

# CSMC Meeting Minutes 12/02/2025

**In attendance:** Jessica Murray, Dave Murray, Mika Hakkola, Alex Joseph, Lisa Lee-Johnson, Erin Marshall, Parker Townes

**Absent:** Robert Maiman, Eric Klaszus

Minutes taken by Parker Townes

## Discussion Point 1: Banking Updates

- We still have not gotten Parker on the TD Bank profile as a co-signer. Parker to follow up with the bank advisor.
- Last time we spoke with the advisor, they explained that they will have to have a phone call with each signer (can be individually)

Discussion Point 2: Jess to forward the most up-to-date copy of the club insurance to Parker.

- ACTIONED 12/02/2025

## Discussion Point 3: Mica's question regarding current trends in membership registration

- Curious to see if increasing the number of trips existing on the club calendar has correlated with increased membership purchases
- Erin to distribute some quick and simple numbers (roughly by the weekend) to board members regarding current paid membership numbers, trends, revenue, and if possible, our disposable income

## Discussion Point 4: Dave's inquiry into handwarmer prodeal

- Club board members agreed this would be a beneficial addition to the current list of deals for the club.
- Parker supported the motion for Dave to use club funds to purchase a box of 40 hand warmers for roughly \$35 (with the approval of the treasurer) ahead of the CSMC Icefest to hand out to participants
- Parker to forward a reminder to current trip leaders of existing prodeals through the club
- Dave has yet to receive an invoice for the first round of stickers
- Lisa may have a cheaper sticker distributor for the next round

#### Discussion Point 5: **Voting on 2 motions \***

The vote will take place digitally and anonymously at a date yet to be determined.

1. To make free memberships for contributing board members \*\*
2. To increase club annual membership fees from \$40/year to \$45/year \*\*\*
  - a. Adding an option for low-income individuals to volunteer their time on a special project for the club in place of membership payment

\*(1.1) "Special Resolution means a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the votes cast on that resolution..."

(14.1) "A special Resolution of the Members is required to make any amendment to these By-Law or to the Articles to:

- (d) create a new class or group of Members;
- (e) change a condition required for being a Member;
- (f) change the designation of any class or group of Members or add, change or remove any rights and conditions of any such class or group;
- (g) divide any class or group of Members into two or more classes or groups and fix the rights and conditions of any such class or group; ..."

\*\* Pros: Board members contribute a significant amount of time to the club that is worth far more than the yearly membership fee, and they should be adequately compensated for their efforts (while staying in line with the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*).

Cons: Board members who are not making sufficient contributions to club activities during their tenure may be politely asked to step down to maintain the equity of CSMC members.

\*\*\* Pros: A \$5 increase in membership fees has the potential to bring in an additional \$1000+ annually (assuming the club continues to have over 200 registered members) that could be used toward club expenses that would improve the club, including the purchase of merchandise, club gear (ropes, shelters, etc), subsidising club trips (hut fees, travel expenses, guided learning days, pub nights, etc), and growing our rainy day fund. The club would remain inexpensive compared to competitors. Having an option for individuals to volunteer on a special project instead of paying the membership fee also helps to maintain the club's reputation as accessible and inclusive, regardless of individual socio-economic status.

Cons: Possible loss of some members. In my 8 years with the club, I don't recall a single time when fees have been increased.