

# Lake Louise Snowmachine Club Annual Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am at the Lake Louise Community Safety Building by the Club President Harry Holt. There were eleven members present including five board members.

## **Minutes**

Copies of last year's meeting minutes were distributed and read to all the attending members to review. A motion was made to approve the minutes. They were then approved by all attending.

## **Treasure's Report**

Corky Matthews, Treasurer prepared a financial report and distributed copies to all members. The Club currently has Total Cash Assets of \$9,943.50, Equipment Assets of \$64,704, and no outstanding Accounts Payable. After a short discussion the treasure's report was approved by all members present.

After the approval of Corky's report, he express he needed help with the accounting of our assets. He explained our Cub has reached the point we need someone with the knowledge of accounting to prepare and file all the necessary government forms required to keep our nonprofit status.

A discussion followed and all were in agreement. Harry said he would follow up with Cork's request at the next board meeting and inquire about accountants to do the Club's accounts.

## **Club Business**

### **Trails**

We are still waiting on the final easements for Tolsona, Crosswind North, Eureka / John Lake Trails. The State agencies keep assuring us they will be forthcoming soon but nothing has happened yet.

We did receive a Winter Use Permit this year for the John Lake portion of the Eureka Trail. This allows us to improve this trail but we are unable to use grant money for these activities.

In June we applied for two SnoTrac grants. A grooming grant for \$27,072 and a safety and signage grant for \$5,300. We received \$5,300 for our new signs and \$24,364 for grooming.

The Mat-Su Borough also gave us a grooming grant for \$5,934 to use on trails we have use permits on.

Tolsona Corp. has also once again donated \$500 for grooming trails.

Right now our “You Are Here” signs and materials have been purchased and are in the process of being erected at each location. Randy Arndt has been the driving force behind this project.

Grooming has been off to a slow start this year because of the lack of snow and cold temps in Dec. & Jan. We started grooming off the lake with the Tucker Snocat because of the low snow and used the Big Foot to groom the lake trail. All our trails have been groomed twice at this time and some more.

Corky reported that the Borough has contacted him saying they have some money available for surveying new trails. He has informed Bruce Paulson at the Borough that we would like to survey Nipple Mountain and the Maclaren Trails. Hopefully we will be able to do it before break-up this year.

This year Randy Arndt organized the effort to get funding and the materials to build intersection signs with maps showing each location and EMS information as well. He and a group of board members have assembled the signs and have begun to permanently erect them at each location. There are a total of 31 signs now and we will add more as our trails get easements.

## **Insurance**

In order to groom all the trails we have Land Use Permits on, we are required to have a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy. This year our premium rose to \$7,000. This being unacceptable, we had to go shopping for a different insurance broker. We did ultimately find a broker that offered a policy to suit our needs and was less expensive than last year’s premium.

## **Maps**

Randy Arndt reported he had developed two styles of trail maps to sell this year. One is plastic laminated and the other is one printed on water proof paper. They have been

selling well for \$5.00 each. They are currently for sale at Lake Louise Lodge, Tolsona Lodge, and Eureka Lodge.

## **Communications**

Bill Fair, member and Webmaster, has worked this year to improve our website. We can now email all members of special events concerning our club as well as posting current events on the website. The board will use this medium to keep members informed and to reply to feedback throughout the year.

## **New Business**

### **Basket Auction**

The basket auction this year yielded \$3,490. The turnout was similar to last year. There were a total of 44 baskets sold and numerous door prizes given away.

### **Wolf Pack Merchandise**

Charlyne Fair, Esther Arndt, and Jean Holt have ordered and received new club merchandise for this year.

During Wolf Pack Weekend a total of \$495 of merchandise was sold. They plan to have merchandise available during the Antique and Spring Fun Runs as well.

Members have expressed they would like to see more long sleeve tee shirts next year and also articles expressing the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Harry said he would pass this information on to whoever heads up this committee next season.

## **Elections**

Four positions on the board were up for election this year, Barry Simpson, Harry Holt, Corky Matthews, and Bill Fair.

Corky brought up the fact our by-laws state that our board is to have seven members while at this time we have eight. While renewing our Articles of Incorporation, he reported the state held up the document until we rectified this.

A motion to drop the one position on the board was made and seconded. A vote of members was unanimous in favor.

Bill Fair expressed his wish to no longer serve on the board and his name was withdrawn.

Nominations were opened for the three board positions and the nominees were: Corky Matthews, Harry Holt, and Barry Simpson. There were no other nominations at this time.

A vote was taken and all nominees were elected to the board.

To save time Harry asked if anyone objected if board members elected officers, at that time, during the meeting. There were no objections.

Harry then asked if any of the board members wished to volunteer for any of the officer positions. Volunteers were as follows, Harry Holt; President, Randy Arndt; Vice President, and Corky Matthews; Treasurer. The board members then voted and approved each position.

Because all board members were not present, the secretary position was tabled till next board meeting.

## **Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the annual meeting and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Harry Holt,  
President of Lake Louise Snowmachine Club