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SASC Northern Branch Executive Committee Members
Edmonton, Alberta

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Dear Colleagues:

SASC Structure Committee Report

The Structure Committee (Peter Gillingham, Peter Morgan, Louise Nielsen, John Price, and Tom Swaddle (Chair)) met in Calgary on November 20, 2007, in response to the report to the Board on November 19, 2007, by Northern Branch representative Kathy Robinson and the memorandum of November 11, 2007, sent to Edmonton area SASC members by Northern Branch President Ilene Larson. The following comments have been circulated to, and endorsed by, Calgary area Board members.

- (1) The SASC Board supports the creation of an independent Edmonton-based club.
- (2) The Northern Branch has not been registered with the Registrar under the Alberta Societies Act and consequently exists only as a local arm of the SASC, originally created by the Board for convenience in organizing local activities such as ski tours and having no distinct membership or exclusive property (including financial resources). Thus, the Northern Branch as such cannot secede from the SASC—rather, the formation of any new club can only be initiated by its proponents without reference to the Northern Branch or its Executive Committee.
- (3) The SASC Board will not initiate proceedings to establish any independent club, nor will the Board enter into discussions with proponents of such a club until those proponents have taken the necessary steps to create it. Those steps should include application for registration with the Registrar for Alberta Societies.
- (4) Any formal steps by the SASC to accommodate formation of the proposed new club will be taken at the SASC Annual General Meeting on May 28, 2008, immediately following which the Executive Committee of the Northern Branch shall be dissolved and its financial resources shall be taken under the direct control of the SASC Board. In the interim, the Northern Branch Executive will continue to operate as an arm of the SASC regardless of any involvement in the creation of the proposed new club, while the SASC will continue to provide services, such as *Ski Chatter*, to all SASC members until their memberships expire.
- (5) Notwithstanding Clause (4), the SASC Board is willing, if and when the proposed new club has been established, to recommend to the membership at the Annual General Meeting that a grant be made to the new club in an amount up to but not exceeding the funds held in the Northern Branch bank account.
- (6) The Board agrees that proponents of a new independent club may use the SASC membership list for the purpose of recruiting members for the new club. The use of other SASC assets in pursuit of establishing the new club may be permitted only with the specific approval of the Board.
- (7) Following the establishment of the new club, representatives of the Boards of Directors of the SASC and the new club shall meet to consider possible areas of cooperation. Matters such as cross membership, shared insurance and mutual participation can only be practically entertained once the new club is up and running.
- (8) As required by Section 6(1)(c) of the Alberta Societies Act, the name chosen for the new club must be distinct enough to avoid any confusion with the Seniors Alpine Ski Club.

Sincerely,

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President, SASC