

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

7:32 PM Salmon Arm Rec Centre Rm 1

1. **Welcome** - President Suzy Beckner

2. **Quorum** - 21

3. **Adopt Agenda** – Addition of Lantern Ski, Bill P. motioned to approve, Cam Brown 2nd.

4. **Minutes of February 14, 2023** Bill P. motioned to approve, Dave M. 2nd.

5. **Business arising outstanding issues:** None

6. **President's Report** – Suzy B.

- Summer months into fall have been busy behind the scenes.
- Thank you to George Jackson for the work on the new dog trail extension
- The private land owner is allowing us to use his land at no charge; and has also donated all of the timber sales from the logs cut back to LHNS to help with the costs of building the new trail extension.
- LH Ski Team hosted a dry land camp the last weekend of September; thank you to all who helped to clean up the stadium area in preparation for this weekend.

7. **Treasurer's Report** - Don M. See attached report

- expended more than usual on PB maintenance and repairs - in excess of \$87,000 and \$40,000 increase from previous fiscal year;
- membership and trail fees reduced by approx. \$10,000 to previous year;
- Jackrabbit fees approx. doubled in comparison to previous year;
- Professional fees significant increase due to change of accounting firm to BDO; which made some substantial changes to statements from previous accountant; this will hopefully help us with our success in applying for significant Capital grants;
- In addition we spent \$40,000 on new snowmobiles;
- Completed significant maintenance on the chalet;
- Dog trail construction costs were approx. \$21,000; the net receipts from the log and timber sales totalled \$19,200 and were donated to LHNS, leaving a net building cost of \$1,800;
- Reviewed 2023/24 Budget
- Recommendation from the Board to change the fiscal year from September 30 to end of April or May to make reviewing financial statements at the AGM will be for the current year. LHNS cannot change our fiscal year end without the permission of CRA. We are currently waiting to hear back from CRA for permission.
- Kerry Orchard motioned to to adopt the 2023/24 LHNS Budget; Abbi M. 2nd.
Unanimously approved.

- Discussion around reasons for increasing membership numbers, membership fees and trail fees to offset increased operating costs.
- Discussion about making trail fees mandatory and not on the honour system.
- October 15th is the annual date for membership renewals.

8. Manager's Report – Karen T. - see attached.

- horse camping quite slow this year due to hot/dry conditions;
- 3 or 4 community groups used the chalet/stadium this year
- Reino Run Oct 16
- OK Valley Champions - xc running, Oct 21/22
- Two Day Wilderness First Aid Training -
- Partnership agreement with Rec Sites and Trails BC.
- Karen is officially back to full-time status as of Oct. 15.

9. Programs Report

- General Report – Sarah B.
- Helping with Ski Team and Jack Rabbits September/Oct
- 80 Jackrabbits are registered; registration closes at 100; we are short on coaches
- Need gear for young skiers at the ski swap.
- Ski Team – Glenn B.
- Ski team in the Salmon Arm Fall Fair parade;
- Super active at summer training camps this year;
- Very positive feedback from the Sept. 29 dry land training camp;
- 5 Saturday Hiking Days
- Overall ski team registrations at 35 currently.

10. Registrar's Report – Jan N.

273 members - registered as of Monday, Oct. 9/23

More people using the child/youth categories to allow kids to register for Jackrabbits.

80 Jackrabbits - this will be cut-off when the 100 capacity is reached.

Early Bird membership draws as in the past: November 15th, 30th and December 8th. December 9th, fees will go to regular season rates.

We had a few glitches with Zone 4 but that seems to be mainly worked out.

11. Tracksetting Report – George J.

- PB is scheduled for minor fall maintenance and will be ready to go for the upcoming season,
- Tracksetter fall meeting will be held towards the end of October, timing to be determined.
- Work in progress to have daily grooming schedule for this upcoming season.
- Have regular groomers returning and couple spares so in good shape.
- An application for a new PB has been submitted for a BC Capital Gaming Grant in July. We are waiting to hear back. Timing to order/receive a new PB will depend on the results of the capital gaming grant and who we buy it from. We have asked for \$500K. Maximum ask is \$600K.

