DRXC Annual General Meeting Minutes

2025/26 Season

April 26, 2026

Balmer's Bay Chalet, 3:00pm

In attendance:

Executive members: Diane Davis; Martin Koslowsky; Dave Rhodes; Lindsay Dooh; Ann Matthews
Sub Committee members: Stuart Craig; Doug Killey; Bruce Heinmiller; Tom Holden; Bruce Smith; Phil Davis ; Yvette Plaice
Others: Mark Gaudet; Robert Caldwell; Lauren Quist; Nick Cox; James Buckley
Apologies**:** Marc Audet; Bob Donders

- ## Approval of Agenda

Agenda accepted, approved and seconded.

- ## Approval of the minutes from the 2025 AGM

Minutes accepted, approved and seconded.

- ## Business arising from the 2025 AGM

No additional business arising.

- ## President's Report - Diane Davis

The 2025-2026 cross-country ski season has been a great success for DRXC, thanks to the fantastic snow conditions and the dedication of our volunteers. From pre-season trail prep and clearing fallen trees to grooming with our new snowmobiles, their hard work kept the tracks in peak condition. Our volunteers did it all: they upgraded the chalet interior, kept the fire roaring, improved trail signage, managed ski rentals, and even helped build a bridge. Our Jackrabbit, Junior Racing, and Adult lesson programs are also all volunteer run, and the club is grateful for their time and commitment. A huge shout-out to everyone who pitched in to make this season possible!

Thanks to a $10,000 grant from the Deep River and District Community Foundation, the Pont du Pothier Bridge replacement is moving forward. Following the successful completion of the Bishop's Bridge, we are now addressing three other aging structures on the main trail. The Pont du Pothier Bridge is currently being pre-assembled indoors for future installation.

Some events this season included moonlight skis, an open house, and a waxing clinic. We also hosted a para-nordic skiing demonstration, a high school race, and our annual year-end races for both the Junior and Jackrabbit programs.

Once again we offered instructional programs for all ages, including Jackrabbits, the Junior Racing Program (formerly Track Attack), and adult ski lessons. Additionally, the high school cross-country ski team used the Silver Spoon trails as their primary training ground.

Backcountry skiing was good this year on both the Bass Lake and Forestry trails, with several skiers enjoying overnight stays at the Bass Lake hut.

If you need assistance on the trails, please note that first aid supplies are located in the cabin, at the Bass Lake hut, and in barrels at the bottom of the "M" trail. We are also enhancing our trail signage to improve navigation and safety. Additionally, the DRXC adheres to Nordiq Canada's Safe Sport standards to ensure a respectful and secure environment for all.

- **Vice President Report - Lindsay Dooh**

Website, Newsletters and Merchandise

Website

- From Nov 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 we got 1,698 unique visitors, 6,751 page views
- Average time on the site was 2 min, 4 seconds.
- Pages that users are visiting:
    - 38% Homepage
    - 18% Maps
    - 8.5% Upcoming Events
    - 8.2% Registration
    - 3.4% Ski Rentals
    - 3.1% Facilities
    - 2.7% Shop
    - 1.8% Guidelines
- Of note, visitors are not going to the grooming page as was the case on the old website (number one viewed page). As this information is now on the homepage.
- People are typically either heading directly to DRXC.ca or finding the page via Google.
- I have set up Ann, Diane and Marc as Admin for the DRXC.ca website. Everyone is getting comfortable with using the new site.
- Grooming Reports. There is currently a discrepancy between Facebook updates and website reports. I will work with the grooming team to ensure all grooming reports go up on the website.

Other points raised:

- Martin noted that he appreciates having the blackboard on the outside of the chalet, with daily information about groomed ski trails etc.
- Lindsay noted that a Square account has been set up for donations and it seems that it is being used, which is promising.

Newsletters

- We sent out 5 Newsletters this season. – higher than usual, this season.
- After the first Newsletter, we had an initial dip from 203 to 195 subscribers.

