

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

General Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021

- **Attendees:** 25- Suzy Beckner -President, Abbi May -VP, Laura Hepburn - Secretary
- **Adopt Agenda** –Clint Smith motioned to adopt, Pauline 2nd.
- **Minutes of General Meeting** – Dec 8, 2020- posted on the website. Peter Mulnar moved to adopt, Jan Naylor 2nd.

New Business arising/outstanding issues: None

Reports:

1. **President Report/Correspondence** - Suzy Beckner –
 - a. **Fat Bikes**- are currently not compatible on our trail system
 - b. **Dog Trail** – the trail planning committee are working on the expansion
 - c. **Tobogganing**- As we are a ski and snowshoe club we don't have a designated safe area for tobogganing. Pauline suggested closing the dark trail to skiers to reduce the risk of collisions with children sliding on the sprint bump. We agreed to do this when it is not needed for events.
 - d. **Loppet**- Thanks to Brad Calkins for organizing the virtual loppet. Thank you to Brian May for putting up the signs and to all the sponsors. Also, thank you to the tracksetters for keeping it groomed beautifully throughout the event!
2. **Manager Report** – Karen Tanchak- see attached report
3. **Treasurer Report** – Don Miller- see attached report
4. **Registrar Report** -Jan Naylor
1468 members this year compared with 1150 last year.
All registrations are now done online. More than 250 people paid with e-transfer.

5. Youth Programs Report

Race Team – Abbi May

Ski team are training as usual but have not been attending any races or events. CCBC still has events on schedule in March which are unlikely to proceed. We are keeping groups small and physically distanced. We are holding some fun team activities including ski orienteering, enduro, loppet, time trials, and this weekend they will be doing a skiathalon. Kids are also logging hours skied as part of the team competitions. Skiers continue to attend enthusiastically despite the lack of competition. There are 99 team members and 24 coaches. Abbi taught a recent training course for the coaches.

Jackrabbits – Suzy Beckner- Jackrabbits registration was limited to 114. They are skiing Saturday mornings and the team are skiing in the afternoons.

Ski School Program – Suzy Beckner- The program will continue until the end of February. Jonathan set up online registration. Antje is heading the program this year and many volunteers have participated.

6. Trail Lighting Committee Report –Rob vanVarseveld

Section 57 approval for phases 1 & 2 has come through. The archeologic study is also complete. The goal is to complete phase 1 this summer. We currently have \$150,000 and need \$180,00 to complete the phase. Randi and Rob are working hard on looking for grants and corporate donations. Phase 3 & 4 remain under review with BC Parks. Maps are on the website.

Louise asked about a possible schedule to have some nights for moonlight skiing/ headlight skiing for those who prefer not to have lights.

7. Loppet Committee Report– Brad Calkins- New volunteers are needed for positions of **Loppet coordinator** and **Loppet registrar**.

Louise Bruns will help the new volunteer with the transition.

We also need a new volunteer for **Lantern ski coordinator**.

Contact the manager or an executive member if you are interested.

8. Chalet Roof Ice Buildup – Rob vanVarseveld

There are some deficiencies in the roof. Rob is working on this and getting some expert opinions prior to a repair plan. More to come next meeting.

9. Land Use and Trail Planning Report – Craig Mc Bride. Craig is not online. The committee is working on planning a new trail joining sky trail and LH road. There are new signs at Lake view and new signs will be up on Temptation and Far East to warn of dead end trails.

10. Track Setting Report – George Jackson

PB has been working well this season. There was a minor issue on Sunday. Dave Brubaker says it will be his last season after > 20 years. George would like a renovator for the front of the PB for next year to help with icy conditions.

11. Carbon Neutral Committee Report – Brad Calkin

Brad is looking at local groups for carbon offset projects. They meet tomorrow night. They are pursuing the car counter. They are also planning a website page.

Events:

Additions

1. Nominations committee – Pauline Waelti and Hermann Bruns volunteered as the nominations committee.

2. Long Term Planning committee – We would like a plan for the next ten years. Suzy is on the committee along with Alison Howat, Keith Hepburn and Jeremy Ayotte. If you are interested please contact Suzy.

3. Tom's Shelter- contact the executive if you are interested in being on a committee to plan for a replacement.

Motion for Adjournment: 8:44 pm Don Miller

AGM – Tues, March 9th, 7:30pm via Zoom

Memo from Don Miller

Date: February 2, 2021

To: Executive Board of the Larch Hills Nordic Society

Cc: Minutes file

RE: Treasurer's Report

- *Cash Balance at January 31, 2021*
 - *Restricted for Lighting Project* *\$ 141,026.98*
 - *Restricted – Gaming account (maintained for future projects)* *80.70*
 - *Unrestricted funds* *196,912.51*
 - *Total funds* *\$ 338,020.19*
- *Receipts and Expenditures*
 - *Attached – Balance to December 31, 2020*
- *Bank signing authorities*
 - *Three of the five bank signing authorities are no longer on the executive*
 - *Motion to change*
- *Scholarships*
 - *See attached e-mail from Mr. David Van Bergeik stating the current conditions regarding the scholarship commitments with Salmon Arm Secondary.*
 - *Motion to approve commitments as outlined in Mr. Van Bergeik's communication.*

