

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 4 th , 2025 7:30pm

Forsite – 300 – 42 nd St SW

Attendance: Suzy, Jana, David, Karen, Kari, Alan, Cam, Bill, Pauline

Regrets: Laura, Don, Abbi and Kate

- 1. Agenda – Additions – Cec’s Cabin and Loppet additions.**
- 2. Minutes of last executive meeting – Oct 14, 2025; Approved.**
- 3. Business arising/outstanding issues: None.**
- 4. Treasurer Report – (Don not in attendance); Tabled.**
- 5. Programs Update – Jana**

Jackrabbits: 79 registrations – we have 3 Coaches signed up for the coaching course Dec. 12 - 14; current leaders 18 for JR; School Program – letter went to SD83 Nov. 3; registration opens November 12; discussion about school fees; we should review all fees in the spring; Women’s Skate Ski Clinics instead of Ladies Nights.

Discussion about policy about publishing names on the website without permission. We should look at current best practices and not publish names on our website without permission.

6. Manager Update – Karen

As attached.

7. Ski Swap – Cam

Went well. Great volunteers. About the same volume/sales as 2025. Approx. \$6000 for revenue for the ski team. Suggestion we do a Membership Drive at the Ski Swap; Farmer’s Markets etc. Community Events etc.

8. Strategic Plan – Suzy

Open House completed; Karen collated the results; and responses to the online survey; next session is Dec. 6 at the Chalet, 9AM – 4PM. Lunch provided by LHNS – request for Nom.

9. Policies – Suzy

The Policy Committee is working through policies – using Telemark as a template; next step is to format them and share with the Executive for review.

Discussion about ski team financial policies.

10. LUTPC – Suzy

Craig has resigned as Chair of the LUTPC. Craig’s recommendation is that someone from the Exec. Member on the committee. LUTPC is currently in limbo and needs new, younger leadership and energy.

11. Tech Update – Bill

Office tech will be installed the Nov. 17th weekend. Expanding the wi-fi network to the Bunker. Starlink has offered a mini-Starlink for Buffy for \$7.00; this would allow us to discontinue the InReach service and provide more reliable connectivity for PB operators.

Motion: Up to \$1,500 for Starlink Mini installation and mounting gear for the Prinoth Bison Bill; 2nd Dave. Approved.

Microsoft Office 365 – has changed the plan for Jan. 4/26 for non-profits to approx.. \$5/month/user.

registrar@skilarchhills.ca needs to be set up to transition from Jan’s longtime email address of registrarlarchhills@shaw.ca. This will need to be updated at Zone 4 as well as communicated to the membership. Karen will contact Jonathon Bakker to update.

Agenda Additions

1. Cec's Chimney – newly installed chimney is not tall enough and needs to be extended above the roofline to ensure the chimney is not drawing smoke into the cabin. Karen will contact Damian to have it extended.

2. Loppet Update

January 17, 2026. Kari shared the 2026 budget. New Chiefs of Timing, Aid Stations and Après Ski Social needed.

General discussion about a need for a call for new Volunteer Leads in some key areas of LHNS operations. We can include details in the next e-news. Karen will get lists of people expressing interest in various areas from registration and share with current team leads.

Meeting Adjourned: 9PM.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 2 nd at 7:30pm

Executive Strategic Plan Session – Saturday, Dec 6 th 9am – 4pm

General Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 9 th at 7:30pm – Rec Centre Room 1

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Operations Manager Report

- Lots of activity on the hill for Sep/Oct
 - South Broadview Day trip
 - Jackson – 2 night sleep over
 - RCMP training with helicopter Sep 25
 - Ride Don't Hide Oct 5
 - Town Hall meeting
 - High School Endurance Race
 - Trail maintenance and AGM
 - Reino's Run
- Maintenance items
 - Horse Corrals came down Oct 26
 - Cec's Cabin chimney has been repaired
 - Peter Wyss came up to the chalet to measure for the desk tops and expects it to be complete by Nov 15.
 - Our 5 year old printer was giving us some problems at end of season and Bill has suggested we upgrade with a laser printer. Staples have some sales if that can be approved.
- Angela Parker found the footage of her car being hit. The license plate was not legible but she got a good face shot of the driver. She is trying to print from the video and will provide it to us to see if we recognize the gentleman. She has brought the camera back to the office to be re-installed but I told her we might be replacing it and I would let her know. She offered to put it back up if needed.
- Requests for reciprocal ski discounts have been received. Kelowna Nordic, Caledonia and Whistler.
- Received a call from Roger Despot – MOF Engineering Division in Vernon
 - interested in bringing some equipment in to work on the Larch Hills service road
 - he would want some financial support for materials and he will get the work done
 - was not aware of the upgrade to the parking lot but would like to visit the site
 - he is available to meet Thursday morning if Craig, Suzy, George J or ?? would like to meet with him
 - his contact # is 778-257-4128 can be reached by text tomorrow.
- Working on Early Bird prizes. Have contacted Skookum, received 3 \$50 certificates from Kintec, left a message for John's Ski Shack and Rancho Vignola.
- Rec, Sites and Trails Operating Report was amended with the interpretive sign project details and resubmitted
- To do:
 - Thank you cards
 - Calendar and website updates
 - Fire extinguisher recharge