

March 30th, 2010 Larch Hills Nordic Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome: Twenty-three members present
Adopt agenda: moved by Peter Molnar and seconded by Abbi May to accept:
carried
2. Moved by Verne Gummeson and seconded by John Henderson to accept the
Minutes of Feb. 02, 2010 General Meeting: carried
3. Business arising - club by-laws
New by-laws are posted on the website under about us
4. Treasurer's report : attached
Fuel cost down because the snowmobilers were used more than the track
setter
Right on target for the budget
Still waiting to hear about lottery grant
CSR and the City of Salmon Arm each donated \$1000, thanks to the
efforts of John Henderson
Roy moved and Chris Lethan seconded to accept the report as is: carried
Internal Audit- an Internal Audit was conducted in January by John
Henderson, John Pagdin and Jim Beckner. Treasurer's books are in order.
The next Internal Audit will be conducted in December, 2010. We will
consult an accountant before we do the next audit.
5. Membership:
982 members or 434 households : the largest membership ever: Salmon
Arm 308 members, Enderby 42, Armstrong 14 and Sorrento 14
6. E-Bulletins will replace all but at least one newsletter next year.
7. Tracksetters
Abbi has been posting the trail reports
Fairly major repairs to the well-used tracksetter this year
184 hours on the tracksetter opposed to the usual 300 or so due to weather
and greater use of the ginzer groomer
Started tracksetting December 11th; two days later than the previous year
with the last setting March 1st
The tracksetter shed was painted and shelves built
8. Programs
Jackrabbits: 130 Rabbits: very successful year. Abbi will retire this year

Junior Racers: 36: Phil Wallenstein reported that this was the first year we've hosted races. The midget championships went well despite the warm weather

Challenge Group 5 members

Trail Hosts between Christmas and New Years

9. Events

Ski Swap: Al Bahen coordinating

Santa Cruise: a success and money raised for the food bank

Lantern Ski: December 30th and February 13th: first a huge success, the second good but less attended

Fun Race/ BC Games trials

RKS Loppet: 425 people with good snow. New category: competitive 18 k for over 70

Pirate Loppet: close to 400 kids. Has turned into a school program

Fun Day: John Henderson reported that it was a success. The Para Nordic demos went really well.

10. Joint Trails Committee

New trail out to the Town View is popular. The turn around needs work.

Snow shoe trails need to be expanded on and parallel trails built

Adopt a trail program: some are dropping the ball: put in newsletter to contact Gullen to volunteer.

Take Back the Hills needs to happen earlier, in October, to avoid unpleasant weather

11. Chalet Committee

Water added, though rudimentary

Pauline, our caretaker, reported that double the amount of people in the parking lot

Chalet not rented as much as Cec's Cabin

Chalet rental needs to be promoted better: move on website, internet, signs

Wifi access and webcam added this year

12. Safety

Will have another toboggan soon

13 Summer Use of the Larch Hills and revision of the Management agreement

Phil McIntyre Paul and John Henderson reported that we actually don't have permission to use the Larch Hills in the summer so they have approached Ken Gibson in Tourism to change the management agreement. This way we would have control of ATV use

John Henderson moved and Blaine Carson seconded that we have the Larch Hills Nordic Ski Club be the designated year round manager for the Larch Hills management area providing that the province cover us for liability insurance: carried

14. Other

Handicapped facilities; Joan Reid, our Para-Nordic Skier, suggested improvements for access from the parking lot and the chalet. We will try and address these over the next year. There are grants for handicap facilities. Al Hardy and Bruce Motherwell are looking into this
Webcam and weather station are up. Airspeed Wireless provided for two ski club memberships. Moved by Blaine Carson, seconded by Verne Gunelson to approve installing the webcam and WiFi in exchange for two family memberships: carried

Discussed installing a weather station which would cost around \$600.

Executive will pursue

Caretaker relief: Pauline needs relief 3 or 4 days in the summer. Put it out to the membership in the E-Bulletin

Moved by Roy Decker and seconded by Mavis Jackson that we accept the fee increase proposed at Feb. 02/'10 GM: passed. We will still have the lowest fees in BC

Pirate Loppet

Brian Smith moved and seconded by Mike Smoke, that we, in principal, develop a more clarified financial budget arrangement with the Pirate Loppet. Carried. Up to now the extra money has gone into general revenue
To the executive

Chalet washrooms completion: top of the list for our next capital expenditure. Moved by John Henderson and seconded by Marcia Beckner to authorize the executive to spend up to twenty five thousand dollars to finish the chalet bathrooms if the funds are available: carried.

15. Elections: Jim Beckner nominated as President and acclaimed. Peter Molnar nominated as Vice-President: acclaimed. Vivian Morris nominated as Secretary: acclaimed. Roy Decker nominated as Treasurer: acclaimed.
Directors Abbi May, Verne Gummeson, Bruce Motherwell and Al Hardy.

16. Motion to adjourn Peter Molnar

