

February 9, 2016

LHNS GM – SASCU Community Centre

37 members present

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Duncan Moore

Additions: none.

MOTION: Peter Molnar moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Gary Landers. Carried

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 12, 2016 GM were read by Duncan Moore. Tina Letham moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Abbi May. Carried.

Minutes of the November 12th 2015 meeting were read by Duncan Moore. Motion to adopt the minutes as read made by Dave Wallenstein. Seconded by Steve Fabro. Carried.

Business Arising:

Ron Nedan questioned if there was an update regarding dogs on snowshoe trails. Item was tabled at the last Board meeting and will be on the agenda at the March board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Allan Bahen.

- \$10000.00 moved into the track setter preplacement fund.
- Thank-you to Wild Soles for the \$1000.00 donation
- Report attached.

Nomination Committee – Dave Wallenstein

- Reviewed changes that were made to the board structure and length of term. Laura Hepburn, Suzy Beckner, Pauline Waelti, Ed Bouma and Dave Wallenstein will continue in their second year of term. Abbi May, Duncan Moore, Lisa Wherry and Allan Bahen will let their names stand for the March 15th election. Require 2 more directors. All nominations can be sent to the nomination committee (Dave Wallenstein, Steve & Sharon Fabro). Nominations will also be accepted at the March 15th meeting.

Youth Program Report – Abbi May

- Report attached.

Jack Rabbits – no report

School Ski Hosts – Karin Wilkie (email report read by Duncan Moore)

- Report attached

Event Reports:

Pirate Loppet – report read. Attached.

BC Midget Championships – Report read by Abbi May – attached.

RKS Loppet – Louise Bruns. Report attached.

Larch Hills Fun Race – John Thielman. 94 skiers participated – 59 kids. Thank-you's to Rob Nash for Zone 4 and Keith Hepburn for timing. John is seeking assistance with advertising and promotion. Please contact John if able to help.

Lantern ski – Ed Bouma. Raised \$200 and collected large boxes of food for the food bank. 227 guests signed in with approximately a total of 500 participants. Approximately 200 hours of volunteer time. Thanks to coordinators. Access to the snowmobile and sled sped up the set up and take down time.

Committee Reports:

Membership: currently have 1032 members.

Track setting – Ed Bouma. Report attached.

Safety Committee Update – Steve Raffel. Did not re-new ski patrol certificate. Would like some input on whether or not to re-new. Need to know by August. Alternative is to stick with Level 1 first aid for safety hosts.

Facilities Update – Jim Beckner. There has been higher use of the chalet therefore there has been increased cleaning requirements and increased amount of garbage to deal with. Wire mesh on stairs is being replaced. Mice are getting into the mugs – need to be kept in sealed container. Cec's cabin has been well used.

Trails Report – no report. George Zorn is heading up an on-going brushing and pruning crew.

Snow shoe update – Clint Smith – no new update.

Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising – Suzy Beckner. The committee has met once since January's vote. Chris Elliott is working to secure an architect and necessary permits. An e-note was sent out regarding donations. A fundraising event "Dancing with the Stars" will be held in May. The committee will be meeting again next week.

Jan Naylor (via email) Motion to simplify membership options by eliminating the "Infrequent" categories for club membership starting for 2016/17 season. Seconded by Gary Landers

- Members present discussed the Motion. Some members would like the opportunity to ask question with Jan present.
- MOTION made by Gary Landers to table the motion until next meeting. Seconded by Steve Raffel. Carried.

Addition: John Thielman is looking at offering packages for next season for hotels – to include ski pass and rentals. John would be willing to a Feb 14th 2017 lantern snowshoe.

Announcements: AGM is March 16, 2016

Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment made by Jeanetta Zorn. Adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.

