

October 10, 2017

**LHNS GM – SASCU Community Centre**

28 members present

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 Duncan Moore

**Additions:** none

**MOTION:** Pauline Hixon moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Tina Letham. Carried

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the Feb 14, 2017 GM were not read and are available on the website. Debbie Phillips moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Kerri Wilkinson by. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Fat Bikes; steep snow shoe trails to discuss at future board meeting.

**New business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Allan Bahen – read and reviewed report. Current deficit at the moment but no money registration has come in yet. Clint Smith moved to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Marcia Beckner.

**Chalet Expansion Committee Update & Fundraising:** Suzy Beckner – new poster printed today to show fundraising amounts to date and pictures of current construction progress. Log structure is up and roof panel going on next week. Windows and doors have been ordered. Fundraising – currently at \$283,365.00 to date – includes in kind donations. Received \$17,400.00 from CSRD for windows and doors. Received \$25,000.00 from Southern Interior Development Trust and \$10,000.00 from Shuswap Community Foundation. Sponsorship amount for dances with Stars is approximately \$12,000.00. Applied for BC Gaming branch grant for capital projects and requested \$100,000.00 – announcement of successful applicant to be announced Dec 31. Another grant application submission going into SASCU at end of November. Partnership with CCC to get tax receipts will end December 31. Currently there is money to get roof on, dormers, windows doors and framing; heating will be completed.

**Land Use and Trail Planning Committee Update: Beginners' Trail** Craig Mc Bride – committee has been meeting monthly since February. Current focus is on new beginners trail development and potential new routes have been flagged. Craig reviewed two beginner trail options (map attached). Current preference is option B on the map. There will be the opportunity to walk the proposed trail at 0900 on Oct 14 for anyone interested. Will bring proposal back to next GM for more discussion after people have had the opportunity to walk the course. Committee has also been working on trail re-naming. Craig reviewed the names for the new trails changes for existing trails – idea was to eliminate duplicate names and combine trail names to be more continuous. Signage will need to be changed by next summer with full implementation by next fall. Woodlot logging is completed for the year up on Sentinel. Looking to review committee terms of reference.

**Summer Use – report from caretaker: Pauline Hickson** – It has been quite busy with horses and mountain bikes. Received \$1,350.00 in rental fees. Will review price for horse rental for next summer.

## **Youth Program Report –**

**Junior ski team - Abbi May.** Abbi read and provided a written report - attached. The junior race team has about the same amount of participants as last year - 111 kids expected and 24 coaches. 1 athlete on BC ski team, 12 on provincial talent squad, & 4 on provincial development squad - all been attending provincial training camps. LH team camp in December at Silver Star; fall day camp was held out at Herald Park. 13 athletes planning to go to nationals in Thunder Bay. National athletes are doing additional fundraising – yard work, waxing at ski swap, bottle drive – will have a drop off at ski swap. Awards – receive petro Canada grant for para-nordic which will allow athlete/coach to attend events. CCC club podium award received 3rd place nationally.

**Jack Rabbits – Skill Development Program (SDP).** No report. Explorer program is growing.

**School ski program** – no report from Karin. Alan reported \$250 received from North Canoe, \$150 from South Broadview, and \$65 from Bastion.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership: Jan Naylor** – registration opened Oct 1st. 41 families and 7 individuals already registered. Race team kids must register by this Sunday; all volunteers must register as well in order to be covered by insurance. Discussion on visa fees that club has to cover - tabled until spring discussion.

**Track setting / maintenance work – Steve Raffel.** Dave Brubaker worked on machines over the summer. Will be contacting track setters soon to make sure they of availability this winter. Ed Bouma – should have enough track setters for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Facilities Update – Pauline –**

**Safety Committee & Safety Host Update- Ed Bouma** – safety committee will be meeting next month. Will be parking snowmobile by east side of chalet near washrooms for easier access for emergencies. Trail/grooming report – groomers are good at updating report. Ed can be contacted for other trail report updates. Lantern ski – planned for Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – will be needing volunteers. First aid is offered to safety hosts for those that want it but not a requirement – club pays 50%.

**Trails update** – Craig McBride – started high branch pruning and trimming of smaller trees on the sides. Will be out there 3 days/week for about a month – working on Ermine Frolic and Heart Break Hill. Approximately 22 km completed so far. Take back the hills – will identify various jobs for ski team kids to do and will include moving firewood and clearing branches from high branch pruning. Craig has contacted someone to do mowing on the south loops – don't have date confirmed yet.

**Snowshoe trails update-** Clint Smith - good start on cleaning up snowshoe trails. Need to finish brushing; a few new trails are being built and reactivating a couple of trails.

**RKS Loppet** – update on search for volunteers for key positions – Louise Bruns – still trying to recruit a chief of race – required soon as committee needs to get planning underway. Chief of race will require level 2 officials training. Level 1 is available on-line; Level 2 course is available in Vernon Nov 18-19. Chief Steward is also required. Facing the possibility of not having a loppet without a chief of race. Discussion on process for coordination of volunteers – Pauline Waelti will take this on.

**Upcoming Events:** Reino Run Sunday Oct 15; Ski swap Saturday Oct 21; Trail Clearing (take back the hills) Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

**Announcements:** new owner for private land – American living in Singapore has purchased the private land – Managed through Violet Creek Holdings and has agent working on his behalf. There will be a meeting at the chalet at 10:00 am on October 18<sup>th</sup> for a walk-about if anyone is interested in attending. Dave Wallenstein and Duncan Moore will be the liaisons.

**Adjournment:**

Motion for Adjournment made by Pauline Waelti. Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Wherry.