Larch Hills Nordic Society
Profit & Loss
 October through December 2020

	Oct - Dec 20	Oct - Dec 19	\$ Change
Income			
4001 · Interest Income	660.86	-445.82	1,106.68
4005 · CCBC Fees Collected	22,915.50	18,219.00	4,696.50
4007 · SDP Fees Collected	1,345.75	2,016.00	-670.25
4015 · Chalet Rentals	0.00	700.00	-700.00
4020 · Lighting Project	1,000.00	20,039.58	-19,039.58
4025 · Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	2,857.00	3,097.00	-240.00
4035 · Members Misc Donations	3,234.75	2,027.00	1,207.75
4040 · Memberships	115,576.00	87,848.00	27,728.00
4045 · Miscellaneous Income	719.00	0.00	719.00
4047 · Timber Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
4050 · Other Donations	7,060.00	3,109.10	3,950.90
4055 · Jr. Race Team	4,322.00	0.00	4,322.00
4056 · Received on behalf of race team	10,128.00	14,265.85	-4,137.85
4065 · Ski Swap Income	0.00	6,855.50	-6,855.50
4070 · TS Replacement Fund Donations	2,820.00	2,195.00	625.00
4075 · Trail Fees	11,537.70	9,030.80	2,506.90
Total Income	184,176.56	168,957.01	15,219.55
Expense			
5002 · Professional Fees	90.00	-3,970.00	4,060.00
5005 · Hydro	358.38	618.34	-259.96
5010 · CCBC Fees Paid Out	21,973.00	19,001.00	2,972.00
5011 · BC Punch Pass Paid Out	0.00	226.00	-226.00
5012 · SDP Fees Paid Out	1,296.00	1,992.00	-696.00
5015 · Chalet Rental-Caretaker	0.00	400.00	-400.00
5016 · Rental Expense	117.00	0.00	117.00
5020 · Courses, Clinics, Meetings exp	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
5030 · Gas & Oil	1,443.12	1,580.04	-136.92
5035 · Honorariums	300.00	0.00	300.00
5040 · Insurance	9,558.00	9,147.00	411.00
5055 · R&M Buildings	1,659.20	909.47	749.73
5060 · R&M Equipment	2,638.77	3,142.08	-503.31
5065 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	897.00	-897.00
5070 · Office Expense	227.19	1,468.60	-1,241.41
5071 · Telecommunication	0.00	550.00	-550.00
5075 · Payroll	0.00	2,917.81	-2,917.81
5080 · Safety Committee	663.72	188.76	474.96
5095 · Ski Swap	0.00	3,351.68	-3,351.68
5103 · Trail Construction	0.00	470.47	-470.47
5105 · Trail Maintenance	0.00	882.48	-882.48
5115 · Website	0.00	977.50	-977.50
5120 · Zone 4 Fees	97.00	69.00	28.00
5125 · Unrecoverable GST	0.00	6.65	-6.65
Total Expense	41,621.38	44,825.88	-3,204.50
Net Income	142,555.18	124,131.13	18,424.05

From: David Van Bergeyk <dvanberg@sd83.bc.ca>
Sent: January 21, 2021 3:40 PM
To: don.lhns@outlook.com <don.lhns@outlook.com>
Subject: Scholarship Info Verification

January 20, 2021

Dear Don Miller:

You are receiving this email because our records indicate you are the contact person for the local scholarship indicated below. **You may receive multiple emails if you are listed as the contact person for multiple different awards.**

It's scholarship confirmation time again here at SAS! Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our graduates. We are asking our generous donors to review the information we have on file and make any changes for the upcoming Grad 2021 class. Please email Dave van Bergeyk at dvanberg@sd83.bc.ca with changes or confirmation of commitment for this current year.

Award Name: Larch Hills Nordic Society Scholarship

Criteria: This award is for a current member of the Larch Hills Nordic Society who has volunteered with the Club. The student must describe their involvement with LHNS and the sport of cross country skiing including any volunteer work done for LHNS. The student must be enrolled at a post-secondary institution. Written submission required.

Extra Information (if provided): Scholarship must be used within 7 years.

Amount: \$500

Number of Awards Provided of This Amount: 2

Recipient Chosen by: SAS Scholarship Committee to send profiles and applications to Larch Hills Nordic Society

Thank you note information to be provided to the recipient:

Larch Hills Nordic Society
PO Box 218, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N3

Who the student contacts for release of the funds with proof of registration:

contact the donor with PSI proof of registration and payment

Due to COVID safety protocols, we will not be holding a reception for donors to meet scholarship recipients this year, and our graduation ceremony is likely to be altered as well. We typically invite donors to attend the graduation ceremonies if they desire, where we announce scholarship awarded to grads as they receive their diploma. This year it is unlikely we will be able to make this invitation, but we will let you know if anything changes.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of the SAS graduating class. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of our youth.

Sincerely,

Dave Van Bergeyk

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The trails have been busy. In addition to our members, visitor logs averaged 500+ for both December and January. Lots of first timers coming in asking for information both for ski trails and snowshoing.

Chalet has not been busy, folks have been coming, experiencing the trails and leaving without using the building. Indoor bathrooms are available but seems the handicapped bathroom and the port-a-potties are being used the most. Now that the temperatures are dropping, I expect to see more folks coming in to get warm.

Virtual Loppet was a great success. Lots of positive feed back and messages of appreciation for the efforts made by our track setters, volunteers who flagged the various routes and to the sponsors who donated prizes for the draw. The successful winners will be notified later in the week. 244 individuals entered and that totalled more than 4,400 kms skied.

Thank you to our member Francis Cech for taking on the maintenance of the outhouses on the trail system. Much appreciated.

Other admin work includes working on Volunteer reporting, updating the Emergency Action Plan, and keeping the COVID Safety plan up to date with changes as the Provincial Health Order changes.