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LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY
General Meeting February 14, 2017
7:00 PM

- ◆ Welcome/Agenda – additions to the Agenda
- ◆ Minutes of December 13, 2016 General Meeting
- ◆ Business Arising from Minutes
- ◆ New Business
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising
- ◆ Youth Program Reports: Junior Ski Team
 Jack Rabbits – Skill Development Program (SDP)
 School Ski Program
- ◆ Committee Reports: Membership Update
 Trails Update
 Track Setting Update
 Facilities Update
 Safety Committee & Safety Hosts Update
 Land Use and Trails Committee Update
 Snow Shoe Trails Update
- ◆ Event Reports: Lantern Ski
 Fun Race
 BC Cup #1
 Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet
 Pirate Loppet

- ◆ Motion: that the Larch Hill Nordic Society open selected trails to Fat Tire Bikes, on a trial basis, for the rest of this season. Discussion on Motion. Vote on Motion.
- ◆ Motion: that the Safety Committee reviews all snow shoe – ski trail crossings with an eye to the safety of those crossings. Discussion on Motion. Vote on Motion
- ◆ Motion: that 2 very steep trails within the Violet Creek Park be inspected for safety. Discussion on Motion. Vote on Motion.
- ◆ Additions
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- ◆ Announcements:

- ◆ Upcoming Events: Jack Rabbit Fun Day
- ◆ Motion for Adjournment

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LHNS GM – SASCU Community Centre

25 members present

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 Duncan Moore

Additions:

James Hievert - discussion on canine trails
Upcoming AGM and election of board members

MOTION: Pauline Hixon moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Louise Bruns. Carried.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Dec 13, 2016 GM were read by Duncan Moore. Sharon Fabro moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Dave Wallenstein by. Carried.

Business Arising:

New business:

Treasurer's Report: Allan Bahen presented highlights – report was not available will attach to minutes (report received). Membership funds are up – \$64000; trail fees \$17500 a bit less than last year. GA approx. \$88000. Chalet expansion just under \$100000. Still waiting to receive donation funds from Cross Country Canada. \$66000 in track setter fund. \$2500 donation to track setter replacement fund. Currently there is too much money in GA – need about \$30000 for the rest of the season. Would like to propose to the executive to transfer \$25000 to the chalet expansion and \$15000 to track setter fund.

Insurance costs have increased – had to go to 2 million liability insurance; and, equipment insurance has gone up 20%. For next year will seek quotes from 3 different companies to see if we can get better rates. Steve Fabro suggested obtaining higher liability coverage.

Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising: Suzy Beckner – Poster has been posted on front door of the chalet indicating amount of funds raise. Currently at \$147000 in donations. Still applying to grants. Have been declined by SASCU but indicated we should apply again once the project is started. Planning to start excavation, foundation and framing in mid-April. Will be working hard on fundraising for the next year. Applying to Shuswap Community Foundation for grants. For donation, if tax receipt is requested you must fill out the CCC form and cheque made out to CCC. CCC deducts 5% off of donation. Other grant applications include: federated coop grant, southern initiative development grant. Q – Is the plan to do this without a loan? Yes, we need to get construction underway in order to qualify for grants.

Youth Program Report –

Junior ski team - Abbi May. Abbi read and provided written report. Report attached.

Jack Rabbits – no report

School ski program – no report from Karin. Alan reported \$250 received from North Canoe, South Broadview \$150, and \$65 from Bastion.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jan Naylor – currently have 1041 members. Question regarding membership cards – problem is with distribution.

Trails Update– Craig McBride – remind people that if you are up for a casual ski or snowshoe and would like to do some pruning there are some pruners available in the chalet.

Track setting / maintenance work – Ed Bouma. Read and provided written report. Attached. Comment – track setting has been excellent – big thanks to all the track setters.

Facilities Update – Pauline – reminder to race team to turn outside light off. Jim Beckner - Thanks to Don Huntington we have new flags; door handle replaced last year.

Safety Committee & Safety Host Update- Ed Bouma – read and provided written report. Attached. Craig McBride reported that there was a car in the parking lot early this morning and was wondering if there is a protocol to report or look into it. Check with Pauline if there is a chalet rental; if Pauline doesn't know contact Ed.

Land Use and Trails Committee update: Dave Wallenstein – read and provided report. Attached.

Snow shoe update – Clint Smith. The new trail has turned out to be quite good – need a minor tweak.

Event Reports:

Lantern Ski Ed – Provided written report. Attached.

Fun Race many thanks to John Theilman for organizing

BC Cup #1 – reported in race team report. Thanks to the many, many volunteers.