- From that point, our subscriber list steadily grew from 195 to 290. (We now have 288, a 32% growth in subscribers from the low).
- Our most popular newsletter was the November 2025 Newsletter, with 81% open rate.
    - DRXC Website Announcement, Sept 2025, 60% Opened
    - Bass Lake Volunteer Drive, Oct 2025, 63% Opened
    - November 2025 Newsletter, Nov 2025, 81% Opened
    - December 2025 Newsletter, Dec 2025, 74% Opened
    - April 2026 Newsletter, April 2026, 73% Opened
- Subscribers. I consolidated the subscriber list from Martin, and the list I had within the Newsletter application, into one master subscriber list. This can be found in the "Contacts" of our info@drxc.ca email account. This is perfect for quick updates. Just give me a heads-up before you hit send so I can make sure the latest new subscribers have been added to the master email list. There is the ability to unsubscribe from the newsletter.

- Martin noted that a new email list will be available in the next few weeks.

Merchandise

The merchandise page was launched this year featuring custom sweatshirts with the DRXC logo designed with Game7 of Deep River.

Despite the effort, we made no sales this year.

- Product Fit. Are we offering items that the membership actually want?
- Alternative Models. Should we pivot to a similar model to Mount Martin? I have discussed coordinating with Cory Nolette, who does it for Mount Martin.
- Sustainability. Is there enough interest to continue this project, or should we sunset the merchandise shop?
- A suggestion of introducing hats or buffs initially, and perhaps there could be an option to purchase upon registration. Another suggestion was to display swag items for sale in the chalet. Aubrey Fletcher noted that MCS uses a company called Entropy for manufacturing. This was suggested as an alternative to Game7.

Action items:

1. *Executive to discuss the possibility of having a payment option for ski rental placed on the website. This was raised as a question and it may be helpful during the busy ski rental weekend. Another option would be to do this through Zone 4. Executive to discuss.*
2. *Stuart Craig noted that the directionality for the "h" loop is incorrectly stated on the website. It is done counter clockwise, not clockwise. Lindsay to make this adjustment to the website.*
3. *Executive to discuss adding the "option to purchase swag" upon registration*

- **Financial Report – David Rhodes**

Please see Addendum A for the full report and financial table.

The financial health of the club is excellent. Membership income recovered well from the lower values of the previous two seasons. Jackrabbits combined with the Junior Ski Team program also recovered to those levels seen pre-COVID. The equipment rental program had the highest-ever income this year. Financial investments have also done well. Two new snowmobiles were purchased last year, and these are working well. The club will continue making substantial investments in new bridges. The club received $10,000 from the Community Foundation as a contribution towards the new Pont du Pothier.

Other items raised:

- A query about insurance was made. The chalet is insured for about $90 000 - this would be the replacement cost.
- Bass Lake Cabin is not insured
- A donation of $200 was made via Square, which indicates that the QR code is working.

Action Items:

1. *Executive to discuss Bass Lake cabin insurance.*

- **Membership Report – Martin Koslowsky**

We had good registration this past year, and membership increased. Before Covid, membership hovered at around 270 members. During 2020/2021 numbers increased to over 400, and since then numbers have dropped off. Last year they increased again to 297, and this past year we have had 341 registered members.
We are hoping that this upward trajectory continues.

Other issues arising:

- Ruth Eliffe requested information about people who had volunteered for trail maintenance and trail improvement. Martin noted that he will get lists together over the next few weeks and will circulate with both Ruth and Stuart. It would be preferable that some of this work could be accomplished before bug season.

Action Item:

1. *Martin to circulate a list of volunteers for trail maintenance and trail improvement to Stuart and Ruth*

- **Bridge report - Dave Rhodes and Stuart Craig**

Currently work is continuing on Pont du Pothier, offsite. The subframe for Pont du Pothier is complete. The trail has been re-routed to cross the creek slightly upstream of the current bridge, and we are working on the support structures at either end of the bridge, which will be anchored

to exposed bedrock. The objective is to install the supports this summer and complete the bridge installation by Fall.