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Budget 2015 - 2016

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

09/02/2016

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Category	01/10/2015 Actual	- Budget	30/09/2016 Difference
to Feb 9/16			
INCOME			
CCBC Fees Collected	21,340.00	17,500.00	3,840.00
Chalet Donation	809.00	500.00	309.00
Chalet Rentals-	535.00	1,300.00	-765.00
Donation box donations	19,057.60	15,000.00	4,057.60
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	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Members misc donations	2,516.00	2,000.00	516.00
Memberships	61,509.00	60,000.00	1,509.00
Miscellaneous	806.61	1,000.00	-193.39
Other donations	1,926.00	2,000.00	-74.00
Received on behalf of Race Team	8,100.00	9,000.00	-900.00
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	136,168.36	130,300.00	5,868.36
EXPENSES			
BC Hydro	849.07	2,500.00	1,650.93
CCBC Fees Paid out	20,326.00	19,000.00	-1,326.00
Chalet Expansion Plans	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Chalet Rental - Caretaker	267.50	750.00	482.50
Courses Clinics Meetings	540.27	3,000.00	2,459.73
Gas, Oil	5,670.51	10,000.00	4,329.49
Honorariums	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance	6,318.05	8,500.00	2,181.95
Jack Rabbits expense	4,125.31	6,000.00	1,874.69
Jr. Racing Team	2,313.25	2,500.00	186.75
Maintenance & Repairs, bldgs	360.47	5,000.00	4,639.53
Maintenance & Repairs, Equip	1,477.22	11,000.00	9,522.78
Miscellaneous expenses	2,360.11	4,500.00	2,139.89
Office Expenses, post, photocopies	505.50	1,500.00	994.50
Safety Committee	520.36	2,500.00	1,979.64
Scholarship	250.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
Signs & Billboards	1,442.56	1,500.00	57.44
Ski Swap	10,410.65	10,000.00	-410.65
Snow Removal	3,170.99	4,500.00	1,329.01
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	3,165.00	4,200.00	1,035.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	78,698.70	125,500.00	46,801.30
OVERALL TOTAL	57,469.66	4,800.00	52,669.66

Account Balances

General \$64,810.

Tracksetter Replac. 50,000.

Infrastructure 66,126.

Presented by Abbi May

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Midgets 2016 Jan. 23/24

~240 racers aged 9-12 from across BC, Washington state and Canmore

~40 racers from LH

Raining on Friday morning, but great weather for Sat and Sun

Interval start classic – 2km, klister worked well

Relays – 2 classic, 2 skate – great costumes, fun, exciting finishes

Banquet at Rec. Centre – Taco del Mar

Sprints – great course, exciting for spectators

Concession was good fundraiser for Nationals skiers

Lots of volunteers, officials did a fantastic job, visitors were complimentary

LH won the team trophy for 4th straight year

Problem – LH road was not groomed on Saturday and was only way recreational skiers could access trails. It was too icy and several recreational skiers couldn't make it down the hill.

Ski Team

Silver Star camp December – great weekend for the kids. Thanks to Skookum for their support with \$ from the Warren Miller movie

Noram Sovereign December 12-13

Overnight at Cec's cabin for older group – 12 skiers tented out, backcountry skied around Clearcut Connection and down Larch Ledge, then down Pileated and Blue Sky with full packs

OK Cup#1/BCWG trials Revelstoke Jan. 2 – 8 LH athletes born 2001/02 qualified for games. Going Feb. 25-28 to Penticton with 3 LH coaches and one chaperone. 20 kids on Okanagan zone team.

BC Cup#1 Sovereign Jan 9-10– sprints and skate distance

RKS loppet Jan 16 – longer race distances taken on by the kids

BC Midgets a/a

Pirate Loppet Jan 29

OK Cup#2 Kelowna Jan 30 – Group trip to EnergyPlex afterward – 30 kids

BC Cup#2 Kamloops Feb 6-7 – skate race and classic mass start

Easterns Feb 5-7 – Rachel stayed with family met during exchange last year – 4th, 4th, 1st in YOB

Westerns Prince George Feb 19-21 – 25 LH athletes going – classic, classic sprints, mass start free

BCWG Penticton Feb 25-28

BC Champs Whistler Mar 4-6 – freestyle sprints, classic, relay

World Cup finale Canmore Mar 8-12 – spectating

Nationals Whitehorse Mar 19-26 – 13 athletes

*Feb 9th meeting.***Duncan Moore**

From: Karin Wilkie [thewilksters@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 8:17 PM
To: Duncan Moore
Subject: School Ski Program

