

December 13, 2016

LHNS General Meeting-SASCU Community Centre

Meeting called to order at 19:13 by Duncan Moore, president-26 members present

Addition to the Agenda: 1. Land Use and Trail Planning Committee update. Dave Wallenstein
2. Trail Hosts program. John Henderson.

MOTION: Abbi May moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Stephen Raffel. Carried

Minutes: Minutes of the October 11, 2016 GM were read by Duncan Moore. Marcia Beckner moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Herman Bruns. Carried

Business Arising: Dianne Mayes regarding update on multiuse signs for Larch Hills at access points- *Tabled for further discussion.*

New Business: None

Treasurer's Report: Written Report presented by Allan Bahen. See attached. Allan advised he has switched accounting program to be in line with the accountant and bookkeeper. This has made for some minor adjustments in balancing that still need to be made. Example: the last line in Expenses "Ask Accountant". He noted that \$15,000 was transferred into the Tracksetter Replacement Fund now totaling \$65,399. The Chalet Expansion Account has approximately \$87,000. Dancing with the Stars was a success raising about \$20,000 with plans to do it again. He is expecting payment for one more load of logs from the new trails and then has to pay for logging. He also explained the Ski Swap Income.

MOTION: Pauline Waelti made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Peter Molnar. Carried

Chalet Expansion Committee Report: Written report by Suzy Beckner. See attached. Thank you to Val and Barb Heckrodt and all the volunteers for the successful hosting of the "Dancing with the Stars" raising \$22K. Booked for another show Nov. 17, 2017. Construction scheduled to start in the spring. The total money raised so far is approximately \$120,000. Thanks to all who have made donations. SASCU grant application has been submitted and the committee is continuing to look for additional funding.

Sprint Loops Update: Logging has been done. The sprint loops are complete and ready for hosting the BC Cup in January. Big thanks to John Thielman for the excellent machine work and rates, Gary Hartling for supervising and communicating with the Logging Company, George Jackson and Phil Wallenstein for all their help. Unfortunately some snow shoe trails had to be

rerouted. The Club received \$5,000 from the Race Team and will owe an additional \$5,000 for work done. Dave plans to figure out the cost per linear meter of trail for future planning. Follow up question from Jim Beckner regarding plans to move the announcer shed and problems associated with that. *Tabled for further discussion.*

Youth Program Report- Junior Ski Team- Abbi May- We have 110 kids in the program which is more than last year. There was a BC ski team camp at Whistler two from here attended. At the end of November there was a Paralympic Ski Camp at Canmore Nordic Centre with one club member attending and doing very well. On Dec. 3/4 130 parents and young skiers attended a camp at Silver Star. Last weekend the first NORAM race was held at Sovereign Lakes for midgets and older racers. Next weekend there will be a NORAM race at Rossland. Fifteen racers plan to go for three days starting Dec. 17. They held their first on snow practice today and it went well. The Ski Team is selling Askews and Save on More cards, buffs and will be running a waxing clinic at the Loppett and a concession at the BC Cup.

Youth Program Report -Jack Rabbitts –no report available.

Committee Reports:

Memberships: Jan Naylor advised that 911 as of Dec. 1, 2016 compared to last year 674 on Dec. 1. She feels the membership drive and prize draws have helped.

Trails Update: Presented by Craig McBride-written report attached. Thanks to George Zorn for organizing the High Branch Pruning, all the volunteers who came out to help and the Junior Racers who participated in the Take Back the Hill event on October 29. Of note is that the trail maintenance high branch pruners worked 83 days and 1100 hours with over 70% of the 50km. of track set trails completed.

Tracksetting/Maintenance work: Presented by Ed Bouma-written report attached. Skidoos started to pack and groom last Thursday when we finally received a snowfall. The grooming equipment and volunteers are in place to tackle future snowfall. Concern regarding the trail abuse by trucks/atv's in the fall during the heavy rains. New Road closed sign placed at Eagle View and Summit Trail intersections warning the public about the closed road at the Chalet. Thanks to Dave Brubaker for servicing all the equipment and installing lights in the tracksetter shed.