12. Carbon Committee Report – Hermann B.

- We can create an annual summary of carbon emissions we are using;
- We have a backlog of carbon offset payments; due to the forest we are buying offsets from taking longer than expected to confirm how many carbon offsets are available for purchase;
- Donations for carbon offsets are available on Zone 4;
- Ski team kids are promoting car-pooling with awards;
- Car counter at the entrance to the parking lot which is creating good data;
- For this season they would like to encourage visiting skiers to contribute to carbon off-sets;
- QR code on signs with link to payment page and include an option for carbon off-set donation;

13. Land Use and Trail Planning Report – Craig M. –

- New extended Dog Trail loop will be open this year; the new dog trails will be 2-way on private land; however, the extended dog loop trail on the South Loop will be one-way.
- New Ginzu trails being developed on the private land
- Suzanne from CSRD will update our maps with new trails
- Thanks to Keith Cox we have done a reroute of Catamount Canyon to lessen the steep grade
- A lot of our trail signs have deteriorated; so a plan is underway to address this issue;
- Thank you to Brian May for his assistance on the the committee and welcome to Brian Bostock from Shuswap Trail Alliance.

- A presentation on extending a connector from Far East Summit to Sidehill Salmon was provided to the LUATP committee; there wasn't a quorum present; so nothing has proceeded.
- Eleanor Marshall stated her opposition to this proposed extension. Referenced Connie Crowley and her legacy at Larch Hills as one of the founders of the LH ski system; and dedicated back-country ski advocate. Nothing in the Chalet referencing Connie Crowley as one of the original chalet builders. Intruding into the back-country is dishonouring her legacy.

14. SEC – David M.

- Maintenance started on small equipment
- New Goose Neck hitch installed
- New comb installed in the 2009 Ginzu
- Town View will be Ginzu groomed this year- the trail has been brushed for sight lines

15. Snowshoe Trails - David M.

- Snowshoe trails are being brushed
- Etiquette signs will be going back up at the start of the season.

16. Loppet Committee Report – Kari Wilkinson

- January 20, 2025
- Same crew is back this year to organize, Cam Brown is Chief of Stadium for '24; but will move to Chief of Race for '25 at which point we will need a new Chief of Stadium.
- If a volunteer crew can be found to organize the Wine, Cheese and Awards at the Rec. Centre, the committee is happy to bring that back for '24. Anyone interested should contact Marilee Hart.
- Glenn B. offered his arch for finish line.

17. BC Champs – Alan C.

- LHNS hosting BC Champs March 1 - 3, 2025, expecting about 600 racers;
- LHNS will need volunteers from the entire club to make this event a success;
- Profits that come from the race will be going to the LHNS;
- 100 volunteers required each day; in addition to the banquet.
- And because we want to WIN the BC Champs - we will encourage all members of LHNS to enter the race.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

a. Trail Maintenance - will be for ski team members only – Oct 14th

b. Reino Run – Oct 15th

c. Volunteer Lunch – Nov 18th

b. LH Nordic Backyard Ultra – March 16/17th

- 24 hour ultra on 8.4km loop;
- Abbi looking for volunteers and committee members

Additions:

Lantern Ski

- Date to be determined between Dec. 25 and Dec. 31.
- Last year it took 76 volunteers and 180 hours;
- everyone loves the magical feel of the event; but would like a lit snowshoe trail so will need some volunteers to assist with this addition to make it happen;
- Oct. 22 will be lantern servicing day and will need approx. 4 volunteers to assist; 10AM - 2PM
- last year we raised \$1570 for Second Harvest Food Bank;

Adjourned 9:22 pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:30pm – Rec Centre Rm #1

