



LUMBERJACK JOTTER

Brainerd Nordic Ski Club

March 2011

Join the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club for the Annual Club Meeting

DATE: April 10, 2011

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Social, 6:00 p.m. Dinner
Presentation & Business Meeting to
follow (approximately 6:30 p.m.)

LOCATION: Prairie Bay Restaurant

COST: \$15.00 per person

Buffet Dinner: Chef's Choice Salad,
Balsamic Glazed Breast of Chicken,
Slow Braised Beef Short Ribs,
Vegetable & Potato, Dessert

RSVP: By April 4, 2011

To Laura Beilke @ laura.beilke@gmail.com
or 218.825.8750

** Sign Up Sheet will be available for members interested in
having clothing items logo'd at MN Tee's with the BNSC logo.

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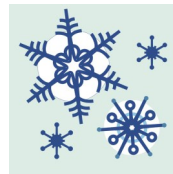
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On the Web

- Check out the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club online at www.brainerdnordicskiclub.com.
- The DNR provides snow depth and ski trail condition reports for DNR-maintained trails at http://mndnr.gov/snow_depth



MARCH 2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We just finished a great ski this morning on the Lanin's Trails just west of Lake Mille Lacs (March 13th), followed by a wonderful meal of corned beef & cabbage (thank you Emily!). This was a pre-St. Patties Day ski get-together. At one point Pat (not the Leprechaun) asked if this was January, given the incredible skiable snow still available to us this late in the season. Though by that afternoon it was apparent it won't be with us long.

So, 'tis the season when we Nordic skiers will put our skis away, then just slide into our snowless trails and open water activity mode that keeps us close to the company we've kept all winter. I've so enjoyed your company!

Mark your calendars: Coming up on April 10th (Sunday) will be the ski club's Annual Dinner at Prairie Bay. The social hour begins at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. This year we'll have an opportunity to meet and hear from the young athletes that were recipients of grants made available to them by the ski club.

After grooming the trails, encouraging our youth to keep Nordic skiing a part of a healthy life style needs to be a ski clubs ultimate goal. It's the best sign of a clubs health. See more in this issue of the Jotter for more complete details regarding the dinner. Please RSVP as soon as possible to the e-mail or phone



number given. Hope to see you there.

This spring before "green up" the trail crews hope to get out on the trails to remove trees that are either a threat to come down or should be removed to widen a trail here & there. This spring work will make less work for next fall. Many of you remember the heavy wet snow we had earlier this winter. This caused many tree limbs to come down or hang conspicuously above trails. They'll need to be removed as well as some brush along trails. Much of this was cut back just far enough so we could continue to groom. Finishing this work in the spring will put us that much further ahead come fall. In the fall we always have to deal with the usual array of blow downs that happen over the course of the summer. We will schedule a date in September to remove those trees before doing the trail mowing the first part of October. Then after the mowing, a final mass club event to put the finishing touches to the trails. If you want to be a part of any of this work, let us know, we'd love to have another hand to lend to the task.

Another task that will need to be accomplished over the summer will be to have decent signage ready in particular for the French Rapids trail system. It was sorely lacking and needs to be remedied. The club should also have quality signs made for each of our trail systems that inform all users who's responsible for the trails they are about to enjoy. As it is now, most have no idea it's the ski club's members that make it all happen.

Our Events, Marketing & Membership committees will meet during the summer to put together next season's club activities calendar. These activities are: the ski swap, weekday evening social skis, full moon skis, Lumberjack Jaunt, and others we haven't even thought of yet. In other words, stay tuned! Knowing this group I have a feeling these meetings may take place on a pontoon, between kayaks, on a bike ride or with their feet up on the rail of someone's porch, summer beverage in hand.

If by chance you have a thought of becoming involved, drop us a line. It's fun ... really!

Until then ...

