

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Dec 5th, 2023 7:30pm

Cam's Place

In attendance: Suzy Beckner, Don Miller, Cam Brown, Abbi May, Alan Corbett,
Karen Tanchak, Kari Wilkinson, Pauline Waelti, David Millard, Bill Prytula,
Laura Hepburn

1. Adopt Agenda – Additions Kari motioned to adopt, Bill 2nd .
2. Minutes of last executive meeting – Nov 7, 2023 Kari motioned to adopt, Cam 2nd.
3. Business arising/outstanding issues:
4. Treasurer Report – Don.
Registration so far is at \$85,844 up by about \$12,000 from last year. The insurance cost was increased to \$14,993 in part because the listed value of the chalet and the bunker were increased this year by \$750,000 total.
5. Manager's Update – Karen
See attached report.
6. Programs Report – Sarah (Suzy)
The Jackrabbit registration is full with 40 coaches and 131 participants. They were able to take everyone on the wait list. The On-snow coaching course in December is full now but there may be space available in Vernon for those who are interested.
School program now has 33 hosts. 57 classes have already booked.
There are 5 holiday hosts so far.
Sarah is making first aid kits for all coaches.
7. Marketing – Kari
Posters are out. The Salmar is running the loppet and registration videos. They gave a great deal of \$350. Three ads have run in Friday am and River Talk.
Marilee Hart and Kari organized the Larch Hills float in the Christmas Parade.
8. SEC – David

Packing and filling started yesterday. Wet slush made it difficult. Today more packing was done with the snowmobiles. More packing will be done over the next few days.

Bearings needed replacing on the Kubota. One part is still in transit.

Taiga (electric snowmobiles) will be here this winter and Dave will try to attend a demo.

Chainsaw course- is being planned for the spring. More info is pending.

9. LUTPC – David- has not met

10. Snowshoe Trails – David

11. Course Expenses

This was discussed further. For approved courses for club members including Officials courses, Coaching courses and Tracksetting courses, the club will cover the cost of the course and expenses for travel and accommodation. Karen will check with CCBC to see what they cover for accommodation and travel costs specifically and we will write up a policy. Karen will make up a form for those requesting expenses.

This will be added to the budget next year.

Suzy also discussed changing ski team registration so that they pay their insurance cost when they sign up for the Larch Hills club, not the team . This should ensure that all ski team members are signing up for the club.

We decided that Larch Hills athletes who are invited to the National ski team will have their Larch Hills membership fee waved.

12. Dog Trail Sponsorship Map/Sign – Kari.

Critters would like to pay for a dog trail map and etiquette pamphlet. This will be available at the trail head, in the chalet and at Critters.

13. Loppet – Kari

Planning is going well.

Online shirts are for sale.

Jackrabbit registration includes loppet fees. The loppet committee would like to extend this to the race team. We agreed that the race team would be given the code for free loppet registration.

14. WiFi, QR Codes/Map Links – Bill

Internet is working well. Bill will extend Wifi to the Bunker for groomers to update from there.

Bill will post QR codes to map links, current grooming and trail reports.

We discussed grooming side by side classic tracks where it is safe and practical to enhance social skiing.

15. Announcer Booth/Storage Unit – Alan

Construction is complete on the announcer booth.

The container is in it's new location. It needs shelves.

The chief of stadium is not happy with the orange fencing that we have for races. Newer blue fencing is superior. Along with new wooden stakes, this would be \$3500. Kari motioned to spend up to \$3800 for new fencing and stakes for races and events. Abbi 2nd. Don abstained, all others approved. Karen will try to sell the old fencing.

The loppet needs two new cambros for hot drinks. We also need 2 new cold drink containers due to rodent damage. Karen will purchase these. We need a new sign board for races. Karen will investigate.

16. Santa Cruise – Suzy. Dec 17th.

Pauline will ask Peter to be Santa.

Ski at 10. Auction / social at 11.

Suzy will ask Val to be the auctioneer.

Kari already has auction items including \$100 critters gift cards and custom crafted truffles from Kari and Kerry. These were sampled and approved by the board.

Karen will request donations and advertise on the enews.

Additions

1. Insurance for Back Yard Ultra. Not covered as an event because it was planned after the CCBC approval deadline of June 15th. We could only run it with club members participating. Abbi requested other suggestions for insurance. Karen will check to see if we can be covered by Rec sites and

trails. Abbi will also check with BFL- Rogan Anderson to see if we could be covered under Larch Hills plan with them.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Jan 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm (TBA)

Next General Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023 @ 7:30pm (Rec Centre)

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Operations Manager Report

- Completions:
 - Two or 3 e-news per week went out. Both created by myself or Sarah
 - Chalet was cleaned after sleep over and then again after each event. Tracksetter meeting, Safety Host Meeting, Volunteer reception.
 - Member has notified us a small group will be doing a pot luck dinner for a family 80th birthday on Saturday, Dec 9.
 - All signs stored under stairs are organized and ready to be put out.
 - Keith Cox will put out NON motorized signs South Hub on his return from Vancouver later this week.
 - Chalet thermostats were all turned up as temp was not rising very quickly. Will check room temp tomorrow to see if room temp has increased. If not, will contact Al Hardy to check system.
 - camera and weather station is back reporting to the website. The parking lot camera is stuck at
 - New day use signs are in my office and will confirm installation tomorrow.
 - Christmas trees are up and decorated. Will test outside Christmas lights tomorrow.
- Membership Zone 4 had difficulty from Monday, Nov 27 evening. Kept reporting Mandatory Fields need to be complete and it took a few days to determine the problem. Some how the 'behind the fields text' had one line that got change to 'required'. That is now fixed. The folks who contacted me about missing the Nov 30 early bird draw were added to the list. I will complete the Nov 30 draw tomorrow.
 - One more call came into day about not being able to add a second person. Will verify that issue tomorrow.
- Peter Wyss completed the work on Cec's cabin. New bench wide enough for another sleep area, full wall bench for the table and two additional separate benches. Coat racks, shelving and some window shelves were also installed.
- Safety Committee:
 - Safety buckets, totes and manual toboggans will be put out December 15. Hosts are having a work bee day.
 - On snow mock rescues are being scheduled for January.
 - Investigation into call forwarding is happening by one of the volunteers to help streamline the one call system.

Membership totals

Today at 5:40 = 848 members: 804 ski, 44 snowshoe only
120 Jackrabbits; 46 Race team

This time last year: 1044.