

# MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI ASSOCIATION

HELD IN THE WINDSOR HOTEL, MONTREAL, SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21, 1925.

**T**HERE were present the following accredited representatives of the affiliated Ski Clubs: *Ottawa Ski Club*, C. E. Mortureux, Allan Snowdon; *Montreal Ski Club*, A. C. Harlow, R. Whittall; *Sherbrooke Ski Club*, R. Marchand; *Quebec Ski Club*, not represented; *Cliffside Ski Club*, Arthur Bruce, Don Kirby; *Mount Royal Ski Club*, C. Provencher; *Renfrew Ski Club*, not represented; *Cobalt Ski Club*, not represented; *Toronto Ski Club*, not represented.

## VISITORS

A. Halverson, Nansen Ski Club; C. S. MacRae, Hawkesbury Ski Club; R. Chapman, Cornwall, Ont.; Messrs. Lockeberg, Elliot and Tolleson, who have acted as judges in several competitions; also a number of skiers who took in the proceedings without taking part in the discussions.

## PROCEDURE

The meeting was called to order by President H. P. Douglas, who took the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. T. J. Morin, Vice-President, recorded the Minutes of the meeting.

The Secretary read the notice of the President calling the meeting.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, which were approved as read.

The President outlined, in a brief way, the work carried on by the organization during the year. It was explained that, as the Ottawa Ski Club has been unable to arrange their jump, the annual tournament has been passed on to the Montreal Ski Club.

The Secretary read the Financial Report, which was approved, and now forms a part of these Minutes.

## SHERBROOKE SKI CLUB

As all the necessary conditions had been complied with, it was moved by Mr. A. C. Harlow, and seconded by Mr. C. E. Mortureux, that the application for membership be accepted, and the Sherbrooke Ski Club become a member of the Association.—*Carried.*

## FRONTENAC WINTER SPORTS CLUB

During the various discussions that took place, it was pointed out that the Director of the organization in question, Mr. E. Des Bailleurs, was evidently a paid employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and his connection with ski sports had all the earmarks of a commercial proposition. President Douglas read a letter, sent over his signature, to Mr. Des Bailleurs pointing out to him that, for reasons stated above, his application for membership in the Association could not be entertained. The views of the meeting were asked, and it was decided to give effect to the decision of President Douglas. The Frontenac Winter Sports Club is to be advised, therefore, that for the present at least, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association cannot see its way clear to accept the application for membership.

## AMATEUR STANDING

The status of Nels Nelsen was discussed, and the meeting expressed the opinion that it should receive further attention at the hands of the Association.

## AMENDMENTS

Attention was directed to Clause 4, Paragraph 3, of the Rules and Regulations, which prescribes that entries can only be accepted from Clubs affiliated with the Association. It was felt that this regulation should be modified by the following, which was moved by Mr. A. C. Harlow, and seconded by Mr. C. E. Mortureux:—

“Competitors entered at the Annual Tournament by Canadian Ski Clubs not yet affiliated with the Association may be accepted at the discretion of the Association.”—*Carried.*

## AFFILIATION

The President made reference to correspondence from Dr. Lamb and Mr. Finlay, in which the Canadian Amateur Ski Association was urged to become affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. During the discussion, it was pointed out that most of the outstanding amateur associations were affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, the machinery of which could be utilized to great advantage in connection with Olympic games and to verify the standing of ski-ers whose amateur standing might be in doubt. It was finally decided that the matter would be left for the consideration of the incoming executive.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

The President then referred to the application for membership submitted by the Hawkesbury Ski Club. Mr. C. S. MacRae, who represented that organization, informed the meeting that they were a regularly constituted Ski Club, with President, Secretary and other officials, had a membership of over seventy, and while the Club had not yet gone in for ski-jumping, they had already started to develop the social side of ski-ing by holding evening hikes, etc. Mr. MacRae promised to send to the Association a list of their officers and copy of their Constitution. It was moved by Don Kirby and seconded by R. Whittall that the Hawkesbury Ski Club be accepted as a member of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.—*Carried.*

## CANADIAN SKI ANNUAL

Although the Association made a very good start, it was felt that the scope of this publication should be enlarged further, so as to contain as much information as possible about all technical matters relating to ski-ing, ski trips, etc. In other words, the CANADIAN SKI ANNUAL should ultimately develop into a reliable text-book for ski-ers, as some of the well-known books published in Norway and other countries.

## ALL-AROUND SKI CHAMPION

The meeting took the view that this should not be shelved any longer. President Harlow, of the Montreal Ski Club, suggested that the initial start should be made by the Ski Clubs themselves by having an all-around championship contest. Mr. R. Whittall made the suggestion that the Canadian Amateur Ski Association might further foster the movement by giving a special prize for the ski-er obtaining the highest combined total for jumping and running. The suggestion of Mr. Whittall is to receive the careful consideration of the incoming executive, and the Clubs that were represented at the meeting promised to do everything within their power to get the movement started within their own circle.