-Mark Stadem

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL SKI: FUN, FELLOWSHIP

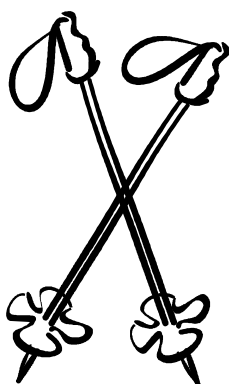
The ski club's Wednesday Night Social Ski at the Northland Arboretum was a great success this winter. Ski club members were able to enjoy the lighted trails, then have treats and good conversation in the heated Arboretum facility.



Above: Roger Landers, Dan Cruser, Mark Stadem, Becky Stadem, Bryan Pike, Jim O'Hearn and Dan Fundingsland getting ready to ski at a Wednesday Night Social.



On right: Dan Fundingsland, Dan Cruser, Becky Tramley, Mark and Becky Stadem enjoying treats after skiing.



-Photos by Roger Landers

AREA SKIERS PARTICIPATE IN 2011 BIRKIE

Nineteen from the Brainerd area skied in the fast and frigid races. Temperatures never rose above zero under grey skies and snow.

A record field of 9,000 left the starting gates in Cable Wi at the 38th annual American Birkebeiner marathon cross-country ski race on Saturday, Feb. 26. Skiers from nineteen nations and most states started in twenty-one waves to race in the world class event.

Norway's Tore Gunderson flew to victory in the men's 50 K skate race. American Caitlin Compton won the women's race.

Jennie Bender of Minneapolis took the honors for the women's 54K Classic race. Jergen Uhl of Vermont won the men's classic event.



Front: Laura and Loren Beilke. Back: Sipke DeBoer, Mark Stadem, Becky Stadem, Roger Landers.

Brainerd area skiers

Birkie Classic (54K)

Male Class

Baird, Owen E, Brainerd, MN, 38,
2:45:50.9

Landers, Roger L, Nisswa, MN, 69,
4:58:34.9

Birkie Skate (50K)

Male Class

O'Hearn, James J, Baxter, MN, 47,
3:10:50.8

Musielewicz, Robert C, Baxter, MN, 55,
3:52:34.7

Lavelle, John, Nisswa, MN, 64,
4:13:38.4

Ecklund, Cory R, Aitkin, MN, 31,
5:05:38.9

Korte Classic (23K)

Male Class

Hadrits, Tyler J, Brainerd, MN, 16,
1:21:13.1

Hadrits, Karl J, Brainerd, MN, 45,

1:24:07.4

Lanin, Patrick D, Brainerd, MN, 72,
1:40:16.8

Stadem, Mark, Baxter, MN, 54,
1:54:26.1

Beilke, Loren, Baxter, MN, 53,
2:22:24.2

Female Class

Stadem, Becky, Baxter, MN, 50,
2:35:38.1

Korte Skate (23K)

Male Class

Holm, Terry J, Brainerd, MN, 66,
1:10:11.5

Deboer, Sipke P, Deerwood, MN, 67,
2:08:48.9

Female Class

Hauer, Maria, Little Falls, MN, 15,
1:26:01.9

Lavelle, Jean, Nisswa MN, 64, 1:43:19.8

Jones, Jenny L, Garrison, MN, 39,

1:56:42.6

Beilke, Laura M, Baxter, MN, 51,
2:07:14.0

Palkert, Diane M, Aitkin, MN, 46,
2:54:07.5

**note: results obtained from
www.birkie.com**

Notable area placements include:

-Owen Baird, Brainerd, place 20th overall in the men's 54K Classic race, 2nd in the 35-39 age group.

-Terry Holm, Brainerd, won the 65-69 age group in the men's 23K Skate race.

-Jean Lavelle, Nisswa, 2nd place in women's 60-64 age group, 23K Skate race.

-Pat Lanin, Brainerd, placed 2nd in the men's 70-74 age group, 23K Classic race.

-Karl Hadrits, Brainerd, placed 3rd in the men's 45-49 age group, 23K Classic race.