There is some repair work required to the Silver Spoon bridges, namely Ormrod Bridge, Hollo Bridge; Pothier; Downstream Ladder and possibly Upstream Ladder. BBB on P and Bishop Bridge appear to be intact and solid.

Other issues arising:

- A query was raised about what will be happening to the old bridge. This will be completely removed.
- Ruth noted that the trails around Bishops Bridge were cleared in the Fall last year.

Subcommittee Reports

a. Trail maintenance – Stuart Craig

SS Trails
Autumn trail preparations went smoothly. A few trees came down early in the season that were cleared by the Trail Maintenance volunteers. Later in the season a half-dozen or so chainsaw-worthy trees fell. These highlighted a need for better coordination/response time to clear these. It "fell" to the groomers to clear most of these.

Equipment
The only equipment glitch being the failure of a drive belt and idler wheel on the "wheeled weed whacker" (Ariens ST622). Temporary repairs were made using materials available locally. The correct replacement parts were purchased on-line and await installation once the temporary parts fail. Joan Doubt donated George's chainsaws to the club. The one saw most appropriate for trail use had a major oil leak which was repaired. Knowing that Bruce Smith's saw has a fuel leak, I arbitrarily assigned Bruce to be the custodian of the donated chainsaw.

Other Trails
Bruce will report on the Bass Lake(s) trails. Last year was unusual for us at the Petawawa Research Forest in that the DRXC wasn't involved in the annual trail clearing there. In part this was due to scheduling (hunting, weather, other trail jobs); however, I believe the addition of a few Friends of the PRF volunteers made the DRXC volunteers somewhat redundant.
Based on observations skiing the "back country" trails, emphasis should be placed on brushing during the 2026 autumn preparations.

b. Trail Improvement – Ruth Eliffe

Trails and ground around Omrod Bridge will be first on the list for Spring improvement. Ruth will work with Stuart to connect with volunteers to organise a work party.
An email will need to be sent out to volunteers either via DRXC or a newsletter requesting volunteers.

c. Grooming - Marc Audet

We had a successful winter grooming with our new snowmobiles. We did encounter a minor issue with both sleds but the fix (simply a new radiator cap) was covered by the warranty. The new sleds are an improvement over the older ones in many ways. We appreciate the support of DRXC for undertaking this costly upgrade. Our grooming implements and the storage sheds continue to age, but those things are fine, other than needing a fabric/tarp for the tent shed that stores the implements. All grooming gear has been put into safe storage.

We have flagged a small number of small balsams on M and X loops that we would like to have removed to reduce the canopy and therefore improve snow deposition in a few key locations. Several trees are also flagged at the turn onto the new bridge route on X loop.

Thanks to groomers Aaron Priebe, Bob Donders, Roman Pruszkowski, David Sears, Mark Seguin, Ailsa Eyvindson, Aubrey Fletcher, Brad Aranyosi.

d. DRXC Chalet – Doug Killey

Operations:
We again had a full 14-person roster of volunteers to open and close the chalet, and things went smoothly, with only a few reported issues with locking up after the school ski team's practices.
Once again, thanks to Stuart Craig, Helena Rummens, and Bruce Heinmiller for their work cutting, moving, splitting, and stacking another season's firewood. This past winter we went through a bin and a bit, so we'll need a sizable firewood campaign this spring. Also, thanks to Doug Champ for mowing the clearing around the chalet last fall.

Maintenance:
Most of the wood stove's firebrick was replaced late last fall. Bob Donders almost got a concrete-filled boot to the head when he opened up one morning and the door counterweight fell off. The ropes and pulleys on both doors have been replaced. There were no other notable maintenance issues over the season. Dave Rhodes received a large DRXC hydro bill in the fall, but this proved to be Hydro One's highly unrealistic estimate of our power use – the meter on the chalet doesn't connect to the Hydro One network very often.

Remarks:
A big thank you to the volunteers who open, heat, and close the chalet on a daily basis during the ski season and keep the building swept, tidy, and welcoming.

e. Bass Lake Cabin - Bruce Smith

See Addendum B for full report and financials

Other issues raised:

- Dave noted that if the cabin were to be insured, it should come out of the club budget, and not expenses of the Bass Lake Cabin budget.
- Karen noted that the snow shoe trail is being increasingly used as well.

