

Parkland X-C Ski Club General Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2011
Kerry Wood Nature Centre

REPORTS:

Past President's Report no report

Treasurer's Report

Account balances reviewed at meeting. Report attached.

Vice-President's Report

Course sign up sheets now available. Introduction To Mountain Touring course will be held Dec 7th at the home of, and be taught by, Steve and Jane Davies. Transceiver course will be held November 29th at the home of Sandy Vradenburgh and taught by Sandy and Vance Buchwald. Cost of club courses is \$5.

The courses of *Map/Compass/GPS* as well as *Mountain Weather* will also be offered - no dates scheduled at this time. Any other suggestions for courses please contact Kelly Bogle.

Red Deer Loppet - has been scheduled for February 4th and Kelly will be needing volunteers.

Mountain Tour Chairman's Report

Full mountain tour schedule is on the club website

A trip has been added for March 30th and will be led by Pat Gleason

Blanket Glacier trip has been booked, February 18 - 25th. One more member is needed and the trip could accommodate two more.

Elk Lake Trip December 10,11 has two spots available

Nigel trip still has openings

Newsletter Editor's Report

Reminder to please contact Steve Bennett if a mailed out newsletter is wanted. Contributions for the newsletter needed.

Webmaster's Report

Club members have inquired about the club website including local ski trail info. Brian Davies requested he be contact by anyone with knowledge of ski conditions of local trails and he would then post the info. The club website will also have a link on home page for information on trails north of Red Deer.

Publicity Director's Report

No report

Social Director's Report

No report

Day Tours/Lessons Chairman's Report

November 11th will be the first day tour -will be either a hike or ski. Linda Dickin looking for volunteer day tour leaders . Reminder that ski lessons will be January 9, 11, 16, 18th and that registration is through city recreation.

Red Deer Nordic Report

A slide show will be presented at the February meeting by Dave Corey. A calendar of Red Deer Nordic events has been forwarded to Dick related to club insurance requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Transceiver Training/Companion Rescue Course

Traditionally taking transceiver training has been left mainly to club tour leaders. This practice poses risk if there is an avalanche event and the TL's are involved. Risk would be reduced if any member of the group were trained to lead a rescue. Over the next year the club would like skiers on the more advanced club trips to take the Transceiver Training/Companion Rescue (certificate) course. All club members are encouraged to, at minimum, take the Transceiver Course presently offered by the club. It is likely that the certificate course (full day) will run in the new year and the cost will be \$80. TL training done last year included the companion rescue training taught by Felix. It is the club's intention to at some date have members trained to offer the certificate course in-house.

Calgary Outdoor Council

Parkland Ski Club was successful in getting 2 spots for the December course. Don Wales and Dave Rideout will be attending.

Trail Grooming

Grooming for River Bend is organized at this time. However volunteers are needed for the grooming of Heritage Ranch Trails. Don Wales is compiling a list of volunteers for regular trail grooming as well as one-time only events required to prepare the trails for grooming.

Ski Waxing Clinic

November 26th at 2:00 pm at the home of Don Wales and Marie Willett. Instruction of ski waxing will be provided. Waxing clinic will last until approximately 4:00 and followed by ordered-in pizza.

Valhalla Night for Club Members

Reminder that Parkland Ski Club member night (Nov. 15 7:00 - 10:00pm) coming up. Membership card is required. Brian Davies will do general email in coming week.

Next general meeting **December 13th, 7:30pm Kerry Wood Nature Centre**