BIATHLETES SHOW SPEED ON SKIS, SKILL ON RANGE

The deadline for the March Jotter is a bit awkward. Articles are due the weekend before Nationals, yet the March edition will be sent out after the event is over. Plus World Championships are currently underway in Siberia. The US Men just took 6th place in the 4 x 7.5km relay yesterday am, with Leif Nordgren from Marine on the St Croix overtaking Germany and Austria in the final leg! Then today he put together a 17th competing in the top 30 international men in the 15km mass start. Had 3 misses. He is 21 years old in a sport where 35-year-olds are still competitive internationally.

For those that think that biathletes are slow skiers, many of the top Europeans switch over to Cross Country to ski in the relays or medium distance skate races to round out their resumes. The above US team skied 4 x 7.5km on a very hilly certified distance course in 1:17—that is 77min including shooting time, so take away 4 x each biathlete shooting twice using some extra rounds but no penalty loops—call it a minute each shooting. So 4 guys skied 30 km in 69 min or a 2:18 per Km. And were able to shoot twice each at the 1/3 points of their race ... accurately!

Biathlon Nationals are being held at Mt Itasca in Coleraine, MN this year. Over 50 of the top biathletes in the US have signed up with more expected. Now in Biathlon, 50 is a pretty big race.... One huge aspect this year is the upcoming Youth Olympics in Austria in January 2012. Two men and two women born in '94 or '95 will be selected by the US Biathlon Association and the US Olympic Committee to participate for the US based primarily on their best 4 of 9 specific trials races this year. Three have been held, (Trials in Vermont) and Nationals will be another 3 races. Then the final event will be 3 races in Vermont at Summer Festival on matched roller skis in early August. To keep the playing field level, all the winter races are done on the same wax, selected daily, and applied by the coaches working together. The skis are then kept locked up until the racers come to zero the next morning.

So far there are 5 good finishes that might stand on the Men's side: Sean Doherty, New York; Nick Proell, St CId; Zean Baker, Nisswa; Jake Prince, AK and Ty Hadrits, Brainerd. A few more eligible athletes will be added to the

roster this coming series who weren't at Trials..going to be interesting!

On the Women's side, newcomer from gymnastics, Anna Kubek, Duluth, appears to be running high in the points. Anna has shown great aptitude for biathlon. Great strength — I saw her walk on her hands about 100 feet last summer—and she has a sore shoulder. She also has excellent balance and has taken to skiing like a duckling to water.

Also up for grabs next week will be National titles for Youth, Juniors and Seniors. Always a bit of prestige there.

The facility at Mt Itasca is truly World class. The courses meet the IBU specs for climb and distance and the range has 30 shooting points. It is open to the public for skiing except during events, has manmade snow, and is really a good challenge for good skiers. Give it a try sometime soon.

So to prepare, the local athletes are skiing distance at the ARB and FR; doing combos at the Nisswa range, and shooting accuracy a few more times during the week. Hitting that silver dollar prone target or the CD standing target with a 185HR isn't easy, and the 150 meter penalty loop looms. Skiing still is the dominate factor in success at this level, and we have both Zean and Ty doing one km loops in under 3 min (try that) and Jenna down to 3:06 or so. All carrying their 9-pound rifles. Then they shoot ... that is called a combo. And they are doing a lot of those ... a whole lot! Now 3 big races. End of the season!

If you would like to hear more about these top level local athletes, come to the BNSC Banquet on April 10th. They will be demonstrating their equipment and putting on a short presentation about Trials and maybe Nationals in return for the BNSC travel grants they each received for the Trials trip to Vermont in December.



-Bill Meyer

SKI TIPS, WAXES AND THINGS

BY BILL MEYER

The BNSC serves the Brainerd Lakes area: primarily Brainerd, Nisswa and Pequot Lakes, with a little of Lakeshore, East Gull Lake, Garrison, maybe Pillager and the townships around thrown in. Areas pretty well covered by the Brainerd and Pequot Lakes School Districts.

You might think that the area kids who like or might like Nordic skiing are well covered with programs and opportunities...but I beg to differ. We are really missing some big opportunities!