- The cabin is not used as much as it could be, as not many people know about it. This should be advertised a little more – perhaps a dedicated newsletter could be done annually or at the annual open house – cleanup day.
- Another suggestion was a day trip out to the cabin. This would have to be done last minute as it would be weather dependent. The options could be either to ski in or snow shoe, and would be dependent on competency, as it is a harder trail to ski.

f. Jackrabbits – Melanie Grant

Jackrabbits had another successful season with a similar number of registrants as last year, around 32 kids. We continue to have coaching shortages, in fact we had to limit some late season interest in order to keep the group size manageable. We had to replace one of the coolers this season as it broke but otherwise we did not spend much. The Club Championships were held again, it was an awesome day, the kids enjoyed it. I also want to thank those who volunteered to coach when we short, or who helped out with race day. Looking forward to next year!

James Buckley noted that it was another good season with good membership of all ages. There continues to be a struggle to find coaches. There are 3 core coaches and the team has been able to draw on extra parents to help. Diane and Karin were also available to help, however there is a definite need for coaches.

g. Junior racing - Elizabeth Priebe

The Jr Ski team grew to 11 athletes this past year. Last summer, we roller skied once a week, and met for a long ski walk/run every second weekend. In the fall, athletes walked from school to Hill Park for dryland training once a week. When the snow came, we trained twice a week together. Our athletes competed in an NOD race in North Bay over Xmas break, the Opeongo Loppet, the Corkstown Classic in Kanata, the Coureur de Bois skate race at PAXC, the Mackenzie Invitational and the Ontario Youth Championships in Sudbury. At the Ontario Youth Championships we had 3 athletes win medals, and all athletes competed strongly and showed significant improvement. Our corkboard in the chalet highlights our strong team connections and fun. Our new season will begin as soon as the streets are swept and the trails are dry.

We have applied for a grant for racing suits that would be club owned and passed on from athlete to athlete. However the likelihood of winning the grant is low. We are the only club in Ontario without suits and our athletes and team would benefit from the sense of seriousness and belonging race suits would bring, in addition to performance.

As a team, we appreciate the support we receive from the DRXC club. Thank you for your ongoing interest in youth athlete development!

h. Adult Lessons - Tom Holden

The snow conditions for all the lessons were excellent and the groomers produced wonderful tracks for which we were very grateful. Twenty nine people signed up for beginner classical lessons though not all attended both sessions. Four people attended the intermediate lesson which was taught by Ewan Craig. This year the club offered skate-ski lessons formally for the first time taught by Fabrice Guerout and there were only two attendees. I think that it will be necessary to advertize ski-skating lessons more widely in future. There were many favourable comments on the lessons.

"I thought the lessons were great, I knew nothing at the start and got a lot from them – no notes!"

"The classes were excellent. They were a good length and pitched well for our ability as a group. A lot of skills were covered, up-hill, down-hill, corners and technique for gliding."

"My wife and I are both newcomers to XC Ski and the lessons were great! Our instructor really knows what he is doing and got us going well. They were much appreciated and a great thing for the club to offer."

"The lesson I had was wonderful. I truly appreciated your patience, as I struggled with my ski issue. It is very refreshing to see a supportive and instructive teacher guide the new skiers to do the best they can." "Excellent. That's all I can say."

"I think everything was covered - poling, gliding, uphill, stopping etc. My skate lessons were fantastic, they were very thorough, I learned a ton and I might even do them again next year. They were so helpful."

"Our intermediate instructor was great and I went away with some new things to practice. He also corrected my pole height (I have adjustable poles) and suggested I make the straps tighter, both of which have helped."

"I always enjoy the lessons and take away a lot each year. I really appreciated the tailored feedback, and the videotaping along with showing us video's how the pros ski and seeing the comparison."

Five people attended the waxing clinic for beginners at the start of the season. Quite a few beginners rented DRXC equipment.

