

DRAFT April 12, 2016

LHNS GM – SASCU Community Centre

18 members present

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Dave Wallenstein

Additions: none.

MOTION: Cam Brown moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Marcia Beckner. Carried

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 9, 2016 GM were read by Dave Wallenstein. Clint Smith moved to accept the minutes With correction noted on 2000. Seconded by Craig. Carried.

Business Arising: Dogs on snow shoe trails – announced at AGM that leashed dogs allowed.

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Allan Bahen. Attached.

- Trail fees – highest amount ever – over \$20000.00 collected
- Revenue quite strong this year.
- Chalet expansion account – \$5000 from loppet committee deposited. \$2000.00 went out as a retainer for an architect.
- HiPas funding – \$500 to LH racers on the BC ski team who are attending school . 7 years to request the funds.
- MOTION: Motion made by Pauleen Wealti to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Abbi. Carried.

Assessment of Potential Climate Change Impacts report – Cam Brown

Cam brown presented at last executive meeting and report was accepted by the executive.

Cam provided an overview of the report. Report is posted on the website.

Discussion – Members had opportunity to discuss the report and ask questions to the presenter. Q- are there any different things we can do into the future regarding snow pack measurements. Best to keep it consistent over the years. Q: would like to supplement the measurements to include number of skiable days in a season.

Youth Program Report – Junior ski team - Abbi May. Attached.

- Report attached.

Jack Rabbits – no report

Committee Reports:

Membership: has not changed since AGM

Track setting / maintenance work – Ed Bouma. Thanks go to Jim Nadler, Steve Raffel for covering the reports and coordinating the grooming, and Dave Brubakker for keeping all the machined running.

Steve – Presented the PB statistics – attached. Q – request for report on the ginzu. Will be provided in January as year- end report required at calendar year end.

Steve – identified a few areas for trail work and will also be getting in touch with RAPP attack to help with this.

Safety Committee Update – Steve Raffel. Purchased a skedco – to rescue people on snow shoe trails.

Facilities Update – Jim Beckner. Recognized Pauleen Hixon and Deanne for all their work this season – they shared the work to maintain the facilities. Re-wiring was done upstairs in the chalet – added switches instead pull cords. Heavy gauge metal added to the stairs. Dave pointed out that we will need to map out the septic field – i.e. tank access etc. Jim will work on this.

Trails Update– Dave Wallenstein – Land Use Trail Planning committee. – reviewed terms of reference. Attached. Committee will continue to get together in the off-season. Q – Will you look at 4 season trails? Will be looking at the multi-use of the snow-shoe trails. Need to re-look at multi-use / designations in the future. Work is continuing on referral process for sprint trail development.

Snow shoe update – Clint Smith – will be looking at some of the wet areas for bridges. Looking at a potential new trail – will be doing some GPS for this. Need to make/flag an access for snow shoe trail for people snowshoe with dogs. Clint will look into this.

Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising – Suzy Beckner. Currently working with the architect from Newtown in Vernon. Hoping to present the plans for input from members in May. Fundraising – only fundraiser plan is the dancing with the stars. A few articles in the local papers had some misinformation/misquotes. Once plans are approved will be pushing forward with donation request and grant applications.

Announcements: none

Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment made by Cam Brown. Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY
General Meeting April 12, 2016
7:00 PM

- ◆ Welcome/Agenda – additions to the Agenda
- ◆ Minutes of February 09, 2016 General Meeting
- ◆ Business Arising:
- ◆ New Business
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Assessment of Potential Climate Change Impacts report – Cam Brown, RPF
- ◆ Youth Program Reports: Junior Ski Team
 Jack Rabbits – Skill Development Program (SDP)
- ◆ Committee Reports: Membership Update
 Track Setting/Maintenance work Update
 Safety Committee Update
 Facilities (Chalet, Cec's, other) Update
 Trails Update
 Snowshoe Trails Update
- ◆ Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising
- ◆ Additions:
- ◆ Announcements:
- ◆ Motion for Adjournment