A GOOD spread of programs should include an introductory program for 1st through 3rd grade, a youth program for 4th thru maybe 6th or 7th grade, a school program including Junior High and Varsity competition elements; and a National/International focused program for those looking to excel at that level. The last would be the USBiathlon (USBA) and US Skiing (USSA) programs.

So Brainerd and Pequot Lakes are what, 25 miles apart. We have ski areas at FR, ARB and FV, plus in the winter a small area by the Eagleview School in Breezy Point plus the range and GVL trails in Nisswa. In the winter, on school days, the kids get out of school after 3:00 and it gets dark at 4:30. So except at the top level—or maybe for the youth levels if they were to stick to weekend skiing—we really need to talk about separate programs, one north and one south.

The 'Introductory program' that Deanne Trottier puts on takes youngsters at an early age, and puts them on skis, often for the first time. They have a lot of fun with games and learn while they socialize and interact with the program leader who passes on basic skills. They acquire a love for skiing. Some will come down and do the Kiddie Jaunt or the 6km at the Lumberjack Jaunt in February. She had some 40 kids this winter in Pequot Lakes.

The youth programs I have seen in my travels usually meet all winter once or twice a week and learn good technique skills directly from the coach/leader. They engage in small contests, learn

to respond to coaching, and generally have fun doing all that... more than just socializing. And they begin to gain physical endurance. In some communities in Minnesota such as Ely, Grand Rapids, Duluth and Bemidji there might be 50 plus kids out on a Sunday afternoon in groups of 10 or so learning basic but proper skills both classical and skating with knowledgeable ski leaders. And they go all winter that way.

Minnesota has the largest High School Nordic ski program in the nation. The junior high portion of that program targets 6th through 8th or 9th grade and the Varsity anywhere from 8th grade to 12th grade. Competitions are held weekly and practices most weeknights through the winter with the competition culminating with a section and a state meet in early February. **(continued on page 7)**

[Another thought:]

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SKI TIPS, WAXES AND THINGS

BY BILL MEYER

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No regional (multiple state) or national level competitions are held. Coaches are usually teachers with an interest in skiing or skiers from the community with some coaching or teaching background. Kids that are involved have interests ranging from enjoying a social experience to serious racing. Most high school programs emphasize the team aspect even though skiing is obviously an individual performance sport. The school districts usually put a lot of money into these programs paying for coaches, transportation, uniforms and race entries, however some very successful programs like Ely are financed by the ski community, not the school district; but still operate under the State High School League rules. Some homeschooled kids or charter schools participate in this program also.

The national and international programs are only for serious competitors. A number of training groups around the nation focus on these skiers with year around training programs and individualized plans, support and coaching at camps and events, and administratively making arrangements for travel and competitions. Some events are held within each region like MNCup Biathlon races and Junior Olympic Qualifiers (JOQ's), others are national in scope, held around the country in the snowbelt at top level venues, and most culminate in international events around the world. Europe is home to many of the best venues and athletes. Individual progress and success is emphasized, and sometimes your biggest competition for a spot on the US team is your training partner. USSA and USBA are the two Olympic governing bodies (OGB's) for Nordic sports in the US. Both provide high level competitions and support teams for US and international competition, along with providing coach's education and individual athlete training plans. Local or Statewide clubs represent the OGB's at the local level. Funding is a family responsibility with some club assistance until the athlete reaches the senior age class where it then rests on success in the sport. Generally kids start participating in USSA or USBA programs at about age 13 or 14.

Coaches are knowledgeable and have been through training programs put on by the OGB's. Even at the club level, they often have had experience coaching at National and International events. National level US Junior, Development and National teams are focused on training during the offseason and headed up by coaches with a lot of international experience. Athletes compete during the year for placement on these team, so they generally have the top national athletes.

The Junior Olympics being held in Mpls this week is a USSA program, nationals for juniors. To qualify each Region has JOQ races and picks the best for that region. The college recruiters across the country watch the JO results for top talent recruitment. There is also US Nationals which are primarily for seniors (age 20 up) looking for national honor, but also are attended by juniors seeking a berth on the US international teams fielded by USSA. .