Finally, I would like to thank all the enthusiastic instructors, Ewan Craig, Nick Cox, Audrey Hagberg, Rob DeAbreu, Diane Davis, Evan Taggart and Fabrice Guerout. The groomers did a wonderful job and gave their time generously.

Other issues raised:

- Ski skating lessons should be advertise widely and emphasised next year.
- Diane suggested that this be taught on classic skis for the adults who pick up skiing quickly? However it was felt that one would need longer ski poles, shorter skis and preferably not waxless or skins.

i. High School racing – Aubrey Fletcher

The High School racers enjoyed another good season. Many thanks to the grooming team, once again.
We had 15-20 skiers, and sent 11 to Provincials (OFSAA). Congratulations to Isla Kittmer who took second place in her division.
We also enjoyed a successful MCS invitational, which was well attended and supported, with 60-70 skiers. Thank you to the help of the many volunteers.

j. Chalet report by Yvette

- Chalkboard was successful. Need a little basket for chalk
- Next project would be lettering for the chalet on the outside – metal letters (Steven Levinson)
- Light bulbs to be added to the chalet for warmer ambience to replace current lighting
- Option to have one evening a week to be open a bit later, perhaps til 8: 30pm. Aubrey noted that on race training days, the chalet stays open a bit later anyway. Could this be advertised that it would be open once a week it is open a bit later? It would be nice if part of the trails are lit up at night (k loop), (Pembroke trails are partly lit). This has been discussed and could be considered.
- Suggestion to add some old black and white photographs to depict the history of the DRXC – perhaps the construction of the chalet, the first bridge
- Some coat pegs to be added. Under the one front window – Yvette will ask Steve to build another row of coat hooks. Also a Waxing form/ table to be added. This could be made up.

Action item

1. *To add the later opening on one night per week advertise this on the website. Perhaps Wednesday nights. Lindsay to add to the website.*

k. Rental report - Diane Davis

117 groups of people rented skis this year
We still need to get some skis back.
Diane requires help and assistance with this portfolio in future.

● Four Season Report - Bruce Heinmiller

The 4 Seasons' Conservancy assisted the DRXC in applying for the grant we received from the Community Foundation.

The deal for the land is still in process. No further information to date.

Diane Davis wrote a letter to Bruce Heinmiller stating that should the property be taken over by the Nature Conservancy, the DRXC is still willing to maintaining the Balmers; Bay Chalet

- **Election of Executive**

Dave Rhodes is resigning after 12 years as treasurer. He will be missed. However, Mark Gaudet has put his name forward to run as treasurer. He is very well qualified. James Buckley has put his name forward as member -at- large for the executive No one else has put their name forward to be on the executive.

All in favour Mark Gaudet and James Buckley being on the Executive

The remaining executive members will remain on the executive board. All in favour.

Other Issues

- Bass Lake Cabin insurance – do we need to consider this?
- There still remains a problem with walkers on the trails during ski season. Should there be signs for “Trail Etiquette” at all access points? Lindsay to draft up some trail etiquette signs. Dave has already made signs and these can be provided for this purpose.
- Lindsay raised that we need to have a DRXC event – this has been raised in the past. We would need an event coordinator.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 5pm

