

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 6th 2026 7:30pm

Forsite – 300 – 42nd St SW

Suzy Beckner, Laura Hepburn, Jana Muller, Dave Millard, Don Miller, Karen Tanchak, Kari Wilkinson, Cam Brown, Alan Corbett, Laura Hepburn, Kate Ritchie, Pauline Waelti, Abbi May. Absent: Bill Prytula

1. **Agenda** - Additions
2. **Minutes of last executive meeting** – Dec 2, 2025 Approved
3. **Business arising**/outstanding issues:
 - Nil
4. **Treasurer Report** – Don – See attached report. 942 members compared to 1035 this time last year. There have been less day trail fees also due to low snow so far.
 - **Motions for reserve funds**
Kari motioned to name the 3 reserve funds:
 1. Equipment Acquisition Fund
 2. Facility & Infrastructure Fund
 3. Trail Infrastructure & Climate Adaptation Fund9 in favour. One opposed.

Discussion ensued about how much to deposit into the funds with a goal of maintaining half of the operating budget or less in our accounts as per the requirements of the gaming grants.

Don objects to moving money to restricted funds. He suspects that we won't get the gaming grant regardless.

The strategic plan was discussed in relation to the allocation of the funds as well.

Cam proposes moving another \$60,000 to restricted funds in addition to the \$42,000 already allocated for equipment replacement.

We are already committed to saving \$15,000 annually for Equipment replacement.

Cam motioned to move \$20,000 in fund 1 and \$40,000 into fund 2 (flagged for a new hut).

After further discussion he amended the motion to move \$20,000 into fund 1/Equipment Acquisition fund, \$30,000 into fund 2 (Facility & Infrastructure Fund and \$30,000 for 2 and \$10,000 for 3 (Trail Infrastructure & Climate Adaptation Fund). \$42,000 currently in the equipment will be reserved in fund 1 as well. Kari 2nd. 8 in favour. Suzy and Don abstained.

5. Programs Update – Jana

- Please see written report.

6. Manager Update – Karen

- Please see written report.

7. SEC/Grooming – David

Conditions have been difficult and SEC has done much of the grooming to date. The pan on 2009 Ginzu is not setting track as well as it should in less ideal snow conditions. It has been repaired multiple times already. David requested approval to purchase a new Pan. \$2800 plus taxes/shipping etc.

Cam motioned to replace the pan at a cost of up to \$4000. Kari 2nd. All in favour.

8. Tech Update – Bill- absent..

9. Loppet Update – Kari. 229 registrants. Cost goes up tomorrow. We need an aid station coordinator still. Karen will send out a request. New loppet banners for the finish line. There are new heart and stroke signs. Japheth Bucher the new timer.

10. Lantern Ski - Follow Up – Kari. Carolyn and Mark Uher are the new co-chairs. We need some new lanterns for next year.

11. Strategic Plan – Suzy

The new strategic plan will be presented at the general meeting in February.

12. Nordiq Fundraiser – Suzy

\$7000 last year went to youth programs.

This year Suzy would only like to do this for a specific cause. We discussed a new playground as a possible goal. We will decide at a later meeting.

Additions

1. **Sledding and playground-** Kate. Kate would like to establish a committee and work toward making a plan for a playground and a sanctioned sledding area. Stephan Widmer is concerned about the impact of banning sledding is having on the young families at Larch Hills who have children who can only ski short distances.. Kate will contact other clubs to see how they got approval and check with rec sites and trails. She will also start to research developing a ski playground.
2. **Logging** – Cam. Toko dropped plans for the block around Arwin's. 2 others are being considered. Any objections are requested now before they invest more. One is above the old chalet site. The other is at the South Hub. They would be 50% logged. Cam will get maps to show us next meeting. Cam will present at the next AGM to keep the membership informed.
3. **LUTP committee** -Suzy. Keith, Adrienne, George are still on the committee but they do not have a chair. We discussed recruiting new members.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 3rd at 7:30pm at Forsite.
Feb 10th general meeting at 7:00 at the Chalet.

Adjourned 9:34pm.

