

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Tuesday, September 14th 2021

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

Salmon Arm Rec Centre Room 1 at 7:30pm

1. Adopt Agenda – Addition

Motion Bill motioned to adopt, all in favour

2. Minutes of last executive meeting – June 8, 2021

Don motioned to adopt, David 2nd, all in favour.

3. Business arising/outstanding issues:

- **Snowmobile Purchase** – David -No snowmobiles were available for this year. An informal agreement was made for an order from Kelowna in the spring for the following year. \$18,300 approximate cost for a new snowmobile including tax. 2 new machines are required. David will look into rebuilding the 2015 machine. Suzy will be applying for grants.
- **Ginzu** -The groomers need a second ginzu to make it more efficient to groom with the snowmobiles when the PB is broken or when conditions are not suitable. It will be \$13,500 and we need 6 weeks lead time to order it. Bill will look into the cost of a deposit and we will organize this ASAP so it can be used for early season grooming this year.
- David motioned to request approval at the October general meeting to purchase 2 snowmobiles for the 2022,2023 season for approximately \$40,000 with intention to apply for grants. Craig 2nd. All approved
- Bill motioned to request approval at the October general meeting to purchase a new Ginzu for approximately \$14,000. Craig 2nd. All approved.
- **Renovator**- David discussed the plan for more training for the groomers to use the blade for this purpose. Abbi will look into

organizing a course at Sovereign Lake or possibly hiring someone to teach a course locally.

- **2015 Snowmobile** -David will organize an estimate to repair/rebuild the 2015 snowmobile. He talked to Taiga about electric snowmobiles. They might not be adequate yet but he will try to get a demo at LH. Bombardier may be a better prospect in the next few years.

4. **Treasurer Report** – Don -see attached report.

Don motioned to transfer \$17,982.75 which includes the \$15,000 yearly plus the donations which marked for the tracksetting. Rob 2nd. All in favour.

Budget -Don will prepare for the next meeting and asked if there are specific requests. Items discussed:

- **Chalet maintenance** - Suzy would like to keep the budget at \$15,000. Some staining will be required this year.
- **Trail maintenance.** Craig discussed disposing of slash from trail maintenance projects and in future will rent a chipper for this purpose when required to avoid creating a fire hazard.

5. **AGM/Annual Budget Alignment Plan** – Don. We will leave the dates the same as now. Don suggested changing the AMG date in future.

- **Ski Team Accounts** – The ski team has had to hire a head coach this year. The LHNS accounts need to include the ski team finances. Don has organized this with Karen Neil (ski team treasurer).
- **RKS Accounts** are also required to be included in the LHNS accounting.

6. **Chalet Roof Repair Update** – Rob

The cost will exceed the \$25,000 that was estimated. It may be cost closer to \$35,000.

Removing the insulation out was more difficult than expected. The difficult work was done by volunteers as well as hired student workers. The new insulation was sprayed in and now the ceiling requires drywall and painting. Labor and equipment costs were higher than expected.

7. **Lighting Committee Report** – Rob/Craig

- Work was delayed in the summer due to the fire hazard but was able to be resumed and all bases are in now and the trails are re-graded by John. The goal is to be done phases 1 & 2 Thanksgiving.
- The Covid resiliency grant will be applied to phase 3. BC parks needs to approve phase 3 & 4 after inspecting the first phases. Slash needs to be cleaned up prior to the inspection.
- A backup generator will be purchased for next season. We will need a sign to remind skiers to carry a headlight for the upcoming season in case of power outages.
- Don will ask the insurance company if the lights could be covered in case of vandalism.

8. **Trail Report** – Craig

9. **Carbon Neutral Committee Report** – Suzy from Brad Calkins

- An inexpensive car counter is being set up to the beam at Pauline's
- An attempt was made to put an article in the CCBC magazine regarding making a carbon neutral club but they declined due to lack of space.
- There will be a note on the Zone 4 registration page regarding the club offsetting emission costs and providing an opportunity for members to add the cost of offsetting their own emissions when registering with various options depending on frequency of trips to the hill.
- The committee also requested support from the executive to approach leaders of group events with ideas to reduce emissions (like carpooling/busing) and donating to carbon offsets. The executive is in support of this plan.
- The committee plans to purchase the carbon offsets from the 2020/2021 season and to start planning for purchasing for next season's carbon offset funds.
- The committee is considering ways to encourage new ways to reduce emissions to/from the hill such as challenging other clubs to a carpooling contest.

Additions

1. Sage orienteering event is being at LH this weekend. Camping is usually \$20/night. Free camping is advertised for the event. We agreed that we will request \$10/night from the groups.
2. **Tom's shelter-** needs to be dismantled or burned. The ramp was removed and it is taped off and not usable now. The ramp has been removed. Bill will request a burn permit and will try to burn it if has time this fall. Rob will ask Chris to bury the debris if this gets done. To date nobody has expressed interest in a committee to build a new structure.

Next Executive Meeting – October 5th – 7:30pm

Next General Meeting – October 12th – 7:30pm - Zoom

Motion to adjourn Don, All in favor. 9:45 pm.