## SKI JUMPING RULES

Considerable time was taken up in discussing this subject. It seems that the new regulations adopted by the Association had been tried this winter in various competitions in the United States and resulted in considerable dissatisfaction amongst the ski jumpers. Reference was made to one competition where a man sustained two falls and yet won the competition. President

Harlow, of the Montreal Ski Club, pointed out that if the judges had awarded the penalty of 60% as prescribed in the regulations, it would have been utterly impossible for a ski-er sustaining one or two falls to get first place. The views of Messrs. Tollefsen, Lockeberg and Elliot, who have acted as judges for a good number of years, were ascertained, and it was decided that in view of the uncertainty which evidently existed, that the judging for to-day's tournament would be under the old Norwegian rules. It was further decided that the question of rules for ski jumping be subject to further study.

#### APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

At this point, Mr. Horsdale, whose name had been submitted by the Cliffside Ski Club, requested that it be withdrawn, as he was desirous of getting a better insight into ski jumping conditions in Canada. This was agreed to, and the following judges were elected to act for the day's competition:— S. Lockeberg, Ottawa Ski Club; C. Tollefsen, Montreal Ski Club; H. Elliot, Montreal Ski Club.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

President Harlow, of the Montreal Ski Club, expressed his regret that no provision had been made for the ladies to attend the stag dinner at the Mount Royal Hotel for competitors and officials. Arrangements, however, had been made whereby the visiting ladies would be the guests of the ladies of the Montreal Ski Club in their Club House immediately after the competition, and until the dinner was over, when officials, visitors, and all others who cared to, would return to the Club House, where a dance orchestra would be in attendance.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

Most of the members expressed the opinion that in view of the short time available at the Annual Meeting, this was neither the place nor the time to discuss matters of policy or other points which called for a lot of data and expert advice. It was suggested by President Harlow, of the Montreal Ski Club, that a Technical Board should be appointed by the Association to report on such matters before the Annual Meeting. The services of the Board would be utilized also to investigate disputes and pass upon such other matters which could not be discussed in detail at the meeting of the Association. President H. P. Douglas was under the impression that it would not be advisable to appoint such a Committee or Board at present, but suggested that Mr. Harlow develop fully his idea of the Technical Board, and later on, about October 1, the Association could meet at some central point, such as Ottawa, to discuss the matter fully and take such steps as the circumstances would warrant. President Harlow was under the impression, however, that some initial move should be made towards forming the nucleus of the Technical Board, and on his motion, which was seconded by C. A. Snowdon, of the Ottawa Ski Club, the three judges appointed for the tournament, Messrs. Lockeberg, Tollefsen and Elliott, were elected members of the Technical Board. Later on, further appointments would be made as circumstances dictated. Meanwhile, President Harlow will work out the idea which he expressed at the meeting, so that it may be passed on for the consideration of the various Clubs.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. P. Douglas pointed out that he had occupied the Presidency ever since the organization came into being, and felt that the honour should be carried by someone else. On vacating the chair, he suggested that Mr. Mortureux, of the Ottawa Ski Club, be prevailed upon to accept the position. Mr. Mortureux, however, declined the honour, as he felt that it was better for the Association that the President should not be the active head of any Ski-ing Club. Moreover, as Mr. Douglas had carried on in such an efficient manner, he felt that Mr. Douglas should be urged upon by all those present to retain his position. Mr. Douglas thanked the meeting for their kind wishes

and accepted the chair for another term. Mr. T. J. Morin expressed the opinion that, while it was inadvisable at present to make a change in the Presidency, there was no valid reason why he should retain the position of Vice-President. He suggested that Mr. C. A. Snowdon, of Ottawa, be asked to accept this title. Mr. Snowdon, however, declined the honour. It was then moved by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. A. Bruce that Mr. W. F. C. Devlin be elected as Vice-President of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.—*Carried.*

AWARDING OF TOURNAMENT

The President of the Association pointed out that the Ottawa Ski Club was the logical choice to hold this event, and if they produce satisfactory evidence that a suitable jump will be available next year in Ottawa, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association Tournament should be held under their auspices.—*Carried.*

As there was no further business to be transacted, it was moved by Mr. C. E. Mortureux and seconded by Mr. Harlow that the meeting be adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT AT DECEMBER 30, 1924

RECEIPTS

Balance received from G. A. Wendt, Treasurer	- - -	\$ 5.22
Annual Dues—Cliffside Ski Club	- - -	\$15.00
“ Montreal Ski Club	- - -	15.00
“ Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	15.00
“ Mount Royal Ski Club	- - -	15.00
“ Quebec Ski Club	- - -	15.00
“ Renfrew Ski Club	- - -	15.00
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Entrance Fees from Competitors	- - -	53.00
Cliffside Ski Club, 10% Tournament Receipts	- - -	113.00
Bank Interest	- - -	.80
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		\$262.02

EXPENDITURES

Henry Birks—Prizes and Engraving	- - -	\$ 76.70
“ Engraving	- - -	3.75
Secretary of State, Summary Fees, 1922-23-24	- - -	6.00
Judges' Expenses (Elliot and Tollefsen)	- - -	38.00
Electros of Trophies	- - -	5.30
Postage and Stationery	- - -	1.12
Exchange on Cheques	- - -	.30
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		\$131.17

RECEIPTS	- - -	\$262.02
EXPENDITURES	- - -	131.17
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BALANCE	- - -	\$130.85

A. J. H. BRUCE,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*