Facilities Update: Jim Beckner-Pat Hutchins donated four wood/glass patio doors in Pentti's Shelter and added a door to make it more pleasant – a group of volunteers worked to install. The Chalet chimney and septic were checked and serviced. There is a steel bin by the post for garbage but we should consider a sign requesting Chalet guests and event organizers to pack.

out their garbage. We lost two outhouses in the stadium but will gain one for handicapped after the Chalet expansion.

Safety Committee and Safety Host update: Stephen Raffel-The first aid sled has been put in place and inside is a flexible stretcher. Locations for the sleds and safety buckets are on the map. The safety buckets will be in place soon. We have purchased a "Sked" for sliding injured "like a crazy carpet" from tight places and this will be kept with the other first aid equipment in the basement of the Chalet. Serious emergencies should call 911 and non-emergency should call a Safety Hosts if they are available.

Snowshoe Trails Update: Clint Smith- written report attached. He notes increased snowshoe use. Since Oct. 31 all trails except a small section of Gullan's Gulley were cleared and ready for the season. Clint is concerned about the amount of consultation between user groups in the Trail planning process as the new sprint trails have affected snowshoe trails. Some trails and crossings were removed and he is concerned about some ski/snow shoe crossings that remain.

Land Use & Trail Planning Committee update-Dave Wallenstein- the committee is working to plan for future trails. Craig McBride will be a co-chair. Dave said that they will have a long term plan within a year now that members are in place. They will set goals and present options. It was recommended to have a snowshoe representative on the committee.

School Ski Program-Duncan-email from Chris McMahan-school groups will have a system of collecting garbage and take back to their schools for disposal.Schools will also be encouraged to make a donation to the Club.

Trail Host Program: John Henderson- trail host will be starting Dec. 19 and will be on the hill over Christmas from 10 until 1:00 p.m. Could use more volunteers.

Announcements: Marcia and Gullan have been looking after the LHNS scrapbook documenting our history. This scrapbook is usually seen at the Loppet wine and cheese party. The work is not intensive but should be continued. Marcia and Gullan will help the new person.

Upcoming Events:

Lantern Ski-Thursday Dec. 29 5-9pm-Ed Bouma- preparation is going well. The lanterns are serviced and volunteers in place. Expect more snow shoe/walkin participant most of whom will do the 1km short cut. Donations to the food bank and LHNS.

Orienteering -Saturday Dec. 31- Abbi May-registration 09:30-11:00 open to the public and racers. Entry Fee \$5 recommend preregistration. The race will be timed with a staggered start.

Fun Race-Sunday Jan. 1- John Thielman coordinator

BC Cup #1 Saturday and Sunday Jan. 7&8

Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet Saturday Jan. 14—Louise Bruns- had a meeting on Nov. and one planned for Dec. Val Heckrodt has indicated that this will be his last year as Chief of the Race. They would like to find another person to take over and hopefully shadow with Val in January. This will also be posted on the LHNS ENews.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment by Jim Beckner. Seconded by Ed Bouma carried.
Adjourned at 20:57. Minutes by Ed Bouma for Lisa Wherry.