RKSL – Louise Bruns. Another successful loppet with a glowing report from our technical delegate. Main concern this year was the cold. 457 registrants, 42 were DNS. 189 were in the children and youth category. Acknowledge that Dyck Riach and Val Heckrodt will be stepping down and will be missed. Actively looking for replacements.

Pirate Loppet: no report

MOTION: That the Larch Hills Nordic Society open selected trails to Fat Tire Bikes, on a trial basis, for the rest of this season. Seconded by Paul Skinner.

Discussion on motion: Trail conditions will vary on depth of tracks left by bikes. Fat bikes have 4.5 inch tire with low pressure so leaves little tracks. If conditions are not favourable it's too difficult to bike so won't leave damage. Would like to consider an outer loop and would like it separated from skiers. Would need to set some clear parameters and evaluation criteria. Q - Is there an option for a type of grooming machine for south canoe trails? Not sure if its covered by CCBC insurance. Dave – would be more willing to consider if a group of people put forth a proposal and how to manage and evaluate it. Alan will contact insurer to inquire about costs. Duncan is contacting CCBC and Revelstoke Nordic. Can a committee be formed to gather more information?

Motion: Jim Beckner moves to table the motion pending further information. Seconded by Steve Raffel. Carried.

MOTION: Clint Smith moved that the Safety Committee reviews all snow shoe – ski trails crossings with an eye to safety at those crossings. Seconded by Keith Cox.

Discussion on motion: Ed – don't have any snowshoe members on the safety committee – would help to have representation for the review.

The matter will be reviewed by the safety committee and land use committee. Clint Smith withdraws motion; seconded by Steve Raffle. Carried.

A safety review/inspection will be done of 2 very steep snow shoe trails within the Violet Creek Park. Both these issues will be referred to the safety committee and the land use committee for review and discussion

Additions:

Announcements:

AGM on March 14. 5 Board positions up for re-election. Hemann and Louise Bruns and Abbi May will head up nomination committee.

Upcoming Events:

Jack Rabbit fun day on Feb 25.

Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment made by Pauline Wealti. Adjourned at 9:16pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.

Larch Hills Nordic Society
Comparative Income Statement - Actual to Date vs Budget

Feb 2017

	Actual 01/10/2016 to 10/02/2017	Budget 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017	Percent
REVENUE			
General Revenue			
Uncategorized Income	896.26	1,000.00	-10.37
CCBC Fees Collected	19,894.00	25,000.00	-20.42
Chalet Donations	1,317.00	5,000.00	-73.66
Chalet Rentals	1,235.00	1,000.00	23.50
Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	4,265.00	5,500.00	-22.45
Loppet Donation to Club	0.00	2,000.00	-100.00
Members Misc Donations	1,781.00	2,000.00	-10.95
Memberships	62,966.00	60,000.00	4.94
Miscellaneous Income	1,033.25	1,000.00	3.33
Timber sales	15,890.16	0.00	0.00
Other Donations	134.35	2,000.00	-93.28
Jr Race Team	5,000.00	500.00	900.00
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...	2,522.00	1,000.00	152.20
Trail Fees	16,510.80	15,000.00	10.07
Total General Revenue	153,598.82	146,000.00	5.20
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 Exp...	13,000.00	10,000.00	30.00
Total Chalet Expansion Revenue	53,273.00	40,000.00	33.18
TOTAL REVENUE	206,871.82	186,000.00	11.22
EXPENSE			
Expenses			
Professional Fees	96.53	4,500.00	-97.85
Hydro	762.86	2,500.00	-69.49
CCBC Fees Paid Out	19,852.00	22,000.00	-9.76
Chalet Rental - Caretaker	590.00	500.00	18.00
Rental Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Courses, Clinics & Meetings	166.80	0.00	0.00
Amortization	0.00	40,000.00	-100.00
Gas & Oil	4,102.10	10,000.00	-58.98
Honorariums	0.00	5,500.00	-100.00
Insurance	9,281.00	6,500.00	42.78
Jack Rabbit Expense	2,677.87	5,000.00	-46.44
Jr Racing Team	0.00	2,500.00	-100.00
R&M Buildings	694.65	2,500.00	-72.21
R&M Equipment	827.52	6,000.00	-86.21
Miscellaneous Expense	2,183.37	2,500.00	-12.67
Office Expense	945.61	1,000.00	-5.44
Safety Committee	414.47	2,500.00	-83.42
Scholarships	500.00	2,000.00	-75.00
Signs & Billboards	683.14	1,500.00	-54.46
Ski Swap	11,009.39	10,000.00	10.09
Snow Removal	1,920.00	3,500.00	-45.14
Trail Construction	24,005.00	0.00	0.00
Trail Maintenance	1,578.48	7,500.00	-78.95
Transfer Fees to Jr Team	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
Website	0.00	500.00	-100.00
Zone 4 Fees	3,248.00	3,500.00	-7.20
Unrecoverable GST	1,843.13	2,000.00	-7.84
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Total Expenses	91,145.66	156,000.00	-41.57

