

Larch Hill Nordic Society Annual General Meeting
March 6th, 2012
Twenty-eight members present

1. Welcome - Agenda

2. Vivian Morris moved and Abbi May seconded that the minutes of the February 7th 2012 General Meeting be accepted as read: carried

3. Business arising:

- Jim Beckner has contacted the highways about better signage on the highway for those coming from the south on highway 97 B and near Grindrod on highway 97 A.

4. Treasurer's report: attached Roy Decker

5. Membership report: written report from Mavis Jackson

- 946 members; up over 70 from last year- full report attached; suggested that there be something on the membership form to indicate if skiers are snowshoeing as well. **To the executive**

Tracksetting - Blaine Carson and Dave Brubaker

- 283 hours = good year.
- Tracksetters have special tracksetter t-shirts
- Pretty good year for maintenance
- Should trade the machine in three years to avoid high maintenance costs

Joint Trails Committee

- Joint meeting with Shuswap Outdoors:
- Snowshoe trails getting lots of use
- Larch Ledge needs cleaning up
- More signs put up to discourage snowmobiling
- Mapping: Trail Alliance is going to upgrade our maps??
- Summer barriers: three more needed
- Logging soon near Larch Lake Loop and Deer Track and east of Panarama trail -connections may arise. Loggers will leave visual barriers
- Abbi May and Rod Charlebois are sharing daily trail report duties with Blaine
- Suggested that skiing up Ermine Frolic Hill might be doable but this would mean changing the maps and signs. Abbi May moved and Clint Smith seconded

to make Ermine Frolic Hill two way: carried. Abbi moved and Vivian seconded to make Stigs trail two way: defeated. Refer to the trail committee to look at widening the lower corner which is of concern. Abbi moved and Vivian seconded to make Heartbreak Hill two way: carried. Signage needed. Abbi volunteered Brian May to do this.

Suggested that the Squirrel Run be relabeled blue not black: ask Ron Beals to change it for next year

Chalet

- Around \$4000 spent to tidy up the chalet: eg cement slab and drain by the new washrooms, new stairs. Committee will look at way to keep kids off the roof.

Snowshoeing:

- Trail Alliance is building a moveable staging area for snowshoeing with maps and etiquette
- A Committee needs to be formed. Put it on the registration form. To **executive**

Visioning: another meeting in next two months

Canine Trail

- 20 feedback emails: mostly positive. The trail has had substantial use and few complaints. Complaints about dogs in the parking lot not a Canine Trail concern. Clint Smith moved and Peter seconded that the report be accepted. Clint moved and John Henderson seconded that the club continue with the Canine trail: carried

Safety Committee: Jim Ellis (experienced with risk analysis) volunteered to look at safety issues on the hill. He will continue our recent liaison with Search and Rescue who have identified a couple of issues (no spine board and helicopter landing areas identified)

7. Programs:

Jackrabbits

Another successful Jackrabbit season has come to an end. A big thank you goes out to all of the leaders that volunteered their time this season. Also, thanks to Marianne VanBuskirk who made sure we had hot chocolate every Saturday. The last session of Jackrabbits was on February 25th, which was also the Larch Hills Fun Day. This was the first year that the Fun Day was during a Jackrabbit session. Jackrabbits, as well as any member of the community were welcome to attend.

Ski Team

- Phil Wallensteen thanked the club for supporting the BC Cup.
- Abbi took ten skiers to the BC Winter Games in Vernon: eight took medals
- 20 Skiers went to Midget Championships and were second overall to Hollyburn
- Six skiers going to Quebec City for the Nationals- Adrienne Underhill and Alyson Marshall will be joining them

8.

There will be helicopter seeding of area around Mara Connection. They will use our parking lot as a staging area

Election of Executive members:

- President: Peter Molnar: acclaimed
- Vice-President: Duncan Moore: acclaimed
- Secretary: not determined
- Treasurer: Alan Bahen
- Directors: Al Hardy, Abbi May, John Henderson, Dave Wallensteen, Hermann Bruns
- Past President: Jim Beckner

Thank you to Roy for serving as treasurer. Thanks to Vivian for serving as secretary. Please continue for a short while until replacement found.

Marcia made a motion to Adjourn