

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive meeting May 11, 2021 7:30pm (Zoom)

In attendance: Suzy Beckner, Pauline Waelti, Laura Hepburn, Craig McBride, Rob van Varseveld, Abbi May, Don Miller, David Millard, Bill Prytula. Absent: Jonathon Bakker.

1. **Adopt Agenda – Additions** Abbi Motioned to Adopt, Pauline 2nd
2. **Minutes of last executive meeting** – April 6, 2021 Dave motion to adopt, Craig 2nd.
3. **Business arising/outstanding issues:** None

4. Treasurer Report – Don

See attached report.

Brian Kassa has asked if there will be any upcoming expenditure from the tracksetter fund. He would like to combine the 2 term deposits from the tracksetter fund into one. We agreed to keep these in a term deposit rather than a higher risk fund and to lock them in for at least a couple of years in single fund.

There may be pending expenses for building the new Ginzu groomer and a renovator for the tracksetter. Don feels that we can manage these expenses from the general account.

Don would like to change the fiscal year end to correlate better with the AGM. He proposed May or June and will look into the bylaws to see what needs to be done to make the change.

5. Chalet Roof Repairs – Rob

Rob will round up volunteers to work on this in June when there is not risk of frost.

6. Land Use and Trail Planning Committee Report - Craig

All Members Map and Snowshoe maps have been updated. Will be sent to Rec Sites and Trails for signage.

Dog Trail on Private land is marked in the field. Waiting for the landowner to approve.

Link Trail was presented to the Shuswap Roundtable. No concerns from those present.

George Zorn, Keith Cox and Susan Hunt will be in contact with the range owner regarding the broken down fencing along the Whoopees.

Keith Cox has prepared an extensive spreadsheet on water Issues on trackset and non-trackset trails. We will present to the Summer Use Advisory Committee as it affects summer users more than winter users.

Brad Digness has kindly offered his services to brush the deciduous whips along some of our trails. We'll only have to pay for his equipment and fuel. Approx. \$2-3k.

David -Gates are very difficult to open and closed. Craig will try to adjust them.

There is active logging on the South loop. Craig will put that out on e-news. There are a lot of ATV's at Lakeview causing mud bogs.

David Millard has joined the committee and is taking over snowshoe trails.

7. Shuswap Roundtable Funding – Craig

Larch Hills attends these meetings quarterly. Fraser Basin Counsel and Shuswap Trail Alliance are involved. This group bring together all users including 1st nations, motorized, hikers, bikers, equestrian and skiers. It is a good venue for presenting projects. Some funding is needed for running the meetings and they would like an annual financial commitment from groups involved.

Craig motioned that LHNS will provide annual funding of \$100 to the Shuswap Roundtable Group. Abbi 2nd. All in favour.

8. Lighting Committee Report – Rob

We recently received the TOTA grant for \$200,000 -Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association. We now have funding for phases 1-3 now. We are still waiting for section 57 approval for phase 3.

- Planning- everything is organized for the first two phases to begin this summer.
- Hiring-We will hire two students for full time labor this summer. They will be paid out of the lighting fund.
- Volunteers- Craig will organize the volunteers. We will need one or two people daily.

9. Grant Applications – Suzy

LH is not getting annual gaming grant for youth programs that other clubs are getting. The problem is that we hold too much money in our accounts. The deadline is May 31st so we will not be able to access that money this year but will work on changes to help us to qualify in future. She also suggested hiring someone to do grant applications as needed when Karen is not working.

10. Carbon Neutral Report – Suzy

They are still working on spending the \$600 locally for carbon offsets. There also working on an article for CCBC to spread their message.

Additions

1. Chalet rentals- The roof will be repaired this summer so rentals are not possible. Horse campers are booking for the summer. We will organize the construction away from them.

2. Firewood – There is lots of wood that needs to be moved to the shelter. Pauline will ask for the race team to help.

3. Trail information for summer regarding work being done – Craig will do the summer trail reports.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, June 8th, 2021?

Adjourned 9 pm Suzy Motioned. Abbi 2nd.

Memo from Don Miller

Date: May 11, 2021

To: Executive Board of Directors – Larch Hills Nordic Society

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RE: Meeting of May 11, 2021

- *Financial statements – Attached (BS.to April21.pdf and R and E.to April21.pdf)*
 - *Password protected*
 - *Comments / Questions?*

- *Tracksetter funds – see attached (TS report.pdf)*
 - *Access to funds*
 - *Combining deposits*
 - *Risk vs return.*
 - *Comments?*

- *Budgeting for 2021-2022*
 - *Please provide me with expected (or wished for) receipts and expenditures for 2021-2022 fiscal period.*

- *Change in fiscal year-end*
 - *I believe that the timing of the year-end would be better if it was synchronized in some manner with the active season (May or June)*
 - *The Annual General Meeting could then be in October or November*
 - *I suspect that any change would be required to be proposed and passed at a general meeting and likely cannot be done for the 2021 fiscal year.*
 - *Comments?*