Hi Duncan,

If you wouldn't mind reading out the following, I'd be very grateful for that:

School Ski Program

Last month saw another very successful School Ski Program. Eight elementary schools from SD83 participated in the annual program in preparation of the Pirate Loppet, bringing a total of about 340 students to practice their skiing and to have some serious fun in our beautiful Larch Hills outdoors. Schools chose to come up twice or three times in the month of January (for some 800 student visits!), and each time groups of about 10 children were lead around our trails by one LHNS member volunteer, with the help of another adult provided by the schools. Forty intrepid club members came forward to volunteer their time for one, two and even four sessions each. New this year were a couple of video links on the snowplow and herringbone skills the teachers were encouraged to view with their students before the sessions, and an orientation session put on by Pat Hutchins for the volunteer hosts. Feedback has been extremely positive from the schools and many of the volunteers alike, and sometimes I wasn't so sure who enjoyed this program the most. Thank you LHNS volunteers for allowing this very worthwhile program to take place and grow year after year!

Sincerely, Karin Wilkie

School Ski Host Program and Pirate Loppet 2016

Ski Host Program

This year, eight area schools took part in the Ski Host Program. Schools had two or three sessions, with the result being 793 student ski visits to Larch Hills through January. Many thanks to the forty Larch Hills volunteers who acted as ski hosts and to Karin Wilkie for co-ordinating the program.

Pirate Loppet

This year's event on January 29th had over 500 skiers preregister with 465 skiers actually taking part. Fourteen areas schools were represented as well as additional skiers from Revelstoke. The official Pirate Loppet Flag for the school with the highest per capita participation went to Grindrod Elementary.

In an attempt to make the event more inclusive, a 2 kilometre course was added this year as an option for younger or less experienced skiers. Over one hundred skiers chose to ski the 2 K route, proving to be a popular option.

Thanks to the many club volunteers and the local business community for helping to make this year's event another great success. A special shout out to Dorothy Parks and the Lady Striders who, since 2005, have served up over 6,500 hot dogs to about 5,000 pirates young and old.

Skis for Schools Grants

Once again, funds are being made available to local schools for the purchase of cross-country ski equipment for their students. Applications are currently being accepted, with a deadline of Feb. 10th.

Chris McMahan on behalf of the Pirate Loppet Committee of Megan Moore, Dorothy Parks, Karin Wilkie, Pat Danforth, Pat Hutchins, George Zorn, Tom Peasgood, Jeremy Ayotte, and Susan Rothlisberger

Presented by: Louise Bruns

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Reino Keski Salmi Loppet Committee Report 2016

The 32nd annual Reino Keski Salmi Loppet was a great success again, thanks to the group of volunteers from our club and beyond into the community who worked together to host the event. At 480 registrants, this wasn't the highest registration in the history of the loppet, but it was the highest in 15 years! The trend towards an increasing proportion of children registering continued this year.

Even though a steady snowfall throughout the day added challenge to the course and ski preparation, I think everyone had a great ski and I heard only positive comments from out-of-town visitors regarding the event and the course.

Our returning TA, Sam Robbins, gave us an excellent report card and was happy to see we had acted on his suggestions from last year and that traffic problems between the youngest skiers and the older age group had been resolved. Recommendations were made to add larger lap lane signage and perhaps fencing next year as confusion between lap lane and finish continues to be somewhat of an issue.

We tightened up the awards portion of the evening to less than an hour this year, and everyone was pleased with that. The wine and appies spread was impressive, with plenty of food to accommodate even the late-comers. The option of purchasing pizza later in the evening was again well-received and the choice of a DJ to provide music appeared to be a hit with a good cross section of ages judging by the action on the dance floor!

Many thanks and congratulations to everyone who was involved.