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Budget 2015 - 2016

01/10/2015 through 30/09/2016 Using Budget 2015-16 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Category	01/10/2015 Actual	- Budget	30/09/2016 Difference
INCOME			
CCBC Fees Collected	21,559.00	17,500.00	4,059.00
Chalet Donation	844.00	500.00	344.00
Chalet Rentals-	710.00	1,300.00	-590.00
Donation box donations	21,817.25	15,000.00	6,817.25
Jack Rabbits Fees & Donations	5,120.00	5,000.00	120.00
Junior Race Team	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Loppet donation to club	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Members misc donations	2,516.00	2,000.00	516.00
Memberships	62,367.00	60,000.00	2,367.00
Miscellaneous	3,136.64	1,000.00	2,136.64
Other donations	1,963.50	2,000.00	-36.50
Received on behalf of Race Team	8,600.00	9,000.00	-400.00
Ski Swap Income	13,037.15	12,000.00	1,037.15
Tracksetter Replacement Fund donations	1,412.00	2,500.00	-1,088.00
TOTAL INCOME	148,082.54	130,300.00	17,782.54
EXPENSES			
BC Hydro	1,586.62	2,500.00	913.38
CCBC Fees Paid out	20,545.00	19,000.00	-1,545.00
Chalet Expansion Plans	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Chalet Rental - Caretaker	355.00	750.00	395.00
Courses Clinics Meetings	723.98	3,000.00	2,276.02
Gas, Oil	9,880.93	10,000.00	119.07
Honorariums	5,500.00	5,000.00	-500.00
Insurance	6,318.05	8,500.00	2,181.95
Jack Rabbits expense	4,891.83	6,000.00	1,108.17
Jr. Racing Team	2,813.25	2,500.00	-313.25
Maintenance & Repairs, bldgs	1,975.70	5,000.00	3,024.30
Maintenance & Repairs, Equip	3,089.96	11,000.00	7,910.04
Miscellaneous expenses	2,751.91	4,500.00	1,748.09
Office Expenses, post, photocopies	762.90	1,500.00	737.10
Safety Committee	1,008.89	2,500.00	1,491.11
Scholarship	2,750.00	1,250.00	-1,500.00
Signs & Billboards	1,442.56	1,500.00	57.44
Ski Swap	10,410.65	10,000.00	-410.65
Snow Removal	3,369.48	4,500.00	1,130.52
Trail Maintenance	4,310.88	7,500.00	3,189.12
Transfer Fees to Jr Team	10,000.00	10,300.00	300.00
Website Maintenance	315.00	1,500.00	1,185.00
Zone 4 Fees Net Income-Expense	3,202.00	4,200.00	998.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	98,004.59	125,500.00	27,495.41
OVERALL TOTAL	50,077.95	4,800.00	45,277.95

Account Balances

General 50,555.
 Tracksetter Replac. 50,190.
 Infrastructure 66,191.
 Chalet Expansion 6,309.

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PB Edge Statistics

Required Data	Nov 1, 2013	Apr 1, 2014	summer maint. Nov 25, 2014	Mar 17, 2015	Mar 23, 2016	2015/2016 comparison	
(From PB Drive Computer)							
Engine Hours	2400	2860	2883	3245	3718	473	HRS
Driving Hours	1500	1907	1922	2189	2554	365	HRS
Tiller Hours	1008	1317	1331	1581	1909	328	HRS
(From onboard GPS)							
Total Elapsed Time hours	28	300		0	0		
Total Distance Travelled Kms	187	2000		0	0	2015/2016 COMPARISON	
Total Operating Days	9	112		77	120	43	MORE
(From Treasurer's Files)							
Fuel Purchased Liters		9137		7664	10131		
Diesel Avg. Price \$/L		1.36		1.07	0.84	-0.23	
Fuel On Hand Liters		0		0	0		
Annual Fuel Used Liters		9137	0	7664	10131	2467	
Fuel Purchased \$		12465		8245	8484	239	
PB Maintenance Bills \$		1959			2880		
PB Purchase Cost \$	155000						
PB Annual Depreciation \$	10000						
PB Other Costs \$							
PB Total Annual Costs \$		14424	0	8245	11364	3119	
Calculated							
Annual Engine Hours		460.0	23.0	362	473	111.0	
Annual Driving Hours		407.0	15.0	267.0	365.0	98.0	
Annual Tiller Hours		309.0	14.0	250.0	328.0	78.0	
Engine Idling %		11.5	34.8	26.2	22.8	-3.4	
Tiller running %		67.2	60.9	69.1	69.3	0.3	
Avg. Daily Distance Km	20.8	17.9		0.0	0.0		
Avg. Grooming Speed (Km/Hr)	6.7	6.7		0.0	0.0		
Avg. Shift Length (engine Hrs/day)		4.1		4.7	3.9	-0.8	*
Avg. Fuel Consumption (L/Hr)	19.9	19.9		21.2	21.4	0.2	
Avg. Fuel Consumption (L/Km)		4.6		0.0	0.0		
Avg. Cost (\$/Hr)		31.4		22.8	24.0	1.2	
Avg. Cost (\$/Km)		7.2		0.0	0.0		

2016 Notes:

Engine hours, maintenance costs, fuel cost, were all higher this year due to 43 more operating days.
Diesel was \$.23 less than last year.

Efficiency improvements: Idling time was reduced, Tiller running time increased. Shift length decreased.

Hourly depreciation (estimate from treasurer) = $\$10000/\text{yr}/473\text{hrs} = \$21/\text{hr}$.