Larch Hills Nordic Society

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

	Aug 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1001 · Gaming 981415 - Shares	71.45
1003 · Gaming 981415 - Moneymaker	259.13
1005 · General 163527 - Moneymaker	8,704.77
1007 · General 163527 - Trail fees	0.03
1010 · General 163527 - Shares	175.54
1020 · General 163527-Investor Savings	33,433.30
1025 · Tracksetter 1469386 - Shares	6.52
1026 · Tracksetter 1469386-Investor Sa	11.21
1030 · Lighting 1638444-Investor Sav	15.11
1031 · Lighting 1638444-Shares	5.69
1032 · Tracksetter 1638444	
1032-02 · Tracksetter - GENERAL ACCT	120,756.80
1032-03 · Pisten Bulley replacement -2023	50,518.96
Total 1032 · Tracksetter 1638444	171,275.76
1033 · Lighting 1638444-Patronage	14.68
1040 · Bank - RKS Loppet	19,977.90
1045 · Bank - JRT	8,842.14
1111 · Non-current term deposit	163,901.61
1112 · Non-current accrued interest	642.14
Total Chequing/Savings	407,336.98
Other Current Assets	
1210 · Prepays	12,373.31
1215 · Suspense Posting	444.68
1250 · Registration clearing	-245.50
1290 · RKS Acct	19,977.90
Total Other Current Assets	32,550.39
Total Current Assets	439,887.37
Fixed Assets	
1301 · Buildings	318,164.33
1302 · Building-New Chalet	644,252.56
1305 · Accum Amort-Buildings	-375,954.07
1310 · Small Tools	13,380.96
1315 · Accum Amort-Small Tools	-13,380.97
1320 · Vehicles	289,795.54
1325 · Accum Amort-Vehicles	-225,399.47
1330 · Equipment	49,195.94
1335 · Accum Amort-Equipment	-24,215.39
1350 · Trail Lighting summary	
1350-01 · Trail Lighting - Phase I and II	18,867.04
1350-02 · Trail Lighting - LOOP 3	188,334.64
1350-03 · Trail Lighting - Loop 4 & 5	132,927.04
1350-04 · Lighting sys - generator extras	14,139.09
1350 · Trail Lighting summary - Other	279,346.19
Total 1350 · Trail Lighting summary	633,614.00
1355 · Accum Amort-Trail Lighting	-21,833.79
1399 · Grants-asset	
1399-04 · Covid Resilience Grant	-103,334.00
Total 1399 · Grants-asset	-103,334.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,184,285.64
TOTAL ASSETS	1,624,173.01

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Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

	Aug 31, 23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 · Accounts Payable	8,029.26
Total Accounts Payable	8,029.26
Other Current Liabilities	
2001 · Accrued Payables	16,530.01
2015 · Payroll Deduction Liability	13.10
2016 · Vacation pay liability	32.63
2025 · Grants/ Fundraising deferred	
2025-1 · Via Sport grant	-700.00
2025-2 · Misc. donations & fundraising	-1,100.00
Total 2025 · Grants/ Fundraising deferred	-1,800.00
2030 · Carbon Offset liability	3,529.75
2550 · GST/HST Payable	-460.72
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,844.77
Total Current Liabilities	25,874.03
Long Term Liabilities	
2032 · Df'd contributions - Chalet	243,198.10
2033 · Deferred Contributions - Trail	483,200.07
2034 · Deferred revenue - RKS	19,977.90
Total Long Term Liabilities	746,376.07
Total Liabilities	772,250.10
Equity	
3001 · Transfer of Capital Assets to	-172,238.31
3002 · Restricted Net Assets-Operatio	418,503.86
3005 · Unrestricted Net Assets - Cap	417,048.40
3010 · Purchase of Capital Assets	172,238.31
3200 · Retained Earnings	2,074.47
3290 · Equity in RKS	39,977.90
Net Income	-25,681.72
Total Equity	851,922.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,624,173.01

