenner Trails leading to the Bennett Cabin from the PL Trail.
5. Transact any other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

DATED AT PETERBOROUGH this 20th day of March, 2002.


Secretary

All members in good standing, 16 years or over, are eligible to vote. Additional nominations to those presented by the Nominating Committee, signed by the Nominee and ten members in good standing, may be made in writing and filed with the Secretary seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

All members are urged to attend this meeting and participate in discussing these important issues.



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Thank You

Each year our club runs smoothly because of the hard work of some very dedicated people. We would like to acknowledge the work of David Kirk, the out going president and Irene Kirk who has been the club secretary for a total of 15 years! Our thanks also go out to the cabin keepers and the members of the telephone committee and to the many of you who volunteer time to help make the KNSC such a success.

CLASSIFIEDS

Jobs

Enthusiastic person with good note taking ability combined with a sense of humour to join the executive as secretary. Please contact David Kirk - 745-2371

Are you a strong skier with good interpersonal skills, interested in first aid and helping others? The Kawartha Nordic Ski Patrol is always looking for new members. Are you up to the challenge? Training starts in early September. Please contact Keith Buchanan – 639-2177

Sporting Goods

Good quality ski equipment for our fall Ski Swap. Please keep us in mind as we enter the season of “spring cleaning”. We are always interested in children’s equipment. We will announce a time and place for the annual swap this fall.

Have a safe and happy summer!



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