

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY
General Meeting
Tuesday, Dec 10, 2024
7:30 PM Salmon Arm Rec Centre Rm 1
Agenda

1. **Welcome-Suzy- President** Acknowledged that we are grateful to play and work at on the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.
2. **Quorum** - 24
3. **Adopt Agenda** – Additions. David Millard motioned to adopt, Kari Wilkinson 2nd
4. **Minutes of Feb 13, 2024** Pauline Hixon motioned to adopt, Craig McBride 2nd.
5. **Business arising outstanding issues:** Nil
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6. **President's Report** – Suzy B.

Acknowledged many of the volunteers including the tracksetter replacement committee members- George Jackson, Bill Prytula, Abbi May, John Thielman, Peter Rizzi, and Rob Hart, who helped us to obtain the new Bison Tracksetter.

George, Bill, John and Chuck Wilson attended a training session for the new machine in Calgary in September.

Thank you to Dave Millard, John T, Jeremy Ayotte, Craig and George for their work building new Ginzu shelter.

Thank you to Miltec and Rob Hart for the new stairs, and to Rob Van Varseveld, George J, Wade Visnau and Pauline who helped with installation. New railings are on the way soon.

Firewood- Thank you to Pauline W and her large crew including Dave Evenson, Karry and Leona Orchard, Pauline Hixon, Darline, Eleanor Marshall, John Vivian, Marcia and Jim Beckner and many others.

Trails- Thank you to Craig, and John who did a lot of brush mowing, and to Keri and Leona Orchard, Keith Cox.

Thank you to Al Hardy has been working hard on the boiler, Jan Naylor for being the registrar and to Pauline Hixon for all she does.

Also thank you to all other volunteers!
7. **Treasurer's Report** - Don M

The Major purchase is the new groomer.

Refund of GST \$23,000 paid for the groomer.

Payables include deferred grant figures. They are amortised as the assets that they are used to purchase.

The Fiscal year end was changed to April so that the dates on the report are not entirely accurate.

The PB was sold for \$40,000 and some parts were also sold totalling \$45,000 income.

\$11,000 net from the ski swap. The funds were advanced to the race team.

Don offered to answer any questions.

External finance records have not yet been reviewed by Don, but will be done for the next general meeting.

The tracksetter replacement trust- Brian Kassa and Bob Munro were the trustees. The funds were advanced and they are released now from their trust obligations. They were given small gifts of thanks. The board will discuss further saving plans for the next tracksetter.

8. **Manager's Report** – Karen T.

New flags have been ordered. Thanks to all the people who are helping with putting up signs and shovelling.

Early bird memberships draws are happening. Thank you to John's, Skookum and Kintec for prizes.

Check social media updates on Instagram, Facebook and Enotes.

The new dog trail names are on the new map.

Karen has ordered a new trail sign to put outside her office.

Active QR codes are now on the fee signs.

The Safety committee is getting equipment out. Jessica is doing some active recruiting.

Welcome to Jana- the new program director.

9. **Programs Reports** -Jana (working Tuesdays and Sat at the chalet)

- General Report – School program hosts- similar number to last year. Many schools are requesting dates. More ski hosts are welcome and volunteers should talk to Jana if interested.

- Ski Team – Glenn B LH Ski Team Report

There are 51 athletes on the LH ski team representing the LH Nordic society throughout BC and western Canada.

Track Attack 20 athletes

Rec program 11 athletes

U 14 - 10 athletes

U 16/U18 - 9 athletes

Open women - 1 Natalie Wilkie - she is in Finland now racing the para WC

We have changed our winter training schedule timing as follows:

Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00- 6:30pm for the everyone except the U 16/U18 athletes are 5-7pm to allow more time for technique and strength training.

This allows working parents more time to get to LH. We still have parents leaving work early to get their kids to LH but moving the time back 1/2 hour has made it easier for them.

Saturday's 9:30-11:30 we have moved the timing up 1/2 an hour so families are back home for lunch and other activities in there day.

These changes were made at the spring coaches meeting.

The race season has began, this past weekend LH has 6 athletes racing at Sovereign Lake Nor Am with athletes from across Canada and the USA. The competition was very deep similar to national championships with all provinces and territories represented.

4 girls and 2 boys raced and everyone felt they has great races and enjoyed the competition.

The team energy is great and everyone is excited about skiing at LH with the new groomer providing excellent skiing.

The BC Cup series starts in the new year at Revelstoke, then Prince George then Telemark West Kelowna hosting the BC Championships

The team will have 6 athletes going to Western's in Kimberley and Nationals in Canmore.