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Chalet Expansion Expenses			
Misc Expenses - Chalet Expansion	109.00	500.00	-78.20
Professional Fees - Chalet Exp	1,283.32	10,000.00	-87.17
Fundraising Expenses, DWTS -	12,056.86	10,000.00	20.57
Fundraising Expenses, tbd - Cha...	0.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Advertising & Promotions - Chale...	410.81	1,000.00	-58.92
Unrecoverable GST Chalet	434.23	5,000.00	-91.32
Total Chalet Expansion Expen...	<u>14,294.22</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>	-48.02
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>105,439.88</u>	<u>183,500.00</u>	-42.54
NET INCOME	<u>101,431.94</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	3,957.28

	Savings	Checking	Total
General	40,107.	49,815.	89,922
Chalet Expansion	82,431.	16,176.	98,607.
Tracksetter Replacement			65,035.

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Tracksetter Report

I am very pleased to report that this has been another great year for snow and tracksetting. Our season started a more than a month later than last year and made tracksetting difficult at times. We started to use the Pisten Bulley (PB) on Dec. 20 thereby saving a significant amount of money on fuel. The extra gang, led by Jim Nadler, have been diligently grooming the areas where we cannot groom with the big machine.

In early January I submitted a tracksetter log and volunteer hour summary to our president. Worthy of note in this report is that the tracksetters and support personnel accounted for 1564 hrs. in volunteer time contribution. We have a full roster of trained day groomers and spares and several new people on the extra gang.

We operated the Pisten Bulley for 374 hrs. This compares to 460 machine hours in 2015. As of yesterday we have 3960 hrs. on our PB. The Pisten Bulley will need to have a new oil pan which will be a relatively significant expense, over \$3000.

I would like to acknowledge the whole tracksetting team for all their help and support. Specifically, Stephen Raffel, for planning and coordinating under sometimes difficult conditions or events, Wayne Buchanan for being the backup coordinator and and finally John Thielman for using his skill and expertise to, not only groom and trackset, but also help with special events and clearing snow so we can actually park and enjoy the skiing.

Ed Bouma, Liaison Director for Tracksetting.

LHNS SAFETY COMMITTEE Report

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

At our last Safety Meeting I was elected as Chair as Stephen Raffel resigned due to his other responsibilities in track setting coordination. I would like to thank him for his service as Chair for the past two years.

The cell phone hotspots map has been updated and the format improved as well new signs added beside the maps to catch the attention of the skiers and snowshoers.

Safety host information on the LHNS website has been relocated and is more visible on the website. We have seventeen safety host registered. The emergency buckets are all in place

Twenty five umbrella trees were removed from Skytrail by the RAPP Crew.

We will be keeping a journal of safety related incidents to determine if we need to review our procedures to prevent future incidents. I am requesting all members to please contact me after an incident occurs with basic details about what happened and whether further follow up is required. These will then be reviewed at our Safety Committee meetings. I am personally aware that since Christmas we have used the skidoos three times to assist people off the hill with minor injuries not counting special events. On January 23 I was notified about a missing person where the concerned person had also contacted the RCMP. This matter was dealt with in about twenty minutes thanks to Pauline Hickson and Stephen Raffel.

To address a concern about sledding on the new sprint trail behind the Chalet and the risk of a collision with skiers a no sledding sign was erected on Monday February 13.

Unless there are questions I ask that you move to accept my report.

Ed Bouma, Chair

LH Ski Team Report – General Meeting Feb. 14, 2017

Enjoying the great conditions so far this winter. Thank you to the groomers for the wonderful tracks. The new sprint loops and connections have definitely been a bonus for the team as they allow much more choice in planning loops for training/intervals/downhill technique work...

