

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club Annual Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. at the Lake Louise Camp Ground by President Wayne Christiansen. Wayne turned the meeting over to Corky Matthews who conducted the rest of the meeting.

Minutes

Copies of last years meeting were passed out to all members to read. A motion to approve the minutes was made and a vote taken. The minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Ron Ringel, our Treasurer, handed out a copy of the treasures report to all members. He then explained we have \$10,691.40 in our checking and savings account. He further explained in his report, we have total revenues of \$20,913.62 this year yet our total expenses are \$22,576.05. The short fall in the report, he explained, is a little misleading. Ron explained it is mostly due to grant payments not being paid before the year ending March 31, 2010. Rather than go into great detail during the meeting he said he would gladly explain the report in detail after the meeting to anyone interested. A motion to approve the report was made and it was approved.

Grooming

Corky reported that 75hrs have been spent grooming this season with Big Foot. The Club has sent in grooming expenses to the State, for a total of \$9372 this year. He went on to explain, though we haven't had any major break downs this season Big Foot has some maintenance issues that need to be tended to before next season. One emergency brake needs to be rebuilt and some track components need replacing. Corky explained there have been grants awarded to other organizations for similar repairs and that he would look into applying for such a grant.

Trails

There are three of our main trails that we still are waiting for the State to adjudicate. They are the Crosswinds, Eureka, and Tolsona trails. We have had all our surveys and paperwork in for over a year but DNR seems to be holding it up for no apparent reasons.

We were asked by DNR, to survey a seismic trail, on the Tolsona Trail, beginning at mile 21, that will connect it to the Tolsona/Crosswind Trail instead of coming out at Moose Lake. We did that survey on April 9th and the survey will be submitted ASAP.

We will continue to inquire about and follow the progress of these trails and hopefully they will be fully adjudicated by this fall. As soon as these trails have been adjudicated we will be able to start widening and improving them.

In the past few weeks a work group of seven club members, got together and spent a total of 120 manhours working on the Eureka Trail, between Mile 17 and Tyone Tie. They cleared trees and brush on the trail, permanently marking as they went. They built tripods where needed, drove in carsonite reflector posts, and marked trees with reflectors and limbed the lower part.

The group also was able to mark a section of trail going up Selick Ravine. The alternate route isn't as steep and narrow and is much safer to drive Big Foot up the ravine.

In the past week member Randy Arndt began marking a route up to the top of Nipple Mountain. Another work party was formed and helped Randy finish a trail. It begins on Tyone Lake and goes approximately 2 ½ mi to the top of the mountain. Brush and trees have been cleared and permanent markers mark the way. Next year we hope to make a loop trail that will come out on Lake Susitna. If the trail is to be groomed in the future it will be done with snowmachines.

Dennis Fairbanks and his wife Linda have also taken it upon themselves to GPS and mark a new loop route on the Mendeltna trail. Using existing seismic trails and the Mendeltna Trail they were able to map out a loop starting at Lake Louise going to Mendeltna and return back to Judd Lake, on the Eureka Trail.

We will put this trail on our maps and in the mean time, we will work on getting it adjudicated in the future.

Trail Maps

Now that all our survey work has been completed, Corky has instructed PND, who does our survey work, to begin printing new updated maps of our trails and some of Copper Country's also. They will be 36" X 24" and cover the area between Little Nelchina River to Glennallen.

The McClaren Trail will not be on the map but all the winter lake trails will be.

PND told Corky to run a large plot run the cost for each map would run about \$3.00.

A motion was made that every club member whose membership is current receives a map, after they are published. The motion was seconded and approved. Corky suggested they be sent out shortly after we receive them with a news letter.

Memberships

During this year the board awarded lifetime memberships to two individuals that have been long time supporters of our club, Walt Schlotfeldt and RW. RW is an individual from the Eureka, who goes by RW.

Walt has been very generous each year with donations and came to our rescue last year when Big Foot fell through the ice. He has been a great asset to our club.

For many years RW has been quietly, by himself, grooming and marking the trails between Eureka and Lake Louise. Many of which he has pioneered.

The board felt these individuals should be recognized for dedicating so much of their time and support, so we have given them life memberships in appreciation.

Corky also went on to report that our membership currently has seven life members, 45 paid current members, 119 members, considered active but have not renewed their memberships for 2010. There are 145 members who haven't paid since 2008 so we will not consider them as members in the future.

New Business

Members ask how many snowmachine groomers the club owned and Corky said we have three club groomers. He also explained there are other groomers owned by members that are available to use also.

Dennis Fairbanks asked if there would be grant money available to pay for grooming with snowmachine groomers next year. When we apply for a grooming grant this summer Corky said he would put that into the request and list all the trails that are done this way along with the ones we do with Big Foot.

Elections

Four positions on the board were up for election this year, Ron Jones, Ron Ringel, Dennis Fairbanks and Wayne Christiansen.

Nominations were opened and nominees where: Ron Ringel, Dennis Fairbanks, Wayne Christiansen, Barry Simpson, Mike Anderson, and John Delaquito.

A ballot vote was taken and the new board members are Dennis Fairbanks, Ron Ringel, Mike Anderson, and John Delaquito.

The new board will convene directly after the annual meeting's adjournment to elect new officers for the following year.

A motion was made to adjourn the annual meeting and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Harry Holt,

Secretary of Lake Louise Snowmachine Club