

OMINECA SKI CLUB AGM NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAM REVIEW

Rabbits

There were **43 children** registered in the rabbit program this season. There was only one cancellation due to cold weather. Valerie St Jean is coordinating the program and was kept busy ensuring that leaders are on task and have all the support they need. Thanks to Ken the lodge is always warm and ready for the influx of cold hungry skiers. This is the club's anchor program, and as such brings in the most, new members.

We all need to support this program.

LESSONS

Gunter Hoehne held three ski clinics for adult skiers wishing to improve their skiing skills.

The first was focused on waxing and ski structure, the second was a five hour review of the skills required for classic skiing, and the third five hour clinic



worked on skate technique. There were **fifteen** participants. Doug Campbell was on hand to help Gunter and provide more one on one coaching. Feedback on this approach to lessons would be really valuable.

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RACE TEAM

The race team has been training on a regular basis every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

There were about 25 skiers in the program gaining experience in compe-

titions around the province and enjoying the opportunity to travel to other ski areas and meet new friends. The team this season consists of many younger skiers, all very enthusiastic and

adventurous, testing their skills on the parking lot hill with jumps and mini slalom courses.

BIATHLON

The Biathlon program ran smoothly this season and finished off the by hosting a competition at the range. The snow conditions were near perfect.

This was a trial run for the newly launched program at the club. The event was a great success and all the visitors were very impressed with the facilities and organization.

Finance

Doug Campbell is our treasurer and will be presenting a financial report at the AGM. Here is a sample of some of the items up for discussion. It is interesting to note that the club collects less than half of the running costs from memberships.

Site and Facilities is the greatest expense, this includes fuel, hydro, equipment maintenance, grooming

costs, with a total average of **\$20,000**.

Most of the club programs manage to break even, with the exception of the race team, with expenses in the region of **\$4,500**.

The woodlot has changed this season



This is as you leave the arena, the sign has vanished.

from being an income earner to an expense of **\$1000**. From a purely financial view these items jump out, however a balance between cost and value to the club must be considered, Is there room for improvement? Yes. Your ideas are welcome.

TRAILS

Thanks to the generosity of **Ted Williams and his family** the club was able to purchase a tractor, to assist with mowing, brushing and general trail repair.

Trail names were approved by the executive and will be printed on the maps, which will be located around the trail system.

The trail committee hopes to hold a meeting prior to the AGM to discuss issues relating to pre-season trail prep, grooming, equipment use, safety etc.

Membership feedback always welcome.

A. G. M.

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on **April 18th at 7 pm at the Jean Paulson Lodge. All are welcome.** The election of officers for next season will also take place. If you would like to stand for election for a position on

the executive, please call **Doug at 692-7300** or **Shirley at 695-6386** **Aidan at 692-7037** or **Gunter at 695-6560**. If you feel the urge to serve on the executive, let your name stand, new people are very welcome, it is a rewarding job.

Wren Gilgan ran a very good pro-

MEMBERSHIPS

The club had **258 members** this season, which is down by 62 on last year. There will be a review of the fees, if the club were to approve an increase, there is a suggestion, that as an early bird incentive it might not kick in until Jan 1st.

The club can operate economically due in part to the number of volunteers who run the programs, with the notable exception of the grooming.

The clubs secondary source of funding comes from interest on investments and the woodlot which, when expenses are deducted for harvesting and silvaculture provides a diminishing return.

The AGM is a good forum for your ideas.

gram in cooperation with CNC for youth. The sessions ran three nights a week, two college leaders assisted Wren and Ron Miller with the groups. Wren is also in charge of ski rentals at the club, we now have 15 pairs of skis and 24 pairs of boots. **Daily rates for a complete set was \$15,00, 692-6760.**