Memo from Don Miller

Date: *January 5, 2026*

To: *Executive Board of Directors – Larch Hills Nordic Society*

Cc: *Meetings file*

RE: *January 6, 2026*

I have attached three documents

- *Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for seven months ending November 30, 2025*
- *Balance Sheet at November 30, 2025*
- *Preliminary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for December 2025*

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for seven months ending November 30, 2025

- *This statement shows significant reduction in memberships.*
 - *Although not unexpected in light of the dismal weather; concerning, nonetheless.*
 - *In December registration deposits total approximately \$50,800.*
 - *This represents the total deposits which includes, in addition to membership fees, donations, jackrabbit fees, carbon neutral contributions and other sundry fees.*
 - *The actual balance of membership fees will be determined upon posting of the registration documents prepared by Jan.*

Balance Sheet at November 30, 2025

- *Assets and Liabilities at November 30, 2025*

Expenditures for December 2025

- *This is the expenditures paid during December 2025*
 - *Courses and meetings*
 - *\$ 8,200 for strategic planning fee*
 - *\$ 1,200 for CCBC coaching course*
 - *Insurance – the annual premium for insurance on the assets of the society*
 - *Equipment maintenance - \$6,556 for preseason maintenance on all machinery – Chuck Wilson*

Have a look and contact me with any questions or comments

Programs Report Jan 5th

Jackrabbits:

110 registrants

Second session cancelled due to cold weather

Waffles starting Jan 8th

Rewards Wall in lower chalet is a big hit

Toques and buffs ordered from CCBC; bibs will be ordered by next week

Ready Set Ski was successful and will be continued with some little changes next season

Discount codes are out for RKS Loppet

School Program:

Starting Jan 7th

58 registrations

25 ski hosts

Skat Ski Clinics:

All 4 clinics fully booked plus wait lists

Kayden Sims is doing a mixed clinic in January, 3 evenings (7pm beginners, 8pm advanced)

Other:

- Speaker arrived, not tested yet

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Operations Manager Report

- On site
 - Most all signage is out. Some are difficult to keep standing without the deeper snow levels. I will be zap-strapping some to trees where possible.
 - Sand buckets and de-icer supplies are being used. Snow shovels are out and about.
 - Office set up is working great and we continue to share with Bill as he is setting up our new technology
 - The boiler has needed to be cleaned about every 7-10 days with the warmer temperatures
 - First Aid kits are all replenished
- Maintenance items
 - Damien is waiting for the supplies for the extension of the chimney pipe and then will complete the work needed at Cec's. The cabin has been very busy throughout December and everything seems to be working fine in the mean time.
 - Jana and I have been using our new Pixel 9 Pro phones: Final plan resulted in no purchase cost and a monthly plan was adjusted to Canada and US wide calling and 50G data for \$50 per month each. An additional \$10 per month per phone discount for setting up auto payments with the credit card.
 - I have asked Peter Wyss to think about doing our wall and shelving project at the bottom of the stairs and he will let me know if he has time to do that.
- Day use seems to be up this year as the sign in sheets at the kiosk are filling up quickly. That might be due to the Christmas holiday break.
- I have confirmed that the Youth program funds were deposited and the \$5000 (less the service charge) was deposited in 2025. I will give the particulars to Don to ensure they were documented accordingly. There has been 2 people ask how they would donate to the club for 2025 and I provided the link for year round donations Nordiq Canada has just announced the 2026 Annual Campaign Fundraiser.
- Keith Cox mentioned that there have been trucks driving on some of the trails above the North Hub. With the logging, roads are being plowed up to the 11 km mark coming in from Lower Edgar so it is enticing for some to drive up to the summit.
- The support for the Food Bank was good. Lower number of food items donated and I am waiting to hear back from Second Harvest as to when they will be available for me to drop off the box.
- I have booked 4 Port-a-Potties to be delivered January 14 and will stay until February 9. This will cover the RKS loppet, Pirate loppet and BC Cup. The company is now offering garbage bins and pick up and would like to provide us with a quote to see if that would be of value to us. I will do a comparison with our other provider and see if it would be a savings.
- The Safety Host Committee has met a few times. Two members did a 'Pop Up' information table last Saturday to make members aware of the emergency response plan that we have. That went very well with lots of questions.

-Majority of hosts will be needing to recertify with their first aid and George Z is looking into another Wilderness First Aid course that will be customized for our trail system. It is hoped to be held in November 2026. They are working on how to get best education at a reasonable price. He has asked what his budget would be.

-Two new hosts have volunteered to be on call for this season.

-There was one incident already this season where a skier in the south loop hit some dirt in the classic track and went down and tweaked her knee. Jana and David Millard with the assistance of Bill Grainger took care of her. Her family delivered her to the emergency department to get looked after.

To do: Email early bird winners that have not yet picked up prizes.

Take down Christmas Decorations on Thursday or Friday.

School classes begin Wednesday with hosts

Replenish bathroom supplies, garbage bags, ready for upcoming events.

Pick up order of trail maps for distribution to day users