

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI ASSOCIATION

HELD IN THE CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL, OTTAWA, SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 1926

PRESENT: Mr. H. P. Douglas, President, in the chair; Mr. R. M. Stewart, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and the following duly accredited representatives: *Ottawa Ski Club*, Mr. C. E. Mortureux, Mr. C. A. Snowdon; *Montreal Ski Club*, Mr. A. C. Harlow, Mr. C. Moore, Mr. E. St. Pierre; *Cliffside Ski Club*, Mr. D. Kirby, Mr. A. J. Bruce, Mr. Fred Graham; *Mount Royal Ski Club*, Mr. Lawrence Sessenwein; *Toronto Ski Club*, Mr. Kenneth Fosberry; *Hawkesbury Ski Club*, Mr. C. S. MacRae, Mr. T. W. Toovey; *Sherbrooke Ski Club*, not represented; *Quebec Ski Club*, not represented; *Renfrew Ski Club*, not represented; *Cobalt Ski Club*, not represented; *Technical Ski Board*, Mr. Chr. Tollefsen, Mr. S. Lockeberg, Mr. H. A. Elliott. A number of interested skiers were also present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The President called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to the representatives.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer presented the financial report of the Association as at December 31, 1925, which was adopted, and is incorporated in the records as an appendix to these Minutes.

FRONTENAC WINTER SPORTS CLUB

The eligibility for membership of the Frontenac Winter Sports Club was given consideration. It was decided that the organization could not be regarded as a *bona fide* amateur ski club, and is, therefore, ineligible to become a member of the Association.

AMATEUR STANDING OF COMPETITORS

The President reported that he had written, on February 8, 1926, to the Quebec Ski Club, transmitting a complaint that Mr. Ivan Nelsen had violated the rules of amateur qualification and declaring him suspended until his qualifications be established to the satisfaction of the Association. The Quebec Ski Club did not reply. It was, therefore, declared that the said Ivan Nelsen is ineligible to enter any competition until his amateur qualification be re-established in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws.

The standing of Mr. Nels Nelson was discussed; no action was taken.

AFFILIATION WITH THE CANADIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

The advisability of affiliation with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union was given consideration. After discussion, the meeting decided that it would not be of practical advantage; but upon it being pointed out that under the present rules a competitor declared a professional by the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union might, nevertheless, enter a ski competition as an amateur, resulting in the possible disqualification by the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union of amateur skiers competing against him, it was resolved that the By-Laws be amended to provide as an additional amateur qualification that: "An amateur skier must qualify as an amateur under the rules of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union."

ALL-ROUND SKI CHAMPIONSHIP

The President stated that, in his opinion, definite arrangements should be made to establish an All-round Ski Championship as a feature of this 1926 Annual Tournament. After discussion, it was decided that as notice of intention to award the All-round Championship had not been given to competitors, some of the jumpers would be under the handicap of not having trained for racing, while other competitors might have neglected jumping and concentrated all their energy on racing.

It was decided that commencing with the Dominion Tournament in 1927, and annually thereafter, the skiers obtaining the highest combined totals for jumping and racing shall be awarded: *The Winner*,—C.A.S.C., Gold Medal and Diploma; *Second Place*,—C.A.S.A., Silver Medal and Diploma; *Third Place*, C.A.S.A., Bronze Medal and Diploma; and that a special prize shall be awarded to the member of the Canadian Ski Club who obtains the highest combined total of points for jumping and racing.

The President reported that a Perpetual Challenge Cup would be offered to the Association to be presented to the All-round Ski Champion.

Mr. Mortureux said that the Ottawa Ski Club would present a special prize to the competitor obtaining the highest total of combined points in the 1926 competitions.

AFFILIATIONS

The President read a letter from Mr. J. S. Edstrom, Vesteras, Sweden, Secretary of the Federation Internationale de Ski, inviting the affiliation of the C.A.S.A. with the F.I.S. The meeting expressed its appreciation of Mr. Edstrom's invitation, decided to affiliate with the Federation Internationale de Ski, and elected that body to affiliation with the C.A.S.A.

It was further decided that the C.A.S.A. affiliate with the National Ski Association of the U.S.A. and the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association.

The President submitted a letter from Mr. Alex. Keiller, Secretary of the Ski Club of Great Britain, intimating that the Ski Club of Great Britain would be happy to affiliate with the C.A.S.A. The meeting, by resolution, elected the Ski Club of Great Britain an Honorary Member of the C.A.S.A.

The Secretary was instructed to so notify all the affiliated organizations.

TECHNICAL SKI BOARD

The report of the Technical Ski Board was read by the President. The report was adopted.

The rules prepared by the Technical Ski Board for the government of tournaments were approved and adopted.

The thanks of the Association was, by resolution, expressed to Messrs. Tollefsen, Lockeberg and Elliott, for their excellent work on the Technical Board and for their services to the Association generally.