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

General Meeting Tuesday Oct 10, 2023

7:30 PM,

Operations Manager Report

- o Quiet summer compared to some. Very hot – only \$500 raised from the horse camping.
 - o A few events happened using the stadium and chalet for other user groups and our race team.
- A few requests for volunteers needed. Thank you to all of you who stepped up and helped out when in need. Brush Cutting, Firewood Splitting and Stacking and we have a gentleman who has volunteered to upgrade Cec's Cabin.
 - o The chalet is booked for October 15 for Reino's Run and October 18 and 24 for the high school Valley Championships
 - o We have a cleaning team to come in last week of October to do a thorough cleaning of the Chalet before snow fall.
 - o Safety Committee will be holding a Wilderness First Aid course will be taking place 2023 November 4 and 5th. This will involve members of the Larch Hills Safety Hosts as well as members of the Shuswap Search and Rescue.
- Volunteer Reception will be held November 18th from 11:30 – 1:30 in the Chalet
 - o Open to all members who have assisted in any capacity over the years.
 - o Notices will be going out in the next week or two so save the date.
 - o
- Early Bird registration draws will take place again this year. Nov 15, Nov 30 and Dec 8.

Memo from Don Miller

Date: *October 10, 2023*

To: *Members- Larch Hills Nordic Society*

Cc: *Meeting file*

RE: *Treasurer's report*

See attached:

- *Receipts / Expenditures to August 31, 2023*
- *Operational Budget 23-24*

Comment:

- *Financials*
 - *Preliminary positions subject to adjustments*
 - *Comments:*
 - *Decrease in memberships/trail fees*
 - *Increase in Jackrabbits' fees*
 - *Professional fees – change in accrual basis*
 - *Increased fuel cost reflects market increases*
 - *Large increase in PB repairs*
 - *Payroll increase reflects hiring of programs manager*
 - *Trail construction reflects partial accrual of Dog trail construction*
 - *Additional cost of approximately \$ 13,000 in September 2023*
 - *Land owner made a donation of \$ 19,200 in September leaving a net cost of construction of approximately \$ 2,000.*
- *Operational Budget*
 - *See assumptions and comments*
- *Change of Fiscal year-end*

Land Use and Trail Planning Committee Report to October 10, 2023 Larch Hills Nordic General Meeting

We recently met on September 11 for the first time in a couple of years.

Summary of Meeting:

- Dogging It Trails are complete. George Jackson is doing the final cleanup. The sight lines are good so the trails will be two-way.
- New Ginzu trails are being developed on the private land. They should be ready for this season and will be improved over time as they get settled in.
- Suzanne Fordyce with CSRD will update our maps for the website.
- A re-route of Catamount Canyon has been planned and will be included in the S57 of the proposed Link Trail. I've been in contact with Splatsin to plan a walk through.
- It has been noted that our trail signs have been deteriorating in a number of cases. Ron Beals will be attending our next meeting to provide advice and help set up a plan.
- Brian May has stepped down from the Committee. Thank you Brian for your years of valuable service to the committee. I'd like to welcome Adrian Bostock from Shuswap Trail Alliance to the committee. Adrian will be a terrific addition to the committee.
- Current membership consists of Debbie Philips, Susan Hunt, George Zorn, Clint Smith, Keith Cox, David Millard, Adrian Bostock and myself.

I'd like to mention that the LUTP makes recommendations to the Board, however final decisions are always made by the Board and general membership. The LUTP welcomes anyone to make a presentation and recommendations.

