

**Ski For Light Canada**  
**2025 AGM Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**1) Opening of Meeting**

- Meeting called to order at 4:42 pm Mountain Time by Peter Quaiattini
- Peter Quaittini offered a few words of welcome.
- Copies of the agenda were distributed - [click here to see agenda](#)

**2) Moment of Silence**

- Moment of silence, recognizing Brian McIver, Sverre Haydahl and others

**3) Meeting Quorum**

- As per SFLC bylaws it was determined that quorum for this meeting had been achieved.
- There were 26 members present.

**4) Approval of agenda**

- Jerry King moved that the agenda be approved as submitted
- Judy Archer seconded,
- Motion carried.

**5) Minutes from 2024 AGM**

- Motion to approve minutes from the 2024 AGM was made by Tracy Mousseau
- Motion seconded by Andrew Harding,
- Motion carried.
- [Click here to see minutes of 2024 AGM](#)

**6) President's Report (Peter Quaiattini)**

- 2025 SFLC Event is the biggest event we have ever run with over 50 skiers and a corresponding number of guides. Participants from Canada, USA, Belgium and Denmark. There was even a wait list.
- Many thanks and congratulations to the event committee, board member and to all of those involved for putting together such a great event.
- For 2025, there were significant financial sponsors and they include: the Government of Alberta - Community Initiatives Program, Town of Canmore, Graymont, Ascent Tours, Torske Clubben (Sons of Norway), Canmore Lions and Canmore Rotary. This generous support covered approximately two thirds of the total cost of the 2025 event. Making it affordable for all participants.
- Peter also thanked our venue partners. Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park, Chateau Canmore, Cornerstone Catering at the Nordic Centre and Chez Francois for the catering at the Hotel.
- An ongoing objective will be to keep event participation costs down.
- Peter encouraged all members to share their skills with us to continue making this event great.

- In terms of Risks for the organization, Peter mentioned the aging population. As a group, we need to continually recruit and engage with skiers and volunteers alike.
- Another risk is the effort required to host a bigger event than we have had in the past.
- This will require the board to consider resource sustainability, financial sustainability - including predictable revenue streams.
- For the 2026 event, we will be back at William Watson Lodge with a capacity for up to 82 participants.
- This is an Alberta Parks run facility and we will be asked to show up with 1 Albertan per cabin with a priority 1 disability.
- This requirement will be something that we will begin considering as soon as possible.

## **7) Treasurer's Report**

- As Peter has reported, 2024 was a highly successful year for Ski for Light Canada.
- I'll focus my comments on how that pertains to the finances of the organization during the period of September 1, 2023, until August 31, 2024.
- A detailed financial review of the 2023 results by our financial reviewer, Angela MacDonald, resulted in a minor restatement of the years' bottom line by about a thousand dollars. 3 participants who were COVID exposed were refunded their fees but at the same time, GIC interest accrual was higher and offset some of this. Instead of the reported \$19,643 excess revenue reported in 2023, the revised amount was \$18,667.
- Moving forward to 2024, the contribution to the bottom line has improved even more, reflecting an excess of revenue of more than \$28,900. While much of this can be attributed to major financial donations showing on the Statement of Operations, it doesn't include an additional \$40 thousand dollar grant reflected as "Future Revenue" on the Balance Sheet from the Alberta Government's Department of Arts, Culture and the Status of Women to be used for this 2025 Event.
- While 61 participants registered for the January event in 2024, only 51 were actually in attendance due to a number of personal last-minute issues (mostly medical) affecting 10 of us, me included. As the attendance numbers were down, so was bus ridership, ski and sleeping bag rental. Fortunately, auction donations continued to be strong and the silent and live auctions raised a record amount.
- The Fundraising committee went into overdrive earlier and with the usual help of Sons of Norway, Torske Klubben, our late long-term President, Curt Jensens' Walk-a-thon, and Barry Nelson, over \$30 thousand dollars were raised during this fiscal year.
- With our improved financial status, we're moving into a realm where more scrutiny of our financials is required.
- This next year will need an in-depth review of our financial details and it's likely that our increasing net worth will demand an audit within a year or two.
- The Board of Directors is in need of additional support, specifically in accounting, technology but also an administrative perspective, with the maintenance of our archival material. If any of you have the skills to support us in these areas, please reach out to me, Peter or any Board Member to chat about it. It's great to get this support within our community, but we may have to go beyond to hire some paid staff.

- In summary, we've weathered the earlier risk of insolvency and the Pandemic, clearly emerging stronger. The more people who get involved, the better we do. I open the floor to questions regarding the financial report?
- [Please click here to see Treasurers report in PDF format](#)
- [Please click here to see Financial Statement for 2024](#)
- Question from the floor with regards to bank balance as of Aug 31, 2024
  - Don provided that detail
- Don also reviewed the reporting requirements for the Government of Alberta CIP Grant
- question from the floor with regards to organizational status
  - Ski For Light Canada is a registered Canadian Charity and is also registered with the Alberta government as a non profit society.
  
- Don Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and financial statements as presented.
- Jerry King seconded the motion.
- Motion carried
  
- Peter Quaittini made a motion to accept the President's report
- Alan Stummer seconded the motion
- Motion carried

#### **8) Indemnification of Board Members**

- Greg Thompson read the [motion of indemnification aloud](#)
- "I move that this Annual General Meeting approve the indemnification of the members of the Board of Directors of Ski for Light Canada INC. for actions taken in the course of their duties."
- Jerry King seconded
- discussion ensued regarding the motion and its relation to Directors and Officers insurance. SFLC has a DAO policy that costs 500.00/year and insures to 5 million
- The event also carries "special event liability insurance" for the actual event for up 5 Million.
- The motion of indemnification is a formality to ensure board members cannot be held personally responsible (financially) for decisions
- All in favour - motion carried

#### **9) Election of Directors**

- Jerry King (Chair of the Nomination committee) read the names of 3 nominees for the Board of Directors
- Sandy Lecouer, Lisa Bentz and Peter Quaiattini
- there are 3 vacant positions
- No other nominations were received
- Tracy Mousseau made a motion that the 3 nominees be acclaimed to the Board.
- Janet Fletcher seconded the motion
- All in favour - motion carried

#### **10) Other business**

- Andrew Harding asked about the William Watson Lodge participant requirements and what constitutes a priority 1.
- Peter provided some details but mentioned that we will continue to work with the WWL staff to define this and the process by which we verify

## **11) Adjournment**

- meeting adjourned at 5:22pm