Larch Hills Nordic Society

Comparative Income Statement - Actual to Date vs Budget

Dec. 12 / 16

	Actual 01/10/2016 to 12/12/2016	Budget 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017	Percent
REVENUE			
General Revenue			
Uncategorized Income	896.26	1,000.00	-10.37
CCBC Fees Collected	14,265.00	25,000.00	-42.94
Chalet Donations	1,112.00	5,000.00	-77.76
Chalet Rentals	1,235.00	1,000.00	23.50
Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	3,890.00	5,500.00	-29.27
Loppet Donation to Club	0.00	2,000.00	-100.00
Members Misc Donations	1,215.00	2,000.00	-39.25
Memberships	43,692.00	60,000.00	-27.18
Miscellaneous Income	65.25	1,000.00	-93.48
Timber sales	14,754.44	0.00	0.00
Other Donations	0.00	2,000.00	-100.00
Jr Race Team	0.00	500.00	-100.00
Received on behalf of race team	8,435.00	11,000.00	-23.32
Ski Swap Income	11,719.00	14,000.00	-16.29
Tracksetter Replacement Fund D...	1,632.00	1,000.00	63.20
Trail Fees	94.00	15,000.00	-99.37
Total General Revenue	103,004.95	146,000.00	-29.45
Chalet Expansion Revenue			
Donations-Chalet Expansion	8,000.00	10,000.00	-20.00
Fundraising-DWTS Chalet	32,273.00	20,000.00	61.37
Member Donations-Chalet Expa...	100.00	10,000.00	-99.00
Total Chalet Expansion Revenue	40,373.00	40,000.00	0.93
TOTAL REVENUE	143,377.95	186,000.00	-22.92
EXPENSE			
Expenses			
Professional Fees	96.53	4,500.00	-97.85
Hydro	258.95	2,500.00	-89.64
CCBC Fees Paid Out	15,492.00	22,000.00	-29.58
Chalet Rental - Caretaker	590.00	500.00	18.00
Rental Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Courses, Clinics & Meetings	111.20	0.00	0.00
Amortization	0.00	40,000.00	-100.00
Gas & Oil	0.00	10,000.00	-100.00
Honorariums	0.00	5,500.00	-100.00
Insurance	9,218.00	6,500.00	41.82
Jack Rabbit Expense	1,565.33	5,000.00	-68.69
Jr Racing Team	0.00	2,500.00	-100.00
R&M Buildings	0.00	2,500.00	-100.00
R&M Equipment	795.42	6,000.00	-86.74
Miscellaneous Expense	381.00	2,500.00	-84.76
Office Expense	438.12	1,000.00	-56.19
Safety Committee	137.26	2,500.00	-94.51
Scholarships	500.00	2,000.00	-75.00
Signs & Billboards	0.00	1,500.00	-100.00
Ski Swap	11,009.39	10,000.00	10.09
Snow Removal	0.00	3,500.00	-100.00
Trail Construction	14,980.00	0.00	0.00
Trail Maintenance	246.81	7,500.00	-96.71
Transfer Fees to Jr Team	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
Website	0.00	500.00	-100.00
Zone 4 Fees	2,419.00	3,500.00	-30.89
Unrecoverable GST	875.24	2,000.00	-56.24
Ask Accountant	-7,236.26	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	62,877.99	156,000.00	-59.69

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Chalet Expansion Expenses			
Misc Expenses - Chalet Expansion	109.00	500.00	-78.20
Professional Fees - Chalet Exp	774.59	10,000.00	-92.25
Fundraising Expenses, DWTS - ...	11,540.64	10,000.00	15.41
Fundraising Expenses, tbd - Cha...	0.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Advertising & Promotions - Chale...	318.70	1,000.00	-68.13
Unrecoverable GST Chalet	405.74	5,000.00	-91.89
Total Chalet Expansion Expen...	13,148.67	27,500.00	-52.19
TOTAL EXPENSE	76,026.66	183,500.00	-58.57
NET INCOME	67,351.29	2,500.00	2,594.05

Accounts

① General
 Checking 27,391.
 Savings 40,144.
 Total \$67,535

② Chalet Expansion
 Checking 17,367.
 Savings 69,562.
 \$86,929

③ Trocketter Replacement Fund
 \$65,399.

TRAILS UPDATE DECEMBER 13, 2016

- Thanks the RAP Base crew for Umbrella Tree removal on Skytralls hills in June 2016 along with track set trails speed junctions sight line improvements.
- The High Branch Pruners had a good fall with over 5.4 km. pruned and slashed
- Cottonwod Cutoff, Uper East Dales, Lower Baby Moonwalk, Larch Hills Rd. S. Hub to Baby Moonwalk, East Dales Hill, East and west entrances of Frodo's Bog and Stig's Loop Plateau and hills.
- In addition to removing high branches which drop snowbombs on the trail, you will notice better sight lines at high speed corners and intersections.

Many thanks to George Zorn who organized the high branch pruning, as well as the high branch pruners and chainsaw operators,

Along with George and myself, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Kerry Orchard, Dave Evenson, Bent Kristensen, and Jim Nadler along with others who came along and helped out. Also thanks to the Junior racers, coaches and parents who helped out in take back the Hills event on October 29.

clint - snowshoe trails

Of note we've put in 83 days and 1100 volunteer hours high branch pruning and brushing since 2012 with over 70% of the estimated 34 k of trackset trails done.