Addendum A

Financial Report - Dave Rhodes

Deep River Cross-Country Ski Club -- Interim 2025-2026 Financial Statements

2026 April 24

Fiscal year is August 1 to July 31		--- 2025/26 ---		2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
REVENUE	Membership Fees (Note 1)	$20,891	$16,000	$16,668	$17,553	$19,915	$22,597	$22,019
	Deep River Community Grant	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,000
	Jackrabbit & Junior Ski Team Fees (Note 1)	1,955	2,000	1,955	1,465	1,060	950	875
	Adult Lessons	0	100	80	75	95	120	120
	Donations & Grants (Note 6)	10,000	10,500	11,585	410	1,149	892	1,046
	Investment Income (Note 4)	5,071	4,000	11,215	7,513	4,408	-8,446	4,227
	Miscellaneous (incl. day use box & swag sales) (Note 2)	256	100	87	23	11,565	2,750	1,117
	Ski Equipment Rental	6,958	4,700	4,667	6,949	4,782	4,235	3,135
	Total Revenue	**46,431**	**38,600**	**47,457**	**35,188**	**44,174**	**24,098**	**33,539**
EXPENSES	Chalet Operation	2,651	2,700	2,568	1,315	1,315	1,275	1,230
	Trail Grooming	1,862	4,000	3,657	3,057	2,704	2,738	3,205
	Trail Maintenance & Improvement	946	2,000	297	3,676	2,533	1,118	1,656
	Junior Programs, Direct Expenses (Note 1)	423	1,800	1,800	377	1,314	665	862
	Administration, NCD Registration (Note 1), Miscellaneous	10,735	8,100	8,179	8,819	8,095	8,446	9,374
	Ski Equipment Rental (Note 3)	2,936	2,700	5,248	5,594	4,072	2,690	1,542
	Total Expenses	**19,553**	**21,300**	**21,749**	**22,838**	**20,033**	**16,932**	**17,869**
OPERATING SURPLUS = (Total Revenue) – (Total Expenses)		**26,878**	**17,300**	**25,708**	**12,350**	**24,141**	**7,166**	**15,670**
Contribution to Equipment Fund		4,000	3,000	2,702	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Contribution to Building Fund		4,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
Contribution to Trails & Bridges Fund (Note 6)		15,000	15,000	16,000	5,000	8,000	5,000	10,000
Contribution to Community Events Fund						11,432		
Surplus less total fund contributions = contribution to Operating Cash		3,878	-2,700	5,006	1,350	-291	-2,834	-330
Fund expenditures (negative) (Note 5)		-16,542	-35,000	-37,360	-15,362	-4,026	-11,878	-6,000

Note 1. Starting in 2021/22, Jackrabbits purchased a club membership, so the this portion of JR fees & NCD cost is tallied separately from JR-specific income & costs.

Note 2. $11,432 in 2022/23 from SS Committee for future community events.

Note 3. $3,634 was spent in 2024/25 for roller ski equipment and $1,491 for ski equipment for use by Junior Ski Team participants.

Note 4. Investments have been doing well. The 2025/26 value is as of Dec 31, 2025.

Note 5. Bridge costs this year were $15,093. Last year's purchases were two new snowmobiles plus bridge costs.

Note 6: We received an $11,000 gift last year from the Ottawa Racers to go towards bridge replacement costs and $10,000 this year from the Community Foundation.

ASSETS (values as of July 31)		April 2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Cash								
	Bank of Montreal Community Account	31,565	11,300	34,167	44,692	28,985	25,251	19,808
	Credential Mutual Funds	116,503	126,432	115,217	107,704	103,296	111,742	107,515
	Total	148,068	137,732	149,384	152,396	132,281	136,993	127,323
	Asset Replacement Funds (included in above)							
	Equipment Replacement Fund	7,000	3,000	32,000	29,000	26,000	23,000	20,000
	Building Fund	36,000	31,000	29,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	19,000
	Trails & Bridges Fund	55,946	57,488	46,949	57,311	53,337	60,215	56,215
	Community Events Fund	11,235	11,235	11,235	11,432			
	Total	110,181	102,723	119,184	123,743	103,337	105,215	95,215
Fixed Assets								
	Grooming Equipment (10% annual depreciation)	39,825	44,250	19,879	22,088	24,542	27,269	30,299
	Chalet & Equipment Sheds	26,200	26,200	26,200	26,200	26,200	26,200	26,200
	Trails & Bridges (3% annual depreciation)	65,245	51,703	47,469	32,304	15,821	-	-
	Rental Ski Equipment (10% annual depreciation)	19,270	19,945	18,421	15,823	14,530	11,700	12,960
	Wilderness Cabin	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Total	165,540	157,098	126,969	111,415	96,093	80,169	84,459
Total Assets		313,608	294,830	276,353	263,811	228,374	217,162	211,782

DRXC FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The financial health of the club is excellent. Membership seems to have recovered. Jackrabbits combined with the Junior Ski Team program has also recovered to levels immediately pre-COVID. The equipment rental program had the highest ever income this year. Financial investments did well. The two new snowmobiles purchased last year are working well. The club will continue making substantial investments in new bridges.

