

January 12, 2016

LHNS GM – SASCU Community Centre Auditorium

205 members present

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 by Duncan Moore

Roberts Rules Reviewed: Speak once. Wait turn. 3 minute time frame when speaking.

MOTION: Tina Letham moved that each speaker respect a 3 minute time frame when speaking. Seconded by Debbie Phillips. Carried.

Duncan delivered introductory comments.

Membership Update - Jan Naylor: As of tonight there are 1006 registered members.

Duncan introduced members of the Chalet Expansion Committee (CEC): Randi Ostby, Chris Elliott, Suzy Beckner, Jim Beckner; regrets from CEC member Rob Nash.

Read letter written to the board of Directors from Bill Grainger dated November 8, 2015.

Presentation: Randi delivered presentation. The following is a summary of topics covered during the presentation.

- Ongoing project for the past 8-10 years
- Time for chalet to grow with club
- Committee reactivated in 2013. Current idea has been in the development for past 2 years.
- Chalet is a socializing place, meeting place, warming up place, waiting place, drying off place, spectating place, classroom, event office, event venue, overnight place.
- Reviewed when the current space is too small.
- Reviewed when the chalet is not too small.
- Reviewed various club sizes from comparable areas across the province.
- Reviewed the challenge of climate change.
- Reviewed current infrastructure investment at existing location.
- Reviewed necessity for information on climate change impact in our area.
- Reviewed projections from [pacific climate change.org](http://pacific.climatechange.org).
- Reviewed info prepared by Cam Brown.
- Reviewed snow depth measurements from 2007-2015
- What would be a reasonable ski season – 60 days of skiing.
- Reviewed alternatives
- Reviewed possible vision/drawing.
- Reviewed expansion details
- Chris Elliott reviewed approx. size of 2400 sf addition and approx. cost
- Reviewed funding options and grants that may be suitable.

Q & A session: Several members took the opportunity to ask questions specific to the presentation. Randi Ostby provided responses with additional comments made by attending CEC members, Treasurer Allan Bahen and President Duncan Moore.

Additional discussion on required milestones to move this project forward:

- Requires a vote in favour to proceed.
- If a successful vote is achieved one of the first steps is to obtain funds through a variety of sources. Architect drawn plans are required in order to access grants.
- Opportunity for membership suggestions and feedback on expansion plans.
- A successful vote enables the CEC to initiate the necessary steps to move the project forward - the CEC does not want to hold additional membership votes for each step of the project. Finalized drawings and construction will require approval by the LHNS Board of Directors.

MOTION: Jim Beckner moves that the Larch Hills Nordic Society approves expansion of the existing chalet to approximately 3600 square feet, providing the following requirements are met:

1. Funds to undertake this project are obtained through a combination of the following:
 - fundraising activities
 - grants
 - donations of cash, in kind labor, services, and supplies
 - funds currently available in the LHNS "Infrastructure Account"
 - other sources of funding that may become available
2. Formal Architect drawn plans are obtained by the Chalet Expansion Committee and shared with the LHNS Membership with an invitation for suggestions and feedback. Finalized plans, taking member input into consideration, are submitted to the LHNS Executive for review and approval.
3. The currently planned Climate Update Study is completed and shared with the LHNS Membership and Executive within three months, and prior to any new chalet construction. Chalet expansion construction may commence upon approval from the LHNS Executive provided that the Climate Update Study suggests a reasonable likelihood of skiable conditions through most of the existing Larch Hills Recreation Area an average of 60 days per season for most of the seasons during the next fifteen years.

Seconded by Peter Molnar.

Discussion and comments on motion. Several members took the opportunity to comment on the motion. No amendments made to the motion.

Vote at 9:26

193 votes cast: 165 votes in favour; 27 votes not in favour; 1 spoiled ballot

Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment made by Randy Ostby. Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.