Season is progressing quickly with participation in the following events:

- BC Cup #1 at Larch Hills, Jan. 7/8 – most ski team members (over 100) participated in the 2 days of racing. Sprint events on the new trails went well. Courses were well received by other clubs for both sprints and distance events.
- RKS Loppet Jan. 14 – again most ski team members took part and placed well in all the categories including the overall for men.
- Westerns at Callaghan Jan. 20-22 – about 45 LH racers. Great 3 days of racing. Our Midget girls shone with 5 of 6 girls in the sprint A-final being from LH and again we had 6 in the top 7 from LH in the classic distance event.
- BC Cup #2 at Prince George Feb. 4/5 – 30 LH skiers raced on thin snow conditions. Classic races had to be switched to freestyle due to insufficient snow depth to set tracks. Lots of podium results. Ben Van Bergeyk unfortunately had a fall in the semis and broke his arm.
- OK Cup Revelstoke Feb. 11/12 – 80+ racers from LH took part in 2 days of racing. LH won the Teck Regional Cup banner for most points in the series.
- Upcoming races are BC Champs in Kamloops, Midget Champs in Kelowna and Nationals in Canmore.

We held a Paranordic coaching course on Jan. 28/29 weekend. Now have 4 coaches trained at the Community Coaching level and 1 at the Competition Coaching level for Athletes with a Disability (AWAD). Abbi is applying for a grant from Paralympic Sport Development Fund to hopefully fund purchasing one or two sit-skis (one recliner, one for kneeling). We have a young boy with spina bifida who tried the sit-ski during the coaching course weekend who is keen to try out the sport again.

Also on the Paranordic scene, Natalie Wilkie who is classified to race in Paranordic events due to her hand injury went with the BC para ski team to Easterns in Ottawa Feb. 3-5. These races were considered to be the National championships for paranordic and she won 3 gold medals in the womens standing category (won by large margins). She is a prospect for the Canadian Paralympic team and has been told by the national team coach that her skiing ability would qualify her for the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympics. Natalie is not necessarily developmentally ready for this event yet, but will take part in BC paranordic ski team camps over the summer and will compete in the IPC World Cup in Canmore in December 2017.

Thomas Hardy is currently in Europe on the B Tour with the BC ski team for 17 days. He had a great result in the 30km race at the World Junior trials races in Salt Lake City and was named as an alternate for that team (however he did not compete at World Juniors).

Thank you to everyone who purchases grocery cards in support of the Ski Team! You can follow the team and see photos on the blog on our website www.larchhillsskiteam.com.

Feb 14, 2017 GM Larch Hills Lantern Ski Report

The Lantern Ski was held on Dec. 29. From all accounts it was again very much appreciated by all attendees. Monetary donations of \$1,085.43 were raised and donations of food filled three large boxes, the food and \$600 were delivered and gratefully accepted by the Second Harvest Food Bank. Our registration book showed that 153 non-members attended the event (not all checked in) and we estimate that at least the same number of members showed up to enjoy the evening. The attendance and donations were somewhat smaller than last year which I credit to the heavy snow at the start of the event. The mist, after the snow stopped, did make for a magical ski experience!

It was again really nice to see a lot of people on snow shoes using the Short Cut/Children Trail and passing by the Christmas tree. No significant safety incidents were reported but a wallet was lost.

This was my third year as a coordinator of this annual event and I could not have asked for more enthusiastic and committed volunteers, especially the individual coordinators, who made my job so much easier by contacting volunteers and directing them using their wealth of experience. We had 60 volunteers contributing. At least 10 were volunteers for the first time. I calculated that 205 hours of volunteer work went into this event. The amount of teamwork required to put on such an event is significant and I am very grateful to each of the volunteers for making this annual tradition a success. I sent a thank you letter to every volunteer naming them and their contribution. I found out that this is a risk as I accidentally omitted lamp lighting volunteer Betty Voth. Thank you to Betty and all the volunteers.

Unless there are questions I ask that my Lantern Ski Report be moved for acceptance.

Ed Bouma -Event Coordinator

Land Use and Trail Planning Committee Report

The committee has identified the need to bring the GIS mapping system into a format and management tool that will be easily accessible to this and other committees. Brian May George Zorn, Cam Brown, and a CSRD rep are meeting to come up with a plan for developing what will function as "in house mapping tool. "

The committee has reviewed options and needs for the following:

Beginner trail with no terrain over 4% Grade

Race Trails – development of additional race trails

Canine Trails – with the possibility of land ownership changing the long term viability of the existing canine trail is at risk.

Replacement Trails options if private land becomes inaccessible with sale.

Snowshoe Trails will be the main agenda item at the next Feb 27 meeting we have invited Phil McIntyre Paul and Clint Smith to partake. Goals will include assessing future needs of the snowshoeing community; impacts of future ski trail construction to the existing network, the feasibility of upgrade of existing trail network and construction criteria for future expansion to accommodate mountain bike use on snowshoe trail during the summer season. Review safety requirements when designing any future crossings.

The goal is to create an overall plan to develop the above goals while always keeping in mind the impacts to the non track set trail network and other summer users such as horses, hikers, quads and motorbikes.