

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024 7:30pm

Suzy's Place

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

1. Adopt Agenda – Additions Kari motion to adopt, Abbi 2nd.
2. Minutes of last executive meeting – Dec 5, 2023 Kari motioned to adopt, Cam 2nd.
3. Business arising/outstanding issues:
 - Course fees and expenses from Dec meeting- tabled
4. Treasurer Report – Don
Registration income is up from last year at \$117,980, with over 1000 members now.
Lantern Ski -\$1370 net (half donated for 2nd harvest).
Fuel savings for December compared to last year due to low snowfall.
Trail fees -we discussed ways to ensure that all skiers are paying their fees. Karen is looking into having a QR code to direct skiers directly to pay for next year. This is being used at other venues. Karen will move the sandwich boards to a very visible spot after the grooming is done daily.
5. Manager's report- see attached report
6. Programs Report – Sarah

Jackrabbits have had 3 sessions. Last week the road was poor and many could not arrive. Sarah is working with the leaders to add a make-up session on a Sunday. They are likely to miss another session this week due to cold temperatures. Beanie and buff order has been sent.

School programs start this week. 67 classes and 33 hosts. They are getting criminal record checks.

The feedback for the Ladies night is very positive. Suzy mentioned that we have two "Ladies Nights" and discussion was held about making this more inclusive and not gender specific. Kari will change the second Ladies night to a drop-in ski night for all comers.

First Aid kits are being prepared. Sarah is requesting return of the kits at the end of the season to reuse items.

7. Lantern Ski – Kari

Feedback was very positive.

Donations were split between Larch Hills and the Second Harvest food bank. The Larch hills donations will be put toward replacing damaged lanterns.

Lanterns will be stored in the tracksetter shed and will be filled a week prior, then kept outside to keep the fumes down.

8. SEC – David

Difficult grooming conditions early in the season. Wet heavy snow is hard on the equipment and challenging. On December 28 some tines broke on the Ginzu which need replacing.

LUTP meeting next week. David will discuss sharing the chainsaw course with the Trail Alliance.

9. Waxing Supplies – Abbi. Waxing forms are outside for general use.

There are some grip waxes in the office that users can borrow. We discussed having wax irons in the office but there was concern about the fire hazard if irons are left on.

10. Masters Coaching -Alan

Robin would like to coach an informal “Masters” group on Wednesdays with a 15 minute technique session followed by a group ski. He does not plan to charge. The executive support this but suggest a name other than Masters. Alan will communicate back to him.

The 3D map in the chalet is taking a lot of space. Allan suggests hanging it on the wall. It may be too heavy and might need modification. We also discussed the possibility of moving it for events, but it is quite heavy.

11. Kari – Loppet

225 registered. We can use the Square for Merchandise sales as well as ticket sales at the rec Center.

Bib and chip pickup at the hill on Saturday am.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the first loppet organizers will be recognized and they will display old mugs and medals.

12. CCBC Club Contest – Suzy

We will participate in the fundraising contest with a goal of \$25,000 for Grooming equipment upgrades. The contest opens on January 11th.

13. Tracksetter Replacement – Abbi. The grant was supposed to be granted on December 31st. Abbi has not been able to get any further information or communication.

Bill- There is a renovator that we could purchase. Only 2 other clubs have one and they had not used it in the previous year. With a renovator they have to groom twice. The executive agreed that this is not a wise use of money.

Suzy discussed other funding opportunities in the case that we don't receive the grant for the tracksetter.

14. Storage Container – Alan

Glenn would like an office storage container for the race team to meet in and store team equipment. There is a lot of team equipment at Phil's house. Big Steel Box offered to lend one for the rest of the season but we would have to pay for transport.

The executive was not in support of having an office container as we already have good heated indoor space in the chalet for the team to meet. Discussion was held about another storage box and where it would be located.

15. Wildfire Roundable/Risk Reduction – Suzy. Tom Hanson with Suzy. They would like us to have a representative from Larch Hills at the meeting. Cam is willing to go represent the club and has expertise in forest management.

Additions

1. HR- The executive met regarding human resources after the main meeting and decided to implement a **Human Resources committee** to manage the paid staff and contracted workers. Suzy, Cam and Abbi will be the committee. They will meet and report back to the committee.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 6, 2023 @ 7:30pm (Bill's Place)

Next General Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 13, 2023 @ 7:30pm (Rec Centre)

Adjourned 9:18.

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Operations Manager Report

- Christmas Season was busy. Car counter:
 - Dec 24 – Dec 31 82 -158 per day. – Average of 150/day.
 - January 1 – Jan 8 160-200 - Average of 180/day
 - Trail fees: December – E-transfers \$990 Square \$1,372 - \$548 credit/\$382 debit
 - Jan 1-8 – E-transfers \$1,152 Square \$1000
- Santa Cruz raised \$3,825
- Lantern Ski raised \$2,027.66
- Order for port-a-potties complete – Will be delivered January 18. They would prefer to keep them here and will give us a rate that would be less than picking them up and having to deliver and pick up again after the race.
- Tom Hanson called to inform me that the CSRD and government partners are holding a meeting to discuss Fire Smart practices. They are including interested user groups and asked if any of our folks would like to attend. It will be Feb 29, at Little Mountain Field House. I can forward the contact information to Tom to ensure the appropriate people get the invite or Tom Hanson 250-833-6556
- Castanet put out a wonderful article on Larch Hills. The dates of the BC Cup are incorrect and that was my error. When I gave him the dates, I said the first weekend of March and then unfortunately picked up the dates from the February calendar.
- Facebook and Instagram are now connected so when you create the facebook post it automatically posts to Instagram. Many thanks to Kari and Brad for working through this with me.
- E-news for December, promoted the jacket sales, grocery cards, Santa Cruise, Lantern Ski, Volunteer recruitment, RKS Loppet, Safety hosts and Ladies night
- Chalet has been used for a few family gatherings and one pre-school group.
- Christmas decorations are down and put away
- Membership barter for services?
- Cec's Cabin One group left at 4:30 in the morning. There was a bag of garbage left behind from the users the night before and there was a mouse in the bag. I have made a note on the website under facilities that the cabin is a 'No Leave Trace' zone. Everything that is packed in must be packed out.
- Safety Committee:
 - Mock snow rescues are being organized for safety hosts and members that want to learn
 - George Zorn arranged for a Survive Outside presentation in the chalet for the afternoon Jan 16th. Sponsored by Search and Rescue.
 - George updated and installed all of the Cell phone service maps.