- Jackrabbits – Jana-Registration just closed. 98 kids are registered. There are just enough volunteer coaches. We will continue to need people taking the coaching courses to maintain the program.

10. Registrar's Report – Jan N.

896 members so far. 920 last year at this time. E-transfer is popular. Next year this might be on Zone-4 as an option. Fees went up on December 8th.

11. Tracksetting Report – George J.

The New Bison has been out 3 times. The focus is on learning the machine. Tracksetters will be slower while learning so may not cover as much trail initially.

Chuck Wilson is the new mechanic.

They have had to remove some gates for it to fit.

12. By Law Changes/Updates – Kari W.

Kari has reviewed the bylaws. See attached report.

She made changes pertaining to the change in the fiscal year end as well as changing from male gender neutral terms (such as from his to their and chairman to chairperson).

Peter Molnar moved to change the bylaws as written, Pamela Dettwiler 2nd. All in favour.

13. LUTPC – Craig M.

The All-members map, Core Area map, Canine Trail Map and Snowshoe maps have recently been updated on the website.

- New signage is up on the Private land for the dog trails and new snowshoe trail.
- The committee has been working on developing a members survey. The 2015 Strategic Plan was driven by a members survey at that time. From the Strategic Plan Public Input Summary a number of outputs were identified and prioritized. These main priorities were Race Trails, new Chalet, Lit Trails and Dog Trails. We can proudly say that these objectives have been met. A new members survey will assist us in developing long term trail and infrastructure planning and maintenance.
- We are reviewing Woodlot 1571's proposed 10 year plan which affects some of our trails in the south-west corner of our recreation area.
- Cam Brown and David Millard met with a Tolko representative to review their harvesting plans in our central and north areas.
- Up next will be developing a maintenance plan for next season.

14. SEC – David M.

Thanks to those who helped with renovation of the Ginzu shed.

Packing and grooming in the early season went very well. There is still some open water. The Bogs and Cottonwood Cutoff are not frozen yet. The equipment and team are working well. Thanks to Chuck Wilson, the mechanic.

15. Snowshoe Trails – David M.

They are in use. There is still some open water, especially near the bogs. Craig has put up signs for then trail, Lucy Gone Wild which is still a bit rough and a work in progress.

16. RKSL – Kari W

41st loppet. Jan 18, 2025.

Change in course this year a -one loop 32 km route rather than a separate 30 and 34 km routes. There are still 1,2, 5, 10 and 17 km routes.

Awards will be done at the hill to better accommodate out of town skiers.
Alan will help coordinate the awards.
Wine and Cheese will be at the rec center. Song Sparrow Hall was considered, but is limited to 235 people. We will count this year.
They hope to open registration on Dec 15th.
We are now part of the Pacific Northwest Loppet Series.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- a. Santa Cruise** – Dec 15, 2024 – Sunday. Ski at 10:00. 5km ski loop. Costumes are encouraged. Santa is coming.
The executive will provide treats.
There will be a live auction with proceeds going to the food bank.
Please drop auction items with Karen or bring on the day.
- b. Lantern Ski** - Dec 28, 2024. Saturday. Kerry and Kari. We are looking for a new volunteer to replace Kerry Miller.
Thanks to Access Precision for providing the kerosine. Cleaning lanterns in October is a big job. Filled lanterns will not be stored in the bunker for safety. They will be stored in Pauline's barn when filled.
- c. RKSL** – Jan 18, 2025
- d. OK Cup # 1** -Feb 8th, 2025
- e. Pirate Loppet** -January 31, 2025

Additions:

- Road work- Jim asked if there is a plan to do any more work. There is no plan for paving. They spent 6-8 weeks this summer digging up the road and putting down more material and widening the road. They also put in some culverts. There is a big improvement above John's. So far, they are maintaining it well. Greg Kylo was helpful and pushing to get that work done. Jim suggests that we continue to request paving in the future.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025 – 7:30pm – Rec Centre Rm 1
Adjourned – 8:40pm.