Cell Zone Map

General Meeting December 13, 2016

Tracksetter Report

This is my first report of the season as I was unable to attend the last general meeting. Therefore, some of the information in this report is a bit dated. On August 13 we held a BBQ social for all the extra gang and tracksetters at the Chalet. It was well attended and gave an opportunity for Stephen Raffel, the track setter of the Day coordinator and retiring Blaine Carson and myself to express our appreciation to all the volunteer workers from last season. I was remiss by not extending invitations to retired tracksetters so in the future we will also invite retired tracksetters.

On November 17, 2016 we held a "start of the season" meeting with the day tracksetters and extra gang members. We reviewed procedures and the work that our volunteer mechanic Dave Brubaker had performed over the summer. He repaired damage to the Pisten Bully (PB), serviced all five skidoos and ran power to the skidoo storage shed so now we have lights. Thank you Dave.

We have a full slate of seven Day Track setters plus one spare and one in training they are coordinated by Stephen Raffel. The PB has yet to touch snow due to the lack of significant snowfall to date. As well, the grooming seminar that was scheduled at Silver Star in April was cancelled with no word about any future seminars.

Our extra gang consists of nine active members. Several of whom still need training. Jim Nadler and I will coordinate the gang and when conditions warrant will be out on Tuesdays and Thursdays or when needed. About half are trained on the Ginzug groomer as well. The skidoos started grooming on Friday last week and have been out levelling the ruts, packing snow and some classic track setting. The wet fall has made for many trails seriously damaged by atv/trucks. Some ruts were a 1.5ft. (50cm.) deep. Now that we have snow we are working to level and fill these ruts with our machines. More snow would be welcome. The gates are now open and the road was closed on Dec. 1. New signs were placed at Eagleview and the Summit trail intersections warning of the road closure.

The **Lantern Ski**, scheduled on Dec. 29, preparations are going well. We have serviced the lanterns and for the most part the volunteers are in place. Most posters have been distributed but I have yet to post in some schools so, if you live near a school, please check with me before you go if you can drop them off for me.

We look forward the a great snow season.

Ed Bouma, Tracksetting Liaison Director

- Trail report survey
- safety com. - new cell phone
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Snow Shoe Report

Dec 13, 2016

Eleven years ago the Larch Hills Nordics initiated snow shoe trail development. That decision was based on the fact that other XC areas in our region did have existing snow shoe trails. We also recognized that in our area there were outdoor enthusiasts who were not skiers. Some were hikers and walkers who already snow shod. Some were skiers who were limiting their skiing because of concern about falling on hard ski surfaces or wearing XC boots on our icy parking lot. Others were urban walkers or hikers whose winter walking was limited to malls or the loop in our area because of the unpredictable conditions of sidewalks and trails. In other words we recognized that there existed a growing group of potential winter users of the Larch Hills. The increasing snow shoe traffic on our trails continues to support that decision.

As of Oct 31 all trails except a small section of Gullan's bog were clear and ready for the new season.

Since then, with the advent of clearing for the new sprint trails, we have deactivated what was left of one trail and moved one of our original trails across to the North side of Ermine Frolic. We removed approximately 750 m of trails and replaced them with approx 900 m of new very rough trail which we will try to soften for recreational users next season. In the mean time we have no snowshoe trails without some steep gradients and no close loops easy close to the chalet. Snow shoe trails crossing in front of potential higher speed skiers was the motivator for a rather hasty decision to move and deactivate the snow shoe trails.

A new snowshoe trail map is almost ready to be printed.

I am very disappointed that there was almost no consultation with users of snow shoe trails before the new trail clearing. I believe that it might have been possible to have both our race trails and snow shoe trails that all of us could feel good about.