Incidentally, JO's are wrapping up and in the overall standings—it looks like the Midwest with 618 pts for all the individual events, is a pretty distant 3rd this year, behind as typical, Northeast and Alaska with 1291 and 883 points respectively. We like to think of ourselves as the hotbed of skiing, but t'aint really so! Maybe in numbers, but not in ability. Been that way for a long time. However, one Midwest skier, Jesse Diggins, was outstanding with first places in all her races this year. Outstanding. She was also the State Champ last year in high school. And has done pretty well in international competition for a number of years skiing for the US in Worlds and other top level events.

Biathlon Nationals are put on by the USBA for Juniors, Seniors and Masters. These are annual events also, this year being held at Mt Itasca in MN. Team selection in biathlon for the US teams to Jr Worlds, IBU cups, World Cups and ultimately the Olympics are held separately in the fall on roller skis or early winter on skis. Youth and Junior Trials are normally right after Christmas in December.

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SKI TIPS, WAXES AND THINGS

BY BILL MEYER

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Leif Nordgren of Minnesota was the US top finisher in the World Champs in Siberia in Biathlon this year.

There is nothing wrong with the athletes in Minnesota or anywhere else. It is the culture creating the competitive desire; the support, and the programs that are available to those with that desire! The Anchorage area has maybe 200,000 population, and has 3 strong training programs that compete for athletes. All are full time ventures for the program leaders and employ numerous part time coaches, who in many cases are themselves international level athletes. And the programs each have large numbers of participants. Costly, but effective!

So currently in the Brainerd Lakes area we have a Brainerd High School (Jr High and Varsity) program, a Pequot Lakes introductory program, and a Nisswa Biathlon program which occasionally dabbles in USSA events. Obviously by the above criteria, there are some huge gaps. We need an introductory program in Brainerd, a Youth program both in Brainerd and Pequot Lakes or one combined together with weekend sessions, and a high school program in Pequot. An

expansion of the Nisswa Biathlon program seriously into USSA racing, plus an expansion of the offseason training program to include serious high school skiers would also be good.

Considering current coaching resources and facilities it is unlikely that NNW will undertake offseason training for skiers with only high school oriented goals. Yet to improve beyond what will be gained with maturity alone, a serious ski competitor needs to train year around. Not necessarily just roller skiing, but doing a variety of crosstraining for endurance including strength work, biking, running, maybe swimming, and certainly, learning to ski well by getting on roller skis frequently. And they need plans, good coaching and parental support as many don't drive or have cars available. And any serious competitor should be looking at USSA or USBA programs.

If you do the same thing year after year as an individual or a program, don't expect the results to change.

So many needs ... and if being in second place makes you work harder, being in 3rd or 4th here in the Midwest should really be ringing our bell!

CLUB LOGO

AVAILABLE FOR OUTWEAR

Mark and Becky Stadem are modeling the ski club logo on active outerwear garments. The multi-colored ski club logo can be custom embroidered on any garment for \$6.50. For more details, call or e-mail Roger Landers at rlanders@tds.net or call 218.839.4193.



Ski Club Members 2010-2011 Winter Ski Season

BNSC currently has 93 membership units including families, individuals & businesses.

Paid Memberships during January 2011

Sharon Bodie - individual
 John Bonde - individual
 Easy Rider - Business
 Robert Fier - individual, new
 Steve & Anne Fisher - family
 Linda, Dana & Alexa Hanson - family, new
 Jeff & Michelle Hilborn - family, new
 Terry Holm - individual
 Ted & Barb McColgan - family
 Allan Mortenson - individual, new
 Christopher & Maryann Nelson - family, new
 Karen Olsen - individual, new
 Tom & Sue Phelps - family
 Marri Renne - individual, new
 Mark & Becky Stadem - family
 Brian & Becky Twamley - family