Louise Bruns
Loppet Co-ordinator

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Lantern Ski Report 2015

Lantern Ski on Dec. 29. From all accounts it was again very much appreciated by all attendees. We raised \$2,037.80 in donations of which \$1,046.30 plus food to fill four large boxes which were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Our registration book showed that 227 non-members attended the event (not all checked in) and at least the same number of members. It was really nice to see a lot of people on snow shoes who did the Short Cut Trail passing by the Christmas tree.

This was my second year as a coordinator of the annual event and I could not have asked for more enthusiastic and committed volunteers, especially the individual coordinators, who made my job so much easier by contacting volunteers and directing them using their wealth of experience. Also using our new sled and a second snowmobile expedited our set up and tear down.

No significant safety incidents were reported although we will endeavour to put a few more lanterns on the hill coming in to the South Hub as there was the odd tumble. I calculated that 199 hours of volunteer work went into this event. *58 volunteers*

Ed Bouma, Coordinator

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Tracksetter Report

I am very pleased to report that this has been a great year for snow and tracksetting. All our volunteers have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure a high standard of tracksetting and I am grateful to each one of them. I would like to recognize Jim Nadler who has been with me every step of the way, along my steep learning curve, and I thank him for all his help and support.

Since, I started as liaison director last year, there have been some changes in personnel with retirements and new recruitments. Stephen Raffel is now the tracksetter of the day coordinator with Wayne Buchanan as his alternate. John Thielman, George Jackson, and Bent Kristiansen have joined the day tracksetter list operating the PistenBully. We have some spare tracksetters we can call on as well. In addition Blaine Carson and Jim Ellis have joined the active but retired list. Many thanks to Blaine and Jim for their contributions as a day tracksetters. *Jerry Hultner and Ernie Whitehead
Dase Brubaker*

We have increased our Extra Gang snowmobile crew to nine with two trained on the Ginzug groomer. We hope to increase this number by training the other interested members, on the Ginzug groomer, as soon as possible. Most will also need to complete a chain saw course, hopefully in the fall.

In early January I submitted a tracksetter log and volunteer hour summary to our president. Worthy of note in this report is that the tracksetters and support personnel accounted for 1918 hrs. of volunteer time contribution. The PistenBully (PB) operated for 460 machine hours with a total of 686 man hours. The snow mobiles added up to 2729 km or 423.5 machine hours and 562.5 total man hours.

The machines are running well with the occasional minor breakdown mostly of a hydraulic nature. We are still hoping to find a missing shovel with a rubber tip designed specifically for the PB. We look forward to sending some of our tracksetters to the 2016 National Nordic Sports Grooming Conference from April 4-6 at Sovereign Lakes Nordic Centre, Vernon.

Somehow under my list of other duties I became the liaison director for outhouses. It seemed there was no rush by other directors to take this on, I am not sure why but in any case we have recruited a volunteer to check, clean and supply the 10 outhouses and Cec's Cabin on a weekly basis. We have repaired three outhouses to date. This schedule satisfies the requirement of our Partnership Agreement.

Since the middle of December I have been writing the trail report on our website and facebook. I have tried to make the information relevant and not repeating information

already on the website. The grooming report is updated by the tracksetters when they are done for the day. The Delorme is also available for public use but more of an emergency tool for us. Both of these tools I rely on for my report. I have also recently added a back country section which is updated whenever new information becomes available to me. For the trail report to continue I would like to recruit someone to fill in for me when I am not available so if you know of anyone let me know.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the whole tracksetting team for all their help and support. Specifically, Stephen Raffel, for planning and coordinating under sometimes difficult conditions or events, Wayne Buchanan for being a patient and supportive Ginzug groomer teacher, and finally John Thielman for using his skill and expertise to, not only groom and trackset, but also help with special events and clearing snow so we can actually park and enjoy the skiing.

Before I conclude, I would like to recognize Blaine Carson for his years of service to our Club by recruiting, training and mentoring most of us. Blaine has been the heart and soul of the tracksetting team and we owe him our deepest gratitude. I know we will all work very hard and strive to maintain the high bar that he set for us. We wish him well.

Ed Bouma, Liaison Director for Tracksetting.