

**Larch Hills Nordic Society**  
**Annual General Meeting Draft minutes**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:00 PM

Room 1, SASCU Recreation Centre

1. Welcome/Agenda – additions to the Agenda  
Ed Bouma -acting president. Duncan Moore -VP. Laura Hepburn secretary  
Cliff motioned to accept the agenda. Pauline Waelti 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Confirm and document quorum met for meeting (>11). 38 attended.
3. Minutes of March 20, 2018 Annual General Meeting: Peter Molnar motioned, Steve Fabro 2<sup>nd</sup> not to read the minutes. All agreed.
4. Business Arising: None
5. New Business:
  - a. Snowmobile incursion onto the groomed trails on the North hub and the South loop. There are now more signs and no further incidents. Ed explained that the legal process is signage, documentation of the incident (photos and written information) and an online report to get a reference number. When you have a few reports, someone will come out and investigate. They can impound vehicles and apply penalties  
If this problem continues we will need official signage for legal purposes. The ministry will prepare these signs. Ed requested a volunteer to coordinate this and the reporting.
  - b. Correspondence regarding club donation. We received \$3500 donation from EQ trails association which has disbanded. They would like it spent to improve the horse facilities for summer. The land use trail committee requested increased horse camping at the old chalet site when it is dry and that the donation go to improve camping infrastructure in that area. They will have access to the new handicapped washroom in summer and water from the chalet but not to use the inside of the chalet. Discussion ensued. The issue was tabled and the executive will take the concerns into account and make a decision prior to the summer.
  - c. Tracksetter Utility Tracked Vehicle Committee presentation -Jim Nadler, George Jackson and Wayne were on the committee and presented their research. George explained the year-round work to prepare and maintain trails by the grooming volunteers. Retaining and recruiting volunteers requires adequate training and tools for efficiency and job satisfaction. We have up to 10 years prior to replacing the PB. Jim explained multiple roles of skidoos to maintain trails and run events including early season packing and removing trees and hauling materials to Cec's cabin. We have 3 snow machines now. The 2009 is used for pulling the Ginzu. The 2015 is not as

good for pulling the Ginzu because it doesn't have the low speed torque but is also good for packing. The '96 skidoo is used for packing and filling ruts. All three get a lot of use.

The committee feels that the best all-around vehicle for Larch Hills would be a UTV. A UTV has removable tracks and wheels. It could be used for brushing, trail maintenance, and early season packing and pulling the Ginzu. They presented a slide show of some vehicles that they test drove at Sovereign Lake and Telemark. The committee preferred the Kubota so far but will continue to investigate other machines and the executive will have to approve the final decision.

Brian suggested wider Ginzu (108) and the committee will consider this. A long-term plan would be 2 Ginzus and a snowmobile in the center to set the skating track in case the PB breaks down.

**Motion: " That the membership approve a maximum expenditure of \$38 000 from the PB Tracksetter Replacement Fund for the purchase of a new or used UTV (Utility Tracked Vehicle) and attachments to be used for grooming ski trails and other trail maintenance tasks throughout the year. The purchase will be subject to the approval of The Directors of the Larch Hills Nordic Society."**

Steve Fabro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzy Beckner. All in favor.

- d. Brad Calkins received the following letter from CCC. He, along with help from Jim Nadler, Peter Molnar, Pauline Waelti, The van Varsevelds, The Caddens and Thomas Hardy helped to host a crew sent from Cross Country Canada this past weekend who were sent to take advertising video and photos for branding the sport.

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to write an email to thank you for all your hard work in helping with our photo and video shoot! We received the following feedback from the Taiji team.

*" We're back on the Island and I thought I should share with you our first ever experience at a Cross Country Ski event.*

*The Larch Hills lodge and trails are stunning, the event was a huge success and very well organized, we couldn't have asked for better weather and the **people were incredible.***

*Brad and his team up there were so helpful, kind and accommodating – they really went above and beyond to get us everything we needed, from models to a skidoo*

*guide.*

*We were so blown away by the community. Everyone, including athletes, volunteers, officials, coaches, parents and kids, were just so kind, so helpful and so friendly. So much so that we felt a part of the community while we were there. It really showed me that all Canadians should be on skis, because who wouldn't want to be a part of such an awesome group of people?! One that convinced me to jump on my first set of skinny skis – a fantastic experience in itself. ”*

Thank you all for being great ambassadors of how amazing this sport and community is! Looking forward to sharing some of the content we got.

Thank you very much once again,

Eva Bloudoff

6. Treasurer's Report: for the Year Ended September 30, 2018  
Duncan Moore presented the report. He commended Allan Bahen's work as treasurer over the last few years.  
Year-end Sept 30 2018. **See attached report.**  
See current report
7. Chalet Expansion Update: Suzy Beckner  
The framing was done on the handicapped washroom. Final finishing will be done in the spring such as counters.  
The chalet was well used and enjoyed for BC championships this weekend and got very positive feedback from other clubs.
8. Registrar's Report: 1096 members this year.  
Jan gets lists of volunteers at registration but not many people are asking her for the lists.
9. Additions to the agenda:
10. Announcements:  
  
Abbi presented the BC champs trophy. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of winning the BC Championships.

Duncan thanked the organizers of the event and also mentioned the successful banquet at the beautiful Splatsin Center where Chief Wayne Christian gave a moving welcome that was well received.

11. Election of Board of Directors (except those elected to two year terms last year)

Report from the Nomination Committee: Dave Wallenstein, Duncan Moore and Hermann Bruns.

**President -Ed Bouma** will let his name stand. No nominations from the floor (3x)

**VP- Suzy Beckner** (nominated by Duncan Moore) No other nominations (3x)

**Treasurer- Don Miller** (nominated by Allan Behan) No other nominations (3x)

**Directors** (letting their names stand)

**Rob Van Varseveld,**

**Pauline Waelti**

**Brad Calkins.**

**Directors** -new this year

**Rob Nash** (nominated by Suzy Beckner)

**Clint Smith** (nominated by ?)

No further nominations from the floor (3x)

Duncan Moore chose not to let his name stand

Remaining and not up for re-election this year:

**Secretary -Laura Hepburn**

**Directors- Abbi May and Craig McBride**

The treasurer position will be up for re-election next year as Allan Behan resigned one year into his two-year term.

The club members thanked Duncan Moore for his years of service and hard work.

12. Motion for Adjournment -Suzy Beckner 9:00 pm.