	--- 2025/26 --- Actual	--- 2024/25 --- Actual
Cash Flow		
General Operations (income minus expense)	**$20,024**	**$11,576**
Junior Programs (income minus expense)	**6,854**	**774**
Operating Surplus (income minus expense)	**26,878**	**12,350**
Net Contribution or Withdrawal from Capital Funds	**6,458**	**-16,658**
Assets		
Cash & Securities	**148,068**	**137,732**
Fixed Assets (Equipment, Buildings, Bridges)	**165,540**	**157,098**

Junior Programs include Jackrabbits, Junior Ski Team, high school program, and the rental program.

Addendum B

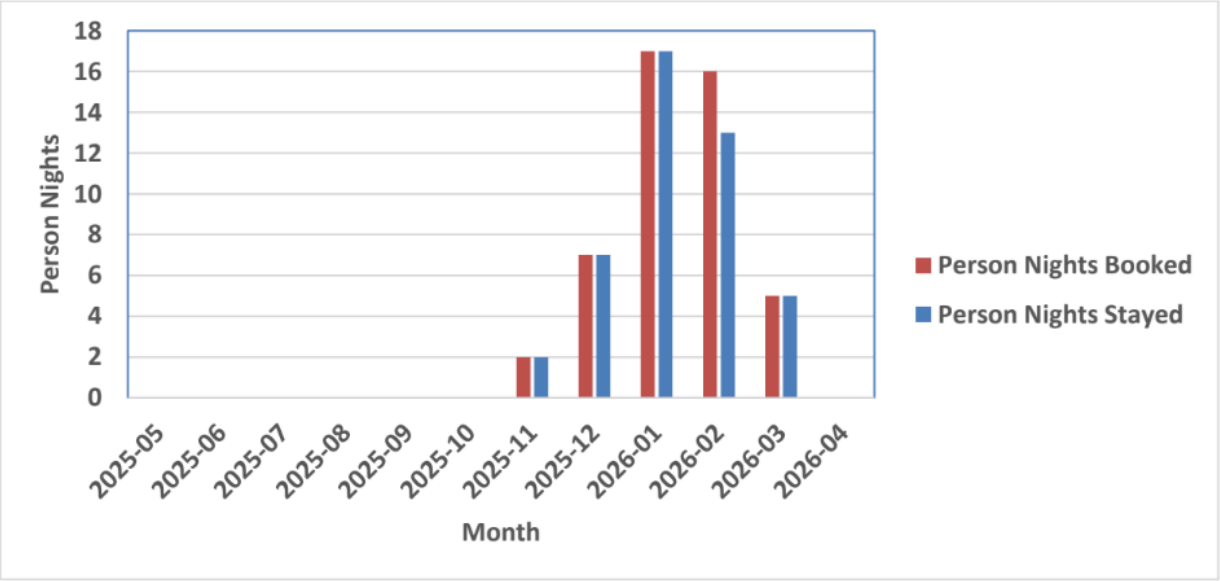
Cabin Report - Bruce Smith, Karen Colins and Hilary Veen