Paid Memberships during February 2011:

Clay Alexson - individual
 Randall & Pam Bundy - family
 Tom Beaver - Individual
 Brekken Clothier - Business
 Josh Duda - individual
 Karl, Susan, Ty & Maren Hadrits - family
 Bob & Joan Hamann - family
 Stephen & Lynn Hanske; Angela, Joshua, Timothy & Kaorin - family
 Lowell Johnson & Colleen LeBlanc - family
 Pat & Emily Lanin
 Diane Meyer - individual
 Deb Roberts - individual

Brainerd Nordic Ski Club

Board Meeting Notes

February 7, 2011 at 6:30PM

Northland Arboretum

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-11

[P] Mark Stadem, Pres 2012	[P] Roger Landers, VP 2013	[P] Jack Olson, Sec 2013	[P] Jean Meyer, Treas 2012
[A] Clint Baker 2011	[P] Laura Beilke 2012	[P] Michelle Burris 2011	[P] Dan Cruser 2011
[P] Josh Duda 2012	[A] Ray Griffin 2013	[A] Karl Hadrits 2013	[P] Kathi Hefti 2013
[P] Bill Meyer 2012	[P] Kent Montgomery 2013	[P] Mary Claire Ryan 2011	[A] Chad Turcotte 2012
[P] Becky Twamley 2011	[A] Nadine Wittkopp 2011		

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

Jason Kitzman and Wade Miller were also present for part of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

___ Jack will start an annual To-do List with dates for club activities

___ Mark will continue discussions with SERTOMA and the Northland Arboretum on the holiday light display

___ Members should let Mark know if they can represent BNSC at the Community Health Fair or if there is someone who should be nominated for election to the Board.

___ Roger will order a replacement actuator for the tracksetter.

___ Roger will prepare a proposal to replace the old groomer and tracksetter.

___ Board members, volunteers, and participants can email compliments, concerns, or suggested improvements for the Lumberjack Jaunt to Josh.

NOTES AND MOTIONS

1) Grooming Clinic Report

Jason reported on the grooming clinic he attended at ABR in Ironwood, MI. It was a good opportunity to see the variety of vehicles used to tow grooming equipment – snowmobiles, ATVs with tracks, Pisten Bully. Also got to see various rollers, drags, and tracksetters. Our grooming operation compares favorably to other locations. We have the challenge of having to trailer our grooming equipment to three trail systems – most use the equipment at one location.

2) Wade Miller, DNR Parks & Trails

Wade Miller, the new supervisor for the DNR Parks & Trails office in Brainerd, was introduced to the Board. Wade confirmed that BNSC will be allocated an additional \$2,400 on our grooming grant this winter due to the long and snowy ski season and the increased sale of ski passes. Wade provided information and answered questions about the xc ski grant-in-aid program.

3) Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft notes from the January 3, 2011 BNSC Board Meeting were distributed to board members by email.

Moved by Laura, seconded by Jean, passed on voice vote: *To approve the notes of the January 2011 Board Meeting as submitted.*

4) Adoption of Revised Bylaws

The proposed bylaws were distributed and discussed at the November 2010 Board meeting. Minor changes recommended by the Board have been incorporated in the version distributed prior to the December 2010 Board meeting.

Moved by Bill, seconded by Josh, passed on voice vote: *To adopt the revised bylaws for the BNSC as distributed prior to the December 2010 Board meeting.*

The bylaws establish 3-year terms for Board members and require that roughly one-third of the Board members be elected each year. A lottery was held to establish year classes for Board members elected in April 2010. Members whose first term will expire in 2011 are Clint Baker, Michelle Burris, Dan Cruzer, Mary Claire Ryan, Becky Twamley, and Nadine Wittkopp. The class of 2012 includes Laura Bielke, Josh Duda, Bill Meyer, Jean Meyer, Mark Stadem, and Chad Turcotte. The class of 2013 includes Ray Griffin, Karl Hadrits, Kathi Hefti, Roger Landers, Kent Montgomery, and Jack Olson.