ELECTION OF TECHNICAL SKI BOARD FOR 1927

On motion the following were re-elected: *Chairman*, Chr. Tollefsen; *Members*, Sigurd Lockeberg, H. A. Elliot.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

Messrs. Tollefsen, Lockeberg and Elliot were appointed judges for the 1926 Tournament. At their request, Messrs. Bruce and Horsdale, of the Cliffside Ski Club, were requested to work with them as "Judges-in-Training." The opinion prevailed that it would be desirable at all tournaments to bring forward, for training, new men of good judgment and a special aptitude for appraisal.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership received from the Club de Ski Loyola, Inc., of Quebec, was submitted to the meeting. The President of the Club is Major Jean-Edmond Hudon, and the Secretary, Mr. J. M. Le-Bel. It was reported that the Club is well organized; has a fairly large membership and its Constitution and By-Laws, which were found satisfactory.

The application was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to notify the Club accordingly.

The President submitted a letter he had received from Mr. T. Iversen, President of the St. Maurice Ski Club of Three Rivers, Quebec. It was reported that the Club had built a ski-jump and a Club House and had made good progress since its organization. On motion, it was decided to accept the application of the St. Maurice Ski Club. The Secretary was instructed to write, asking for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of that Club.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

The President reported that he had received a letter from Georges Labelle, President of the Cobalt Ski Club, tendering the resignation of that body from membership in the Association. Regret was expressed that the Cobalt Club could not carry on. The resignation was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Labelle accordingly, as well as to express the hope that the Club may be able in the near future to resume its membership.

THE CANADIAN SKI ANNUAL

The meeting complimented Mr. Douglas upon the development of THE SKI ANNUAL, the success of which is entirely due to his editorial ability, supported by his splendid enthusiasm for the development of ski-ing. It was felt that the policy of devoting most of the space to subjects of universal interest to skiers had increased and would further increase the popularity of the publication.

Mr. Douglas read a letter from the publishers asking the Clubs to cooperate in the distribution of THE ANNUAL.

The meeting resolved: That all Clubs in the Association be requested to form local committees to arrange for the sale and distribution of THE CANADIAN SKI ANNUAL, to secure advertising matter and generally to support the publication.

MR. LEONARD LEHAN

It was reported that Mr. Leonard Lehan, a member of the Montreal Ski Club, had been sent to Europe by his Club to compete in various European ski tournaments.

The meeting went on record as expressing its commendation of the action of the Montreal Ski Club. It further decided that a cablegram be sent immediately, conveying the congratulations of the Association to Mr. Lehan on his fine achievements and expressing their best wishes for his further success.

The President reported that he had appointed Mr. Lehan officially to represent the C.A.S.A. in Europe. The meeting expressed its approval of his action.

DIPLOMAS TO PRIZE WINNERS

It was deemed advisable that in addition to the prizes now awarded under Section 6, of the Rules and Regulations, a special diploma should be issued to the winner of the gold, silver and bronze medals of the Association.

Therefore, it was resolved that Section 6 of the Rules be amended by the addition—after the words, "consent of the Directors," which appear in the last line thereof—of the following: "Each contestant to whom a medal is awarded shall be issued with a special diploma of the Association, signed by the President and Secretary, upon which shall be recorded his name, the particulars of the competition and of his standing therein."

NOVICES

Mr. Sessenwein suggested the advisability of a special competition or the establishment of a special class for juniors or novices at the Dominion Tournament. The meeting felt that it would be impossible to admit novices to the hill on the occasion of a Dominion Tournament: that a competition of such importance should be open only to well qualified competitors. It is the general opinion that the training and development of juniors is properly the function of local Clubs.

OLYMPIC GAMES

A proposal was made that the Association should arrange to send a representative to the Olympic Games to be held in Europe in 1928. It was the consensus of opinion that the suggestion should receive serious consideration, but that a final decision could not be made before the next annual meeting.

LENGTH OF COURSES FOR SKI RACING

Mr. Kirby, Cliffside Ski Club, suggested that a maximum distance be fixed for ski racing competitions. It was thought that racing should not be allowed to develop into "marathon" competitions. After discussion, it was decided that the Technical Ski Board had authority to control the length of races and that the matter should be left to their discretion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Douglas vacated the chair and nominations were called for. On motion of Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Mortureux, and with the unanimous support of the meeting, Mr. Douglas was re-elected President of the Association for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. F. C. Devlin, Cliffside Ski Club, was re-elected Vice-President.

AWARD OF THE 1927 TOURNAMENT

An application was received from the Cliffside Ski Club asking that the 1927 Dominion Tournament be awarded to them. In the discussion which ensued it was pointed out that it had been the practice to award the Tournament alternately to Ottawa and Montreal, and that while the Montreal Ski Club had not filed a formal application for the 1927 meeting, it had been expected as a matter of course that the Tournament would be awarded to them. On motion of Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Sessenwein, it was decided that the 1927 Tournament be awarded to the Montreal Ski Club.

No further business remaining, the meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m.