Dave Walensteen did talk to me one about a year ago after I had come across some of the sprint trail flagging. I told him that it would be simple to build new snow shoe crossings. I had no idea of the number of crossings required, the width of the new trails, (based on my experience in the Larch Hills and the flagging that I found) or that many crossings would be in areas where fast skiers might create dangerous crossings. Keep in mind that the average recreational snow shoe is neither as agile nor as perceptive as our athletic skiers and are more likely to be visiting as they go. Since this can be perceived as a one-sided rant, I must confess that in my rush to get a trail replaced I consulted no one. I do not know if there is section 56 approval, and I never did hear back about whether the deactivated Easy Peasy did get the section 56 that was requested to the executive over a year ago.

Phil Wallensteen has been extremely helpful in assisting us make up for the trails that were lost. As well, Phil's Junior Racers have completed a 30 meter section of new trail which is delightful. It has been named Lucy after a long time canine user that is buried close by.

Question: Was the Safety Committee consulted about the design and possible conflict with or dangers to other users? Was anyone familiar with both the Sprint Trails plan and the snow shoe trails of that area?

Has the Land Use and Trails Management Committee approved of the sprint trails and snow shoe trails as they are now configured? Was anyone involved familiar with both the Sprint Trails plan and the snow shoe trails of that area?

Were any other user groups consulted (cyclists, equestrian users, hikers, hunters, Shuswap Outdoors, motorcyclists or quaders)? We may have even received some assistance.

Has the new Bail Out Snow Shoe Trail been OK'd and/or a section 56 approval requested?

Why is there no information on our website, since Oct 28, about this significant addition to our trails in order to keep our members and public informed?

Will any existing XC trails or parts of them be decommissioned as a result of the development?

What new XC trail development is being considered close to the Chalet? Who is involved?

Clint Smith

Supposed Snow Shoe Trail Manager

Update

George & Jeanetta Zorn

Tue 2016-12-13 2:52 PM

To: Craig & Marty McBride - LHNS Trails Coordinator (Board Member) <cmcbride@telus.net>; Diane Mayes - LHNS Safety Host <truespirit358@gmail.com>; Duncan Moore <duncanm@telus.net>; Ed & Sue Bouma <ed.bouma@hotmail.com>; Gary Hudson <ghud1@hotmail.com>; George & Jeanetta Zorn <gjzorn@shaw.ca>; Jeremy Ayotte <Jeremy.Ayotte@gmail.com>; Jim Hoskins <hoskinsj@telus.net>; John & Tammy Thielman <info@johnsskishack.com>; Keith & Noelle Cox <kncox@shaw.ca>; Kerry & Leona Orchard <kolokayaks@telus.net>; Mike Dobbin <mhdobbin@hotmail.com>; Pauline Hickson <phjodass6@gmail.com>; Richard Sim <richardsim332@gmail.com>; Stephen Raffel <swraffel@hotmail.com>; Wayne & Pat Buchanan <gwbuchanan@shaw.ca>;

2 attachments (1 MB)

LHN SAFETY HOSTS Emergency Contacts List - Nov. 29, 2016.pdf; LarchHills_2016_CellZones_8-5x11_RGCBblind2.pdf;

Good morning,

Snowmobile trail packing and rock/old skis skiing has started at Larch Hills! We enjoyed a 2 hour ski yesterday along mostly ski tracked (not yet track set) trails: Bilbo's, Ermine Folic Loop, Reino's, Cottonwood, Frodo's and Stig's.

Two copies of the current LHN **Safety Hosts** Emergency Contacts Lists and 2016 Larch Hills Cell Zones Map will be in the mail to you today. These copies are on waterproof bib paper, 2-sided.

LHN Members will be provided (one per household free) with the waterproof, 2-sided **Members** Emergency Contacts list (SAR contacts are not listed by request of SAR) and 2016 Cell Zone map when the 2016/17 Membership cards are distributed at the chalet later this month.

The updated Safety Hosts Sign OUT – IN will be posted next to the Chalet's front door later this week.

Enjoy skiing at Larch Hills!

"The world is a better place when there is snow on the trails at Larch Hills." – Chris McMahan an LHNS member who skied Larch Hills yesterday

Duncan MooreFor
Minutes

From: Chris McMahan [chrismcmahan@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:25 PM
To: Suzy Beckner
Cc: Duncan Moore
Subject: Re: School Garbage

Hi Suzy,

Unfortunately, it looks like I'll be unable to make the meeting tomorrow night. Thanks for forwarding this info to Duncan.

