

**LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY**  
General Meeting November 10, 2015  
7:00 PM

- ◆ Welcome/Agenda – additions to the Agenda
- ◆ Minutes of October 13, 2015 General Meeting
- ◆ Business Arising:
- ◆ LHNS Chalet Expansion Committee Presentation
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Youth Program Reports:      Junior Ski Team  
   Jack Rabbits – Skill Development Program (SDP)  
   Explorers Program
- ◆ Committee Reports:          Membership Update  
   Safety Committee/Chainsaw course Update  
   Facilities (Chalet, Cec's, other) Update  
   Track Setter/Maintenance work Update  
   Trails/Trails Maintenance Update  
   Snowshoe Trails Update  
   Land Use/Trail Planning – update on  
   range control & cattle fencing
- ◆ Website - update on work in progress
- ◆ Additions:
- ◆ Announcements:              Club Sanction Certificate for 2015/16 season issued  
   mid-October by CCBC
- ◆ November Events:
- ◆ Motion for Adjournment

## November 10, 2015 LHNS GM

37 members present

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

### Additions:

- Inquiries about dogs on snowshoe trails;
- off season rental of CEC's cabin

**Agenda:** Peter Molnar moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Pauline Hixon

**Minutes of October 13, 2015 GM:** minutes read by Duncan. Motion to accept the minutes as read with one correction made by Ed Bouma; seconded by Clint Smith. Carried

**Business Arising:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Report presented by Allan Bahen. Report attached

**LHNS Chalet Expansion Committee presentation:** Presentation made by Rob Nash and Randi Ostby. Presentation will be posted on website. The presentation reviewed the following topics:

- Rational for formation of Chalet Expansion Committee and rational for need of chalet expansion.
- Reviewed typical chalet use including when the chalet does not meet the needs of user groups and occasions when current size is sufficient.
- Provided comparison of chalet square footages and membership numbers from other representative clubs across the province. The committee is proposing to build a 2400 sf addition to bring the total chalet size up to 3600 sf (from existing 1200 sf).
- Identified elevation/location of several Nordic chalets from across the province.
- Reviewed some concerns that have been raised by some members including climate change. Inherent value in chalet expansion given the vast amount of year round recreational activities that take place.
- Reviewed example schematic drawings of potential expansion; budget; and potential funding options.
- Q&A session: would the current bathrooms meet the need of an expanded chalet. A: we have comparable number of toilets for chalets of similar proposed expansion size. We are already hosting with large number of people. Q: have you considered sleeping quarters? A: No – would add significant complexity and costs. Question re financing – can't proceed to apply for grants until the membership approves the project.

**MOTION:** Abbi May moves that a vote on approving the chalet expansion be held at the next general meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Laura Hepburn. Attendees reminded that they must have a current paid membership in order to vote. 20 in favour. None opposed.

### Youth Program Reports:

**Junior Ski team:** Abbi May. 100 kids registered. 16 skiers attending a provincial camp at Sovereign Lake this weekend. Those going to Nationals are doing lots of fundraising. Ski camp going on in early December. First race at Sovereign Lake in early December. LH Buffs for sale.



**Jack Rabbits and Explorers:** Duncan read report. Attached

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership Update:** Jan Naylor. 512 members registered so far. Report attached. Some members have signed up as infrequent skiers / families even when there are kids signed up for ski team and jackrabbits. Discussion occurred around the option for "infrequent" skier/family when registering and the possibility of adding to the agenda at a future GM.

**Safety Committee and chainsaw course update.** Ed Bouma. Safety committee Meeting held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently have 20 safety hosts and 5 hosts taking first aid course. New contact list will be posted and safety blitz to occur early in the season. Keith Cox has been working on getting 3 tubs/ safety buckets with safety supplies located on trail system. All machines are ready to go. Chainsaw course Jim Nadler – 12 people in the course; 3 from larch hills. Trail report - large umbrella trees that were felled on Stiggs Loop were bucked by members for firewood. John Theilman has been doing a lot of machine work on trails. Trail pruning and brushing report from George Zorn read by Jim Nadler – attached.

**Facilities** (Chalet, Cec's, other) – Al Hardy – Went up last week and inspected the chalet – everything in good condition. Cec's cabin needs a new cover on counter.

**Snowshoe** – Clint Smith. Everything open and good.

**Land use / trail planning and cattle fencing**– Keith Cox – a group went up with Harold Heatherton and looked at three locations where cattle guards will be installed and cattle fencing. Ed Bouma will be meeting with horse groups regarding type of gates required.

**Website** – updates a work in progress. About another month of steady work to get it ready for winter. Jonathan Bakker has volunteered as website editor.

**Announcement:** Duncan - sanctioned certificate as a registered club received.

#### **Additions:**

**Dogs on Snowshoe trails:** Ron Neden. Received request to have dogs on snowshoe trails. Clint – main issue is to have dogs under control and on leash when crossing trails. Will discuss at next board meeting.

**Off season rental of Cec's;** Pauline Hixon – Has concern with summer rentals and some uncontrolled access. Will continue with winter rentals but will discontinue summer rentals.

**Signage:** Blaine Carson – needs signs regarding motorized access. Clint Smith – would like warning signs at all accesses into Larch Hills regarding multi use trails. Blaine will forward non-motorized signage information to board.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion for Adjournment made by Jan Naylor. Adjourned 9:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.