Memo from Don Miller

Date: *December 2, 2024*
To: *Executive Board – Larch Hills Nordic Society*
Cc: *Board meeting file*
RE: *Report – December executive meeting*

Treasurer's Report:

- *Attached please find the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period up to and including today.*
 - *A few comments*
 - *The comparative balances are, although they are headed as May 1, 2023 to December 2, 2023, are really for the period October 1, 2023 to December 2, 2023. It's a quirk of Quickbooks when the year-end is changed.*
 - *a/c 4040 - The membership amount may not be truly comparative. The 2023 number includes registration to November 30 while the current year's number only includes November 24.*
 - *a/c 4045 - The Miscellaneous income includes the sale of the Pisten Bulley (\$ 40,000) and the sale of the Pisten Bulley parts (\$ 5,700)*
 - *a/c 5020 – Includes \$ 6,860 for Prinoth seminar; \$ 1,504 for coaches' clinic; \$ 812 for volunteer luncheon in September*
 - *a/c 5040 – increase is primarily the increase attributable to the Bison machine. The insurable value of equipment went from \$155,650 to \$ 740,650.*
 - *a/c 5055 - \$ 2,000 is the partial cost of the new stairs in front of the chalet. Undoubtedly there will be more.*
 - *GST – Not included in this statement is the recovery of GST of \$ 23,940 primarily attributable to the Bison purchase*
 - *Obviously, the cash position is extremely good. I will send a Balance sheet when I receive the bank statements and have reconciled the accounts.*
- *At the last meeting I suggested that a reserve for Bison replacement be set up in some manner. Comments?*
- *Similarly, I suggested a repair reserve be considered. Comments?*

9:00 AM

12/02/24

Accrual Basis

Larch Hills Nordic Society

Profit & Loss

May 1 through December 2, 2024

	May 1 - Dec 2, 24	May 1 - Dec 2, 23
Income		
4001 · Interest Income	916.56	895.38
4003 · Revenue - RKS Loppet	0.00	0.00
4005 · CCBC Fees Collected	11,698.00	14,231.00
4007 · SDP Fees Collected	-12.00	228.00
4015 · Chalet Rentals	3,340.48	0.00
4021 · PB donations	0.00	0.00
4023 · Courses, Clinics, Meetings inc	610.00	0.00
4025 · Jack Rabbit Fees & Donations	0.00	2,108.00
4035 · Members Misc Donations	2,657.50	1,788.75
4040 · Memberships	75,135.00	85,320.50
4045 · Miscellaneous Income	45,903.00	1,000.00
4050 · Other Donations	0.00	1,054.60
4055 · Jr. Race Team	60.00	10.00
4056 · Received on behalf of race team	6,698.00	6,256.00
4065 · Ski Swap Income	11,897.70	9,844.69
4068 · Lantern ski items	-92.50	0.00
4070 · TS Replacement Fund Donations	5.50	2,163.00
4075 · Trail Fees	852.37	186.19
4150 · Amort def'd contributions	0.00	0.00
4200 · Teck Championship Reciepts	-14.44	0.00
4800 · Reino Keski Salmi Loppet	0.00	0.00
Total Income	159,655.17	125,086.11
Gross Profit	159,655.17	125,086.11
Expense		
5002 · Professional Fees	6,607.25	0.00
5003 · Expenses - RSK Loppet	0.00	0.00
5004 · Advertising	505.69	669.58
5005 · Hydro	1,304.79	391.99
5010 · CCBC Fees Paid Out	11,492.00	14,199.50
5016 · Rental Expense	154.84	117.45
5020 · Courses, Clinics, Meetings exp	9,429.14	28.96
5025 · Amortization	0.00	0.00
5030 · Gas & Oil	-2,162.50	0.00
5035 · Honorariums	750.00	0.00
5040 · Insurance	21,684.00	14,993.00
5045 · Jack Rabbit Expense	152.00	167.00
5050 · Jr. Racing Team	0.00	350.00
5055 · R&M Buildings	5,788.95	1,802.23
5060 · R&M Equipment	3,741.44	322.01
5065 · Miscellaneous Expense	217.72	1,067.69
5070 · Office Expense	676.61	876.11
5071 · Telecommunication	1,706.94	2,036.56
5075 · Payroll	7,602.23	5,174.15
5080 · Safety Committee	0.00	1,662.09
5085 · Scholarships	1,500.00	0.00
5090 · Signs and maps	508.25	3,017.63
5095 · Ski Swap	11,897.70	2,660.63
5100 · Snow Removal	0.00	34.89
5103 · Trail Construction	0.00	0.00
5105 · Trail Maintenance	0.00	167.87
5120 · Zone 4 Fees	537.00	574.00
5197 · Bank Charges	39.40	8.05
5300 · OK Cup costs		
5317 · OK Cup-meet exp.	215.88	0.00
5319 · OK Cup-Sundry charges	29.17	0.00
Total 5300 · OK Cup costs	245.05	0.00
Total Expense	84,378.50	50,321.39
Net Income	75,276.67	74,764.72