9:57 AM

10/10/23

Accrual Basis

Larch Hills Nordic Society
Operational Budget Overview
October 2023 through September 2024

	Oct '23 - Sep 24
Income	
4001 · Interest Income	2,400.00
4015 · Chalet Rentals	1,450.00
4025 · Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	8,250.00
4035 · Members Misc Donations	8,500.00
4040 · Memberships	138,000.00
4050 · Other Donations	900.00
4075 · Trail Fees	45,700.00
Total Income	205,200.00
Gross Profit	205,200.00
Expense	
5002 · Professional Fees	10,000.00
5004 · Advertising	2,750.00
5005 · Hydro	5,600.00
5016 · Rental Expense	350.00
5020 · Courses, Clinics, Meetings exp	3,000.00
5030 · Gas & Oil	24,800.00
5035 · Honorariums	7,500.00
5040 · Insurance	13,850.00
5045 · Jack Rabbit Expense	2,500.00
5055 · R&M Buildings	4,000.00
5058 · R&M - Lighting system	1,000.00
5060 · R&M Equipment	50,000.00
5065 · Miscellaneous Expense	5,500.00
5070 · Office Expense	1,500.00
5071 · Telecommunication	3,950.00
5075 · Payroll	35,000.00
5080 · Safety Committee	3,400.00
5085 · Scholarships	1,500.00
5090 · Signs and maps	4,500.00
5100 · Snow Removal	7,500.00
5105 · Trail Maintenance	2,175.00
Total Expense	190,375.00
Net Income	14,825.00

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Accrual Basis

Larch Hills Nordic Society

Receipts and Expenditures

October 2022 through August 2023

	Oct '22 - Aug 23	Oct '21 - Aug 22
Income		
4001 · Interest Income	814.32	2,505.63
4005 · CCBC Fees Collected	22,166.00	25,253.50
4007 · SDP Fees Collected	1,085.00	536.00
4015 · Chalet Rentals	1,387.95	1,835.69
4020 · Trail Lighting donations	0.00	3,826.38
4021 · PB donations	50,462.99	0.00
4025 · Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	9,188.00	3,121.00
4035 · Members Misc Donations	8,484.25	23,525.36
4040 · Memberships	121,416.00	138,301.50
4045 · Miscellaneous Income	1,743.58	972.93
4050 · Other Donations	1,300.00	900.00
4055 · Jr. Race Team	472.25	0.00
4056 · Received on behalf of race team	26,548.00	12,177.00
4065 · Ski Swap Income	8,678.00	8,062.65
4070 · TS Replacement Fund Donations	2,620.25	2,637.75
4075 · Trail Fees	38,038.58	32,019.66
Total Income	294,405.17	255,675.05
Gross Profit	294,405.17	255,675.05
Expense		
5002 · Professional Fees	11,291.18	-830.00
5004 · Advertising	262.19	0.00
5005 · Hydro	5,266.48	4,771.32
5010 · CCBC Fees Paid Out	21,573.00	25,051.00
5012 · SDP Fees Paid Out	1,164.00	247.00
5016 · Rental Expense	326.24	58.48
5020 · Courses, Clinics, Meetings exp	2,729.95	1,938.48
5030 · Gas & Oil	25,476.03	15,952.63
5035 · Honorariums	7,500.00	4,300.00
5040 · Insurance	14,120.00	10,447.00
5045 · Jack Rabbit Expense	3,929.69	2,412.95
5050 · Jr. Racing Team	27,870.00	13,389.00
5055 · R&M Buildings	34,200.54	26,187.97
5058 · R&M - Lighting system	1,704.74	1,325.88
5060 · R&M Equipment	87,161.71	32,775.20
5065 · Miscellaneous Expense	5,128.20	3,457.87
5070 · Office Expense	2,147.32	1,201.35
5071 · Telecommunication	3,704.87	2,029.14
5075 · Payroll	33,496.93	23,854.11
5080 · Safety Committee	1,521.07	2,550.53
5085 · Scholarships	750.00	0.00
5090 · Signs and maps	3,459.31	2,607.62
5095 · Ski Swap	8,678.00	8,062.65
5100 · Snow Removal	7,171.01	5,437.02
5103 · Trail Construction	8,160.00	0.00
5105 · Trail Maintenance	465.53	287.51
5120 · Zone 4 Fees	819.50	312.50
5197 · Bank Charges	9.40	-0.04
Total Expense	320,086.89	187,827.17
Net Income	-25,681.72	67,847.88