

Larch Hills Nordic Society

General Meeting October 9, 2018 7:00 pm

Welcome – Introduction of table. Meeting chaired by Ed Bouma -VP as there is no current president of the club. Laura Hepburn -secretary. Allan Bahen- treasurer.

Ed Acknowledged Duncan Moore- past president but still doing a lot of work to run the club.

Welcome Rob van Varseveld was introduced as a new director.

Quorum achieve (# in attendance) 22

Agenda approved.

Pauline Waelti motion, Clint Smith 2nd. Carried

Minutes of Feb 13, 2018 general meeting approved. Abbi May motion, Suzy Beckner 2nd carried

Business arising- executive assistant review committee- discussed below.

New business- none

Treasurer's report- report attached by Allan Bahen

\$100,000 gaming grant was received for the chalet expansion project.

Alan proposed to the executive to hire a bookkeeper. Alan will be stepping down as treasurer in March after six years. We have used Sandra intermittently from SOS. We will now hire her for month end and data entry into the accounting program. It is expected to cost \$500-1000/yr. This should help with recruiting a new treasurer. Please contact Alan if you know anyone who is interested.

Fees were increased for the first time in 6 years and the infrequent use category was dropped. Our fees are low compared to nearby clubs.

Chalet expansion committee update & funding – Suzy Beckner reported.

The chalet is very close to completion. The kitchen is being worked on and appliances are needed. The floor is being finished and outdoor railings need completion prior to getting an occupancy permit for winter.

Dancing with the stars will help with final purchases such as furniture.

The committee are applying for grants to build the handicapped washroom and a ramp.

A plan has not been made for organizing chalet rentals yet. We need to research the details including insurance requirements and alcohol permits prior to deciding if we will rent for larger functions or just to community groups.. Pauline will be involved in the decision.

There will eventually be concrete under the deck for the waxing area.

Marcia Beckner would like to put on record our appreciation for the hundreds of hours of work that the chalet committee have put in to make this happen as well as the many volunteers.

Woodshed -Steve Raffel has completed construction. He has volunteered >200 hours to this project. John T volunteered his time and charged for his machine
Volunteers will be filling it with wood in the next 2 days. Splitting will be done tomorrow. The race team will be going on Thursday to move wood into the shed. Pauline W has arranged a crew to split wood Wednesday and Friday this week. Abbi M and the race team will be stacking wood on Thursday.

Summer use- report from caretaker

Pauline has received \$1375 from summer use. There were also a lot of day use and mountain bikers there this summer. We are not authorized to collect fees other than winter season but a small amount is collected in the donation box off season.

Committee Reports:

Membership update- Jan is away

Track setting equipment/ maintenance work update -Steve R
Thanks to Dave Brubaker for his work this summer.

Facilities (internet, woodshed, other). Mascon took away their equipment so there is no internet right now. Jon Baker is researching options. A cellphone can be used for the webcam and the weather station for now.

Update safety committee – next meeting Oct 16, Askews, 12pm community rm.
They are working on sleds. They are difficult to drag. They will also talk about training basic first aid for safety hosts including C-spine transport off the hill as the ambulance attendants won't go past the parking lot. There is be a skidoo with keys in it if needed to transport a victim.

Trails update- private land -Duncan Moore.

Duncan is working on a long term use agreement. Planning a permanent setback on the undeveloped part of the land for the sunshine loop is a priority. The owners are cooperating with this. The ski out will not be kept. The owner is amenable to expanding the dog trail loop.

Snowshoe trails update -Clint Smith -Trail maintenance and upgrading has been done over the summer.

Executive assistant review committee -Suzy B, Pauline W, Ed B, and Abbi M have worked a job description. They will continue to update us on their recommendations.

Beginner Trail – John is willing to log this starting in June.

Tolko -Log Contractor's Hauling association has donated \$3500 for the beginner trail. License to cut is in place. We will put a map on the website of the beginner trail along with a map of the private land.

Additions

- 1) BC parks renewal- Duncan- Upper violet creek park land was up for renewal. This was completed until 2028.
- 2) Jim Beckner– a new stove has been installed in Cec's cabin. It needs smaller wood 16 inches. The new boiler has 18 inch wood.
- 3) Cec came to visit this summer and Marcia reported on the visit.
- 4) There has been another wood stove donated and there was discussion about putting it in Pentti's shelter. A smaller stove would be better and Allan will organize and enote to see if we can get one donated.. Steve R thanked Pauline Hicks for her work this summer.

Upcoming Events:

Reino Run Sunday, Oct 14th

Ski swap Oct 20th

Trail clearing (take back the hills) Oct 27th

Lantern ski Dec 28 (tentative)

Open house for new members -Ed Bouma and Jan Naylor would also like to arrange an open house for new members to welcome them and encourage volunteers. Dec 8 (tentative).

Motion for Adjournment Steve R. carried– Next general meeting Dec 11, 2018.