Hourly operating cost = \$24

Total hourly operating cost = $\$24 + \$21 = \$55/\text{hr}$

(some blank cells are because no onboard gps data was available for Kms. groomed)

Ski team report for General Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2016

BCWG – Penticton Feb. 25-28 – 8 LH skiers, 4 coach/chaperones all from LH

Maggie Beckner won Gold in classic, Silver in sprint, Bronze in relay

Julia Brown won Silver in classic, Silver in sprint, Gold in relay

Stephen Moore won Bronze in classic, sprint and relay

Rachel Bates won Bronze in relay, 4th and 5th in individual races

Lucy Elliott won scholarship award

Calvin Hepburn two 4th places, Maggie Rodwell sprint finalist, Natalie Wilkie also attended

BC Championships – Whistler March 4-6

Wet and deep slush. 70+ racers. LH wins championship with 135 pts. Hollyburn 2nd with 86 pts, Revelstoke 3rd with 36 pts.

LH has won in 2011, 2012, 2014-2016. Third year in a row LH has won OK cup series, BC Midgets and BC Champs.

BC Cup Aggregate winners

1st – (10) Jeremiah Bucher, Emily Carelse, Samantha Vukadinovic, Julianne Moore, Rachel May, Max Calkins, Jonathan Breugem, Trond May, Andrew Nash, Thomas Hardy

2nd – (6) Zara Bucher, Claire VanBergeyk, Julia Brown, Ian VanBergeyk, Eric Moore, Alexander Corbett

3rd – (9) Hilary Vukadinovic, Lys Milne, Maggie Beckner, Rachel Bates, Ben Milne, Stephen Moore, Konrad van Varseveld, David Bakker, Seth van Varseveld

Nationals – Whitehorse March 19-26 – 14 athletes, 8 coaches/waxers/chaperones

Stayed in two houses in Valleyview subdivision close to race trails and Canada Games Centre

Team sprint plus 4 individual races – lots of sunshine, somewhat narrow trails, rolling terrain, thin snow cover, fresh snow day before races started, klister conditions for rest of week after team sprint, changeable conditions over the course and from morning to afternoon, excellent organization

Konrad van Varseveld won 2 silver medals – interval start classic and mass start classic

Andrew Nash won silver medal in freestyle sprint

Julia Brown won 3rd place aggregate for 2001 girls

Everyone enjoyed the experience and younger skiers are keen to attend Nationals again next year.

Spring/Summer

Had year-end banquet on Sunday with 187 people!

BC teams announced:

Talent Squad – (11) Calvin Hepburn, Claire VanBergeyk, Lucy Elliott, Lys Milne, Maggie Beckner, Maggie Rodwell, Megan Hart, Natalie Wilkie, Sophia van Varseveld, Stephen Moore, Trond May

3 camps - June (Whistler), September (100 Mile), November (Vernon)

Development Squad – (3) David Bakker, Julia Brown, Rachel Bates

5 camps – May (Whistler), July (Haig glacier), August (Whistler), September (Revelstoke), November (Whistler)

BC Ski Team – (4) Alexander Corbett, Andrew Nash, Konrad van Varseveld, Rachel May

Camps as for Development Squad plus July/Aug (Dachstein Glacier or Sweden)

Training starts in May for Juveniles+ - strength and paddling (kids also doing mountain biking, soccer, Wild Soles running, xc running, track, orienteering). Spring camp in June. Add running and rollerskiing including Midget racers in July. Coaches meeting next week to plan for next season. 2 coaches joining team for next year. Have 8 athletes graduating high school this year – some will continue to ski with the team at least part time.

Susan Hunt, Dave Valluskeen
Brian May, Keith Cox, George Zorn, Deb Phillips

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Land Use and Trail Planning Committee

Draft Terms of Reference:

The land use and trail planning committee ...

1. Development of a long-term trail plan that reflects the diverse needs of the membership of the Larch Hills Nordic Society and other Larch Hills users.
2. Guides the maintenance of existing trails
3. Plans the design and development of new trails.
4. Guides the development of other infrastructure including cabins, campsites, parking areas, stadium, lit trails, signage, maps, etc.
5. Works with the Larch Hills membership to maintain an appropriate balance of trail types that meets the diverse needs of the membership.
6. Works with external user groups (e.g., landowners, regulatory agencies, forest licensees, and other stakeholders) to ensure that their needs are considered during the planning process (following the principles of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy).
7. Protects the environment during all trail maintenance and creation projects.
8. Takes into account climate change impacts during all long-term planning

Priorities for New Trail Development

1. Beginner trails – low-gradient trails, accessible from the Chalet
2. Race trails – hilly trails with technical corners, accessible from the Chalet
3. Canine trails –
4. Snowshoe trails –
5. Backcountry trails –
6. Lit trails -
7. Recreational groomed trails (high elevation?)

Dogs