

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting April 2, 2019

7:30 PM

Pauline Waelti's at 2431 28th St. N.E.

Agenda

Ed Bouma, Brad Calkins, Clint Smith, Don Miller, Rob van Varseveld, Pauline Waelti, Suzy Beckner, Abbi May, Laura Hepburn and Craig McBride in attendance. Rob Nash, Duncan Moore absent.

1. Adoption of the Agenda – with additions. Laura motioned, Craig 2nd
2. Minutes of last meeting Feb.5, 2019 approved by Suzy, Brad 2nd. All in favor.
3. Business arising
Suzy motioned that she would like to put the \$4000 received by the club from the loppet into the chalet fund. Ed 2nd. All in favor.
4. **Treasurer Report**-Suzy for Allan. See the report.
Trail fee box revenue \$39,658.
Ten of the tracksetters are donating their \$500 honorarium toward the new machine.
The ski team will be passing on \$6500 from BC championships income to the club (half of the revenue).
5. Motion: To confirm the appointment of **Don Miller as LHNS Treasurer** (for SASCU). Ed motioned, Clint 2nd. All in favor.
6. Motion: To confirm **signing authority upon Don Miller LHNS Treasurer**. (for SASCU). Ed motioned, Suzy 2nd. All in favor.
7. **Chalet Expansion Committee update**. Suzy.
Handicapped washroom is framed. The committee will be meeting to finish a list of finishing jobs.
8. **Club Manager and cleaner hiring Committee**. The same committee will become the hiring committee – Abbi, Suzy, Pauline and Ed.
9. Review recommendation from the **RTV purchase** Committee. Ed.
Del-tec gave an estimate for a Kubota. They will come up to LH to do warranty work. This machine could do brushing in future with a flail

mower. It should be able to pull a trailer of wood but will need a hitch. The groomers would like to have two ginzu groomers in the future to use if the PB breaks down prior to events.

Ed motioned for the executive to approve the purchase of an RTV Kabota 1100 with Camso tracks and set up for \$35,420 including taxes as per the quote from Del-tec. Suzy 2nd. All in favor.

10. Trails and Kiosk sign proposal - Craig. Rec sites and trails wants us to update all our signs through the trail network and remove the current signs from trees. We need to update the new signs with the new trail names. Ed attended a meeting with the Trail Alliance. The partnership agreement between Rec sites and trails and Larch Hills currently goes until 2023. We have responsibility for winter trail maintenance according to the agreement.

There are some specific requirements about the signs used but we want to make sure they are large enough to have useful maps. They suggested the kiosk have a summer use sign that would be a seasonal overlay. Brad Vickerson, representing motorized users suggested that it should specify types of traffic (equine, hiking, MTB, motorcycle, quad, etc.), directions of traffic, where feasible and suggested speed limites. It should focus on types of use we see as appropriate for Larch Hills Summer use (safe, quiet, family use). The summer trail map needs to be updated.

An environmental assessment of our trails will be done through the Geo Mapping Course at OK college. This will identify problem areas. Brad Digness will be brushing. Fall would be best.

11. Meetings with Danielle (Sites and Rec) in May and Robyn Cyr Shuswap Tourism. Ed. They offered to help with grant applications including for lighting and fundraising.

Additions:

1. **Woodshed-** Craig suggested that we name the building after Steve Raffel who worked extensively on it. Ed will communicate with Steve first. All agreed.
2. **Money from the Equine club.** Ed would like to use the funds donated to improve the old chalet site for camping with improved corrals so the horses would have shade. They would park on the road and this would block traffic if

the gate is open. They would need a firepit and picnic table. There is an old outhouse. The horses will not be permitted to drink from the creek.

It was suggested that the horse club take on the job of maintenance such as moving the corrals at the beginning and end of season. We discussed doing this on a trial basis. **Ed will have the equine group come up with a proposal including costs.**

3. **Lighting committee** has met once so far. Planning has started for a total of 5 km of trail in 3 phases.

Announcements:

There will be a **Tracksetter social and meeting** this weekend.

Discussion was held about the need for a new tracksetter coordinator. George Jackson filled in at the end of the season for Wayne who had taken over when Steve Raffel was injured.

Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2019. Pauline's house.

Adjournment 9:10pm