

LHNS General Meeting November 23rd 2010

Twenty members attending

1] Welcome, Agenda review

2] Minutes of the October 19th, 2010 meeting

Moved by Jim Beckner and seconded by Peter Molnar to accept the minutes as read: carried

3] Business arising

Weather station

- Blaine has researched the idea; it would cost around \$500. There are daily snow condition reports by Pauline. Eugene Steckley will research it. It is easier to install in the spring: tabled

Pirate Loppet

- The Pirate Loppet would like to buy skis for schools that have inadequate equipment
- The club would like to increase the amount of students participating and the limiting factor is equipment
- The committee is able to buy ten sets of skis for \$1000/ This is the amount of money past over to the Pirate Loppet Committee from the slub general account which represents the profits share raise by the loppet over the past 3 years. The Pirate Loppet would like to purchase skis to be presented to a school in need. A discussion regarding the 50/50 fee split followed. The executive will discuss this further and look to establishing a policy for the future.

4] Treasurer's report: attached

- Asking for a \$20,000 lottery grant (last year we asked for \$24,000 but received for \$10,000)
- Roy Decker moved and George Zorn seconded to accept the treasurer's report: carried

5] Membership report

- 437 individual memberships= 147 households
- No snowshoer registrations yet

- Five free family memberships have been given as thank yous for donations of services: Darren Muloin (webcam), Lenny Lega (backhoe), Ed BRECKNELL (electrical), Ian McDiarmid (construction) and Pauline Hickson (caretaking)

6] Committee reports:

Ski swap:

- made between \$1000 and \$1200

Tracksetting

- no tracksetting yet and lots of ruts from trucks being driven
- logging should be done this week
- tracksetting will start this Friday

Trails committee:

- Dog trail: it is budgeted and three areas have been considered. Maureen Defoe suggested we survey the club so see the level of support. Vivian will come up with a survey and take it to the executive.
- There is a trail now through the clear cut to the Town View trail which means that we could conceivably track set to South Canoe

Old Growth Retentions zones

- George Zorn and Peter Molnar went out with Tolko to look at and discuss logging and trails. Three maps were made for the user groups, Shuswap Outdoors, Trail Alliance, to take and discuss priorities.

Chalet

- Washrooms will be painted soon.
- Hot and cold water will be available soon
- Washrooms will be useable this year with showers to follow in the future: put it in an enote and on the website
- We did have to dip \$5000 into our reserves to accomplish this

Publicity/newsletter

Safety -

- New rescue toboggan will be put on hill

7] Programs

Jackrabbits

- 93 registered
- Registration closes November 30th enote saying there is room

Junior Ski Team:

- skied at Sovereign
- some skiers at Whistler for a camp
- three coaches went to a seminar on coaching in Vernon
- there will be a camp at Silver Star for the team and parents the first weekend in December
- skiers age 13 and over receive weekly training plans
- some parents went to a waxing clinic so they can help to wax on race days
- looking like one of the strongest clubs in the province
- looking to buying a ski-do so they can track set in town at the Field of Dreams and the golf course

Challenge Group

- only three members so far

Adult Ski

- Phil Wright will take adults out during Jackrabbits

8] Events:

Santa Cruise

- Dec. 12th

Lantern Ski

- 200 lanterns cleaned and filled already
- 60 liters donated Mike Melin : Vivian will send a thank you card

Fun Race

- January 2nd

RKS Loppet

- January 15th 2011

9] Other

Donor board will go up in the chalet.

- Recognizes those individuals and companies that have made significant donations of material and services to the club. A big thanks to John Pagdin for making the board.

Summer Use Report

- Twenty people met representing the summer users
- \$5000 available (Forestry) Ken Gibson

Fund raising committee - future development project

- Snowpack predictions need to be made to realistically plan a new chalet or renovation. Seasons are going to get shorter. At a thousand metres are we being realistic. Bill Grainger offered to help with the snowpack research
- George Zorn and Pat Hutchins have kept track of the snowpack for the last four years and have found that there is double the amount of snow at Cec's Cabin as there is at the Chalet. We used to start Jackrabbits the second week in November as there was snow consistently.
- Pat Hutchins moved Roy seconded that the executive form a committee to start visioning and planning for the Larch Hills: carried

Motion to Adjourn: Marcia Beckner

Next meeting: Tues. Jan. 25th/2011