Usage

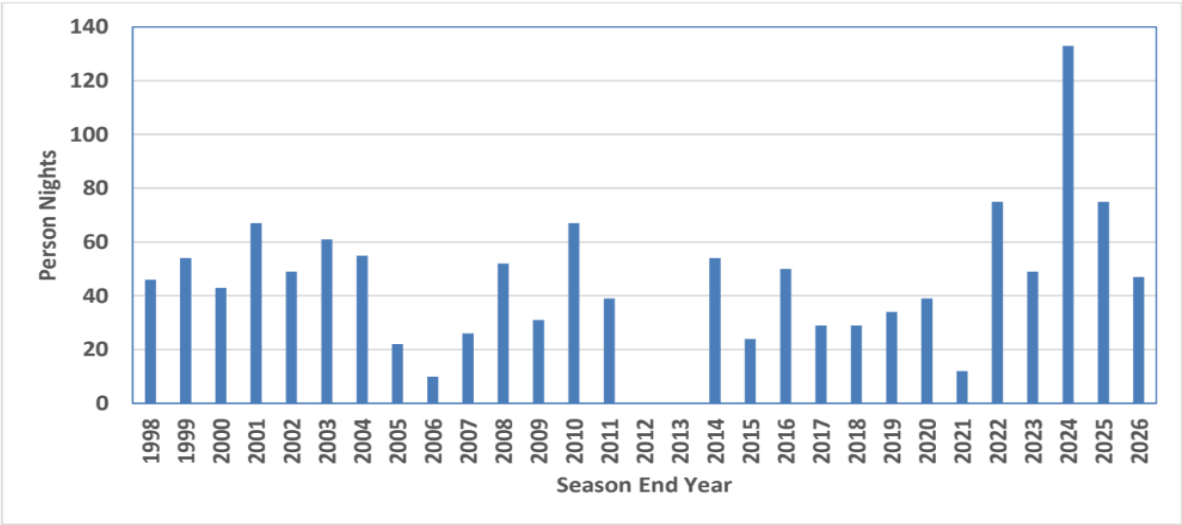
The following table summarizes the monthly bookings and use of the Cabin starting in 2025 May. The monthly person nights booked and those used are also shown in the following graph. The Cabin was used a total of 44 person nights this season as compared to last season's total of 53. Only one group who had planned to stay over night decided not to stay. They turned back because of the challenging trails.

Cabin Usage in 2025/26

Month	Booked nights	Nights Occupied	People	Person Nights Stayed	Person Nights Booked	Groups Stayed	Groups Booked
2025-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-11	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
2025-12	2	2	7	7	7	2	2
2026-01	4	4	17	17	17	4	4
2026-02	5	4	13	13	16	3	4
2026-03	2	2	5	5	5	2	2
2026-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**14**	**13**	**44**	**44**	**47**	**12**	**13**



The following graph shows the number of person nights booked each season going back to 1997-98. One can see that, while bookings for this season were fewer than last season, they were still normal compared to the past 28 years. However, given the great snow conditions and the efforts to make sure that the Bass Lake trails were broken regularly, the lower number of users compared to the last couple of years is a disappointment.



Person Nights Booked per Season (no data were available for 2012 and 2013)

Vern Koslowsky, his son, Martin, and Jessie Rhodes performed the regular chimney maintenance in the Fall. Having produced a maintenance procedure and trained his successors, Vern is retiring after many years of looking after the stove pipe.

The cabin manual is being revised (likely for the first time) and progress has been made on writing a history of the Cabin. Karen Colins has written a draft manual that is now being circulated for review. Bruce Winterbon provided photos and recollections about the creation of the cabin, its trails, and their use. Bruce's contributions have been forwarding to others to review and to add to. Let us know if want to contribute. The current thought is to produce a short document that could printed on demand.

New "outhouse boots" of various sizes were donated and carried out to the cabin to replace the existing decades-old boots. A plastic tote was also taken out to provide safe storage.

While the new solar/battery lighting system has made the Cabin much more inviting after dark, it has proved to be difficult to keep the batteries adequately charged through the winter. The problem is that the lithium ion battery cannot be charged at below freezing temperatures and that the cabin doesn't get much morning light. This year we experimented by leaving the system on while the Cabin was unoccupied. This practice allowed the battery to be fully charged in the Fall and to gain some charge before the Cabin cooled off following a winter stay. By using power efficiently, the system was able to function through the season. Plans continue to be discussed to allow more effective solar charging.

Finances

As shown in the attached table, the season income will be $783, anticipated expenses total $654, and the anticipated profit is about $129. Most the income was from user fees. Our GIC earned about $139. The largest expense is the land use taxes. The balance is expected to be about $4141 by the end of the fiscal year.