

Larch Hills Nordic Society General Meeting February 2nd 2010

Seventeen members present

1) Welcome and Agenda Review

2) Minutes of the November 24th, 2009 Mtg.

Moved by Pauline Waelti and seconded by Chris Letham and carried to accept the minutes as is.

3) Business arising

John Henderson reported that the by-laws were accepted by the Societies Act

Floor painting: Pauline and Pauline, Chris and Tina washed the floor but will paint it in the spring

Water testing: very good results

June Hawkins Sun on Snow Ski School: good response to date

John Thielman reported that this weekend there is going to be a demo day and you can use the equipment for lesson with June. Seems ok to send out her school information to the membership

4) Correspondence

GEO Quest donation of \$50 and letter of thanks for snowshoeing
Vancouver Ski Club letter of thanks and \$400 donation

5) Treasurer's report

Roy Decker moved and Mick Ford seconded to accept the report as is:
carried

Roy submitted a lottery grant just in case.

6) Membership report

990 members to date

Double the number of cars in the parking lot

A projected shortfall for next year due expected loss of the lottery grant
so discussion of a fee increase for 2010

We will vote on this at the AGM

Question re insurance for snowshoers. Ministry of Forestry has a blanket policy. We are waiting to hear how it covers the snowshoers.

7) Committee reports

Tracksetting

Usual issues in a low snow and temperature year

Painting the tracksetter shed

Seems unlikely that there will be tracksetters left over from the Olympics. Suggested that the president contact our MLA George Abbott

The old renovator was sold for \$2500 Peter Fryzuk and Bruce

Motherwell transported it

Trails committee

A meeting needed before the AGM

Newsletter

Now only eNews with issues printed out and posted in the cabin

Old growth forest buffer zones

Most of our trails go through Tolko cutting areas so they will be talked to and asked if they would not mess up our trails

8) Programs

Jackrabbits

130 members

Wrap on on February 13th

Good year with most leaders returning

Growing in popularity

Abbi will step down as co-ordinator after next year

More smaller ski racks need to be built. Pat Hutchins will build them. Jim will tell Pat that he

Junior Racing

Two girls and four boys going to BC Winter Games

Coming home with lots of medals this year

All the junior and juvenile racers carried the Olympic Torch

34 out of 35 racers in Loppet

Good chance that 2 or 3 racers will qualify to represent BC at Nationals

9) Events:

Lantern Ski:

a great success on a beautiful evening

Thanks to George Zorn for helping
Fun Race
Successful
Free style for the first time
Thanks to the Flatmans and John Thielman
RKS Loppet,
397 skiers
1/3 kids 1/3 recreational 1/3 competitive
Over 70s 18 k will be competitive

Pirate Loppet

Huge success with close to 400 kids
Valentine's Lantern Ski Feb.. 13th
Thielmans organizing it this year
Midget Championships March 5th and 6th
We are hosting them this year
Skiers from as far away as Vancouver Island coming

Fun Day February 20th

John Henderson will co-ordinate
Para-skier Joan Reid may do sit skiing on the same day
Jim will contact Joan

10) Other:

Snowshoeing routes and promotions

Discussed joint ski snowshoe trails i.e Connector trail from Metford to Ermine
Pole Camp Way

Clint Smith moved that Mom's Trail and Temptation become Joint Ski-Snowshoe
Trails Seconded by Mick Ford. Carried

Put on registration does anyone want to organize snowshoeing

Suggested that the Canine trail be used as a snowshoe trail

Canine trail

A trail was looked at last summer but the grant money did not come through.

The trail would have been a track set loop, with a separate parking lot
possibly intersecting with Woodlot Ramble

Another suggestion was Ski Out and Lover's Lane and make a loop

To the executive meeting to discuss: possibly a email survey

Volunteer ski patrol

To help with the trail report

Blaine would like backcountry input, snowshoer input and track set input

Vivian will ask for help in an email

Biathlon: Mike Schmok mschmok@shaw.ca

Biathlon for kids: Modeled on Jackrabbits; called Bears

Age 8 to 14 then called Junior Development

Demonstration Day in March: target shooting: take to executive

Received a grant which included an air rifle

\$200 a year would allow the club to join Biathlon BC and be covered by insurance

Biathlon retains youth who don't want to race skiing longer

Cost of the program ends up being \$125 to \$150 per skier annually

Possible area off of Chalet loop for a biathlon area

Adjournment

Moved by Roy Decker at 9:11

Next AGM meeting April 6th, 2010