

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:30pm

In attendance: Suzy Beckner, Abbi May, Don Miller, Kari Wilkinson, Cam Brown, Bill Prytula, David Millard, Karen Tanchak, Alan Corbett. **Absent** Pauline Waelti.

1. Adopt Agenda – Additions Cam motioned to approve, Kari 2nd.
2. Minutes of last executive meeting with corrections– Feb 6, 2024. Cam motioned to approve, Bill 2nd.
3. Business arising/outstanding issues: none
4. Treasurer Report – Don. See attached reports

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Abbi has just finished another grant proposal for the new tracksetter but we are not sure when we will hear. She will also apply again for the large grant that we did not get this year.

5. Manager's Update – Karen
See attached report.
Portapotties can be picked up as they will not be needed for the Hard Days Night event.
WIFI was a problem over the weekend during the BC Championships. Discussion was held about options for future races to maintain Wi-Fi for Pauline and the race organizers and tracksetters.
6. SEC – David
There have been some issues with the old Ginzu. The activator needs replacing. They are trying to source one at a reasonable price.
7. LUTPC – David. No news.

8. BC Champs – Alan. Very successful weekend overall. \$6500 in grants to run the race from viasport and the hotel grant. Revenue of about \$3200 and about \$10,000 expenses. The banquet and dance were a great success overall. There was an issue resulting in some minor damage in the school. This is being dealt with by the ski team leaders along with Suzy and Alan.

9. Hard Days Night – Abbi

The committee is meeting tomorrow. Only 7 signed up so far and some more volunteers are still needed.

10. Carbon Report – Cam. Carbon offsets that have been collected by the team will be used to purchase credits through the Great Bear Rainforest project on the coast.

11. Shuswap Fire Roundtable – Cam. Cam attended as the Larch Hills rep along with the CSRD, city, and provincial representatives. They met to discuss collaborating re fire prevention and decided to continue to collaborate on this. LHNS was included because this may eventually include some work in our area.

12. AGM – Suzy. We will have a social reception prior to the meeting. Suzy is preparing the draft agenda. She is going to be going to Ottawa for XC Ski Nationals, so Abbi will run the meeting.

Elections Suzy, Abbi, Cam, Alan and Laura will all let their names stand.

Additions

1. Bylaws policy and long-term planning. -Kari – Some changes to the club bylaws are required related to changing the date of the AGM. We will prepare these changes to present at the fall AGM. We will aim for 3 general meetings/yr.

The LHNS Policy document is dated 2011. Karen has been creating a policy manual with all policy changes. Kari and Karen will complete the new policy document and post it on the website.

The last strategic plan was in 2017. We have done the big projects from that plan, including the chalet expansion, new race trails, dog trails and lighting.

Kari suggested updating the strategic plan. We will aim to start this with a survey to members in the fall.

2. PB repairs -George The PB requires repairs including \$11,000 US for changing belts and about \$3000 for a Pan control. Precutters are worn out that make the classic tracks. This cost also cost about \$3000. George expects labour to be about \$2000 including some volunteer hours. The executive approves this work.
3. Nordic Pulse – Some have commented that most other clubs have this. We agreed that due to cost we will continue with the current system.
4. Stairs- dig out the bank and get metal stairs. Suzy will get a quote and we will move ahead on them this summer.

Adjourned 10pm

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm (TBA)

AGM – Tuesday, March 12, 2023 @ 7:30pm (Rec Centre) – Reception Prior

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Operations Manager Report

- February
 - Trail fees: February – E-transfers \$2,525 includes Element Adventures \$300 and Shuswap Settlement of \$460.
 - Square \$1,961 - \$43.68 in fees for net \$1,917.32
 - \$30 - .0.30 in fees for net \$29.70
 - \$130 – 3.45 for net \$126.55
 - School buses returned the week of Feb 22 and last school group came on Mar 4th.
- Chalet has been used for a few family gatherings, BCHBC activity and two Strider lunches.
- Petition – we have collected 697 names between Johns and the chalet and another 84 + from Skookum for 781 signatures to date.
- Port-a-potties were cleaned before BC Champs weekend. Did we want them for the Hard Days Night or should I arrange for pickup?
- Jonathan, Kari and I met about the website. Some cosmetic changes were updated immediately, the news will be reactivated as soon as we can find a better format for updates from mailchimp and Kari will be formatting some event notices that will stay on the home page.
- E-news for February included: petition, Pirate loppet video, Executive positions open for election, voting for toque design, loppet merchandise, ladies night, lots for Race Team related info.
- Nordiq Fundraiser: We got our first two donations. Donations are coming in memory of Joa Fiala and some are opting for the Tracksetter Fund. Thank you's for the 2023 campaign will be in the mail before the end of the week.
- Speaking of Thank You cards. I found an artist in my neighborhood who has some beautiful paintings of Larch Hills. I took the liberty of asking if she would produce cards of the 4 paintings and she quoted a price of \$10 per card. I purchased 40 cards at a 50% discount to have some variety. Is it worth asking if she would give us a volume discount or do we want to continue using just the cabin cards?
- Safety Committee:
 - George is hoping to have an end of year meeting for review in mid March. We had many Safety hosts signed up for this year, but not all made it out on the trail system. A consistent 5-6 people reported in as ready to respond throughout the season.
 - I will send out another e-mail to all the hosts asking if they will participate in the Hard Days Night. I have not received any response to date.