Cheers,

Chris

On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 6:56 PM, Suzy Beckner <sitavler@yahoo.com> wrote:

Chris,

Thanks so much for looking into these two issues for us.

I am not sure if you plan to attend the meeting tomorrow night, but it would be great if you could speak briefly about these two issues and the school program. If not, I have cc'd Duncan Moore on this email and hopefully he has time to mention these. I can also talk to Pauline about making the garbage cans we have less conspicuous on those days.

It would be really great to get a bit more revenue from schools for the ski program, as there is a lot of volume from the schools. I have emailed the treasurer to find out how much was sent in for the past two years.

Thanks,

Suzy

From: Chris McMahan <chrismcmahan@gmail.com>
To: Suzy Beckner <sitavler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:07 AM
Subject: School Garbage

Hi Suzy,

I hope all is well with you and your family. It's great to finally see snow up at Larch Hills. My rock skis are beckoning me!

One of the problems the Pirate Loppet/ Ski Host committee wished to address this year was garbage left by schools on their ski days at Larch Hills. We understand a considerable amount of garbage was left and had to be taken down from the chalet by volunteers (namely, you!) Here is our plan to deal with this:

We have purchased two wire garbage bag holders that look like this: <http://www.canadiantire.ca/en/pdp/garbage-bag-holder-0595555p.html>.

In our communications with the schools, we will be asking them to put someone in charge of garbage and bring their own bags up to the chalet. The bag holders will be stored in the chalet and can be set up by the schools. At the end of their session, they will then take their own garbage back to school. In case they forget their garbage bags, Susan Rothlisberger is donating some garbage bags to have in the chalet for backup. If you have a suggestion as to where we could store the garbage bag holders, that would be great.

12/13/2016

The one matter that may throw off our plan is the empty garbage cans up at the chalet. Kids are taught to put their garbage in the garbage cans, so some school garbage may still end up in the cans. One possible solution is to remove the cans, but I'm not sure if that is do-able from your perspective.

The other matter we're raising is to emphasize the importance of making a donation to the club. If there was a way I could be informed as to who has donated (as the cheques often go straight to the club), then I could give the schools who have not donated a persuasive nudge.

Let me know your thoughts on this, and I hope to see you on the trails:

Cheers,

Chris

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Duncan Moore

From: Suzy Beckner [sjtayler@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 7:17 PM
To: Duncan Moore
Subject: Tomorrow's Meeting

Duncan,

I am up in Smithers at the moment helping my parents with the final details of their move, so am not at the meeting tomorrow. Please give the following Chalet Expansion Report for me. Also, I included you in the email I just send to Chris McMahan about the school programs. He is helping us solve two issues related to the program - garbage and fees. If he is not there to speak on them it may be worth you mentioning.

Thanks,

Suzy

Chalet Expansion Update

1. A HUGE THANK YOU to Val and Barb Heckrodt for spearheading the Dancing With the Stars event that raised \$22,000 for the Chalet Expansion. It was because of their attention to detail that this was such a huge success. Thanks for everyone who attended, volunteered and supported this even with such enthusiasm. We are booked for Nov 17, 2017.
2. Chris Elliott has now confirmed with Trevor Harrison that he will start the foundation first thing in the spring.
3. Duncan Morris has also been confirmed to supply the log package for the expansion.
4. We are waiting on a quote from The Geothermal Guy. Once that comes in we will make a decision about geothermal vs. outside wood stove/boiler.
5. We are waiting on final drawings from the engineer and architect. They will be ready by the time we start in the spring.
6. Rob Nash has been keeping track of money raised and donations being sent in to CCC, as well as the online donations. The total raised so far is about \$120,000. This included the amount contributed by the club last spring, donations, sponsorships and Dancing With the Stars. Thanks to those members who have made personal donations.
7. We are waiting to hear from SASCU on the grant application submitted a few weeks ago. The committee is continuing to look for sources of funding through community organizations, as well as through available grants.