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# Budget 2014-2015 - 2015

01/10/2014 through 30/09/2015 Using Budget 2014-2015 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Category	01/10/2014 Actual	- Budget	30/09/2015 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
CCBC Fees Collected	16,979.00	17,500.00	-521.00
Chalet Rentals-	1,330.00	1,000.00	330.00
Challenge Program Fees	124.00	150.00	-26.00
Donation box donations	13,325.41	15,000.00	-1,674.59
Jack Rabbits Fees & Donations	6,005.00	5,000.00	1,005.00
Junior Race Team	1,996.51	500.00	1,496.51
Loppet donation to club	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Members misc donations	2,075.00	2,000.00	75.00
Memberships	56,901.00	60,000.00	-3,099.00
Miscellaneous	1,984.89	1,000.00	984.89
Other donations	15,955.53	2,000.00	13,955.53
Received on behalf of Race Team	8,100.00	9,000.00	-900.00
Ski Swap Income	20,075.75	15,000.00	5,075.75
Tracksetter Replacement Fund donations	2,716.00	3,000.00	-284.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>150,568.09</b>	<b>133,150.00</b>	<b>17,418.09</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
BC Hydro	2,541.93	2,500.00	-41.93
CCBC Fees Paid out	18,329.00	17,500.00	-829.00
Chalet Rental - Caretaker	730.00	500.00	-230.00
Courses Clinics Meetings	1,855.05	1,000.00	-855.05
Gas, Oil	8,724.47	15,000.00	6,275.53
Honorariums	4,250.00	5,000.00	750.00
Insurance	8,276.00	6,800.00	-1,476.00
Jack Rabbits expense	6,631.95	6,000.00	-631.95
Jr. Racing Team	9,098.00	6,000.00	-3,098.00
Maintenance & Repairs, bldgs	8,332.81	5,000.00	-3,332.81
Maintenance & Repairs, Equip	10,679.18	6,000.00	-4,679.18
Miscellaneous expenses	4,370.19	4,500.00	129.81
Office Expenses, post, photocopies	1,629.16	1,500.00	-129.16
Safety Committee	1,993.41	1,500.00	-493.41
Scholarship	1,250.00	1,125.00	-125.00
Signs & Billboards	1,501.92	1,400.00	-101.92
Ski Swap	15,307.20	15,000.00	-307.20
Snow Removal	4,625.10	4,500.00	-125.10
Strategic Planning Process	16,841.09	10,000.00	-6,841.09
Trail Maintenance	4,565.20	7,500.00	2,934.80
Transfer Fees to Jr Team	8,800.00	9,000.00	200.00
Website Maintenance	78.75	1,500.00	1,421.25
Zone 4 Fees Net Income-Expense	3,771.00	4,200.00	429.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>144,181.41</b>	<b>133,025.00</b>	<b>-11,156.41</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>6,386.68</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>6,261.68</b>

General Account \$ 17,941.53



Duncan Moore

Nov 10

**From:** Megan Brooke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:40 PM  
**To:** Duncan Moore  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting tonight

Nov 10/ Jackrabbit/Explorers Report.  
2015

Hi Duncan,

Marie and I are meeting tomorrow morning to sort out groups. We were both planning to skip the general meeting tonight. Here is an update for Jackrabbits:

- We have found a coach for the Explorers program, Kari Wilkinson. Kari has coached Jackrabbits for 3 seasons. We only have two skiers for the program so far, but we have invited two more and are waiting to hear back. We may end up with more as the season progresses. We are asking families to register as Jackrabbits for this program so that we get the SDP and CCBC fees.
- We are near to our 140 skier capacity for Jackrabbits. We have approximately 8 spots left.
- We have a number of new coaches this season. We are hoping to pair all new coaches with an experienced coach.
- We have experienced some challenges with the recent changes to Zone4. You now need to have Google Drive to be able to log in. It is difficult to navigate around the program and to find the information that you need. We have not been able to export information from the program.
- This is my last season with Jackrabbits. We are looking for a replacement to help Marie with program administration.

Marie, do you have anything to add?

Megan.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 10, 2015, at 1:04 PM, Duncan Moore <[duncanm@telus.net](mailto:duncanm@telus.net)> wrote:

Hello,

I wanted to let you know there is a general members meeting at 7pm, Community Centre, room 1.

Thanks,  
Duncan

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# Registrar's report Jan Naylor

In going over the registrations, I am finding people registering as Infrequent Family when they have 1 or 2 Jackrabbits as well as the parents skiing. Skiing at least once a week is considered Frequent and, of course, the Jackrabbits ski once a week. In one or two cases, these families also had someone on the ski team, and they ski more than once a week usually.

Some members are not aware that the Jackrabbit Fee goes <sup>directly</sup> into the Jackrabbit program. It is the membership fees that pay for the upkeep of the trail system and the chalet.

I know in some cases, the parents don't ski except to be with a child in the JR program. It's hard to justify that as Frequent.

I have 26 registrations. If each paid the additional \$40 for Frequent Family that would be another \$1,040 to Larch Hills.

Is this important enough for me to send out individual emails, or should we just make a point in a letter?

Membership as of Nov. 10

512 Individuals

Jackrabbit 133

Ski Team 100

~~Explorer~~ 7

Nov 10

George Zorn

To date this fall we've completed 5.2K of trail pruning & brushing over 16 days and 205 volunteer hours on Reino's Run, Roller Coaster, Chalet Loop, Ermine Frolic, Jackrabbit Lane, Bilbo's Bog, Gullan's Gulley and Larch Hills Road. See attached summary in PDF and Word