5) Treasurer's Report

Jean distributed a [Treasurer's Report](#) dated January 31, 2011. Jean pointed out that we have received: a partial payment of \$4,944.08 from our grooming grant; reimbursement for our advance payment on the equipment grants (the negative \$12,499.25) in line A1 under Capital Expenditures; and various dues/donations. Jean answered questions about various expenses in the report.

Moved by Roger, seconded by Kent, passed on voice vote: *To approve the January 2011 Treasurer's Report as submitted.*

6) President's Report

Mark sent his [President's Report](#) and the meeting agenda to Board members by email. Mark is looking for a volunteer to represent BNSC in the community health fair. There is a continuing need to work with SERTOMA and the Northland Arb on the holiday light display.

7) Membership Report

Wednesday Night Ski and Social – These evening events at the Arb will continue to be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 throughout February. Volunteer hosts have been signed up to serve hot beverages and provide information/membership materials for BNSC.

Moonlight Skiing – The January event at Larson Lake was cancelled due to the cold. The February 19 event will be at Pat and Emily Lanin's trail. More details will be sent to club members via the *Jotter* and email.

Membership – Kathi reported there are currently 77 paid membership units (individuals or families) compared to 61 last year. There are 28 new units – those who are not renewals. The membership list was circulated. Those who should get a renewal reminder were identified. Still need to find a way to make it easier to communicate with all members via email without disclosing member email addresses or subjecting members to Spam.

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of BNSC members and social event will be on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at Prairie Bay restaurant. The social hour starts at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. The cost will be \$15 per person. We will invite the groomers and the 5 athletes who received club sponsorship. Board members of the class of 2014 will be elected at the annual meeting.

BNSC Logo Embroidery – Roger has worked with Minnesota T's to resurrect the original BNSC logo. Members can have the logo embroidered on clothing items. The cost will be \$6.50 per item. There need to be 12 items in a batch. There will be a single bill for each batch of items that will be sent to the club. Take items directly to Minnesota T's. If there are 12 items there by this Wednesday they will be completed by Friday. Members will have to arrange to pay through BNSC treasurer, Jean Meyer. Contact Roger for more information.

8) Grooming & Trail Report

Roger emailed Board members a [report](#) of grooming activities to date. We are in the 11th week of grooming. The actuator on the tracksetter on the older groomer needs repair or replacement as it no longer provides the down-pressure needed to set the tracks. The estimated cost of a replacement is \$400. Roger was authorized to order a replacement.

Jason noted that our older Ginzu groomer (circa 2003) is in need of some repair. Roger suggested that we consider selling the old groomer and tracksetter and order another 5' groomer and tracksetter like the one we acquired with the equipment grant. He estimates that the cost of the new groomer, tracksetter,

and freight would be \$5,000. We should be able to get \$2,500 for the old groomer. Roger will prepare a proposal for discussion at the March Board meeting.

9) Lumberjack Jaunt

Josh reported on the 2011 Lumberjack Jaunt that was held yesterday. There were about 75 registered skiers in the races and about 10 in the kids jaunt. The weather and snow conditions were great and Josh has received several complimentary emails on the event. Josh will ask participants to email comments, concerns, and suggestions for improvements. Josh will compile and report to the Board.

Bill had some suggestions to improve coordination of the last normal grooming and the pre-race grooming of the course. Additional color coding and advance explanation of the bib numbering system would help on-course volunteers keep racers on the right course. The signs could also be updated and color coordinated. The time delay in getting results is an issue with participants. Board members or volunteers can email Josh with notes or suggestions to improve the event.

10)Upcoming Dates

Sunday, February 13, 2011 – *Jotter* article deadline

Saturday, February 19, 20011 – Moonlight ski at Lanin's

Monday, March 7, 2001 – Board meeting at Arb at 6:30 PM

Sunday, April 10, 2011 – BNSC Annual Meeting and Social at Prairie Bay

Jack Olson, Secretary

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