

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club

Board Meeting 09/04/10

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am at the new Lake Louise Safety Building.

All board members were present except Tracy Zimmer and Ron Ringle.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasures Report

Ron sent a report for the board members to review. He pointed out in a note, that the report was not completely accurate because he had not yet receive an August bank statement which would include interest received.

Ron's report shows the club's treasury has \$18,479.16 in checking, \$318.93 in savings, and \$1243.95 in PayPal.

The suggestion was made, that the board review our books and spending during the first meeting each fall. A discussion followed and the board felt this would be a good idea. This way everyone will see where the club stands financially and we can plan club activities accordingly each season.

A motion was made, that we review our finances during the first board meeting of each new winter season. The motion was then passed.

Dennis voiced his concern that we had no money reserves set aside for any major repairs for Big Foot or the groomer, if they should occur. Dennis then made a motion to set aside \$5000, from the treasury, for an emergency fund, in an interest bearing account. Every year following, add available funds up to \$5000 to that account for major repairs. After some discussion to the merits of the account, the motion was seconded and approved.

Sno-Trac Groomers Meeting

Dennis and Corky attended a Sno-Trac groomers meeting with DNR and The State Parks during the summer. Many subjects were discussed from new trail development throughout the state, grooming trails, registration fees, and trail permitting. The meeting was helpful for the fact it helps keep everyone working together developing, improving, and maintaining our trails and other ones in the state as well.

Grants

During July, when our grooming grant applications need to be submitted, Pat Owens was unavailable to write them so Corky filled them out and submitted them.

He has applied for \$23,939 for grooming our trails this season. In addition he has applied for a

\$10,920 grant through the snowmobile trails grant program, to pay for some parts and maintenance on Big Foot.

There is another grant application due Sept. 15th, for trail signage, surveying, and widening of trails. Corky suggested we apply for funds to survey the Nipple Mountain Trail, Mendeltna Trail, fill a couple dangerous holes on the Mendeltna Trail, and buy more signs for all our trails. The board agreed and asked corky to pursue the grant.

Trails

During the summer DNR has issued the club Land Use Permits for the Tolsona, Big Rock, John Lake, and Crosswind North Trail. These will allow us to groom these trails up to 20' wide this year or until our easement applications are approved and finalized.

A Winter Trails Plan, started by Ron Jones, has been completed and submitted to DNR. They liked the plan and it will help as we develop more trails in the future. Corky also emphasized that our plan will be reviewed, updated, and change as time goes on.

During our discussions of trails, the general conscience of the board was that we should consider putting more of our efforts refining, and developing our trails between Lake Louise and Eureka, including the Mendeltna Trail. More discussions on trail needs will be held during future board meetings.

Corky said he has received from the borough, enough carsonite markers to mark the complete Lakes Trail, every two tenths of a mile. Last year with a limited amount of stakes, he observed only one had been run over and broken. To install the ones last year, a chain saw was used to cut a slot in the ice for each stake. This was slow and cumbersome, so Corky asked the board to purchase an electric chainsaw for the task. The board approved the purchase and the markers will be installed at the appropriate time this season using the new saw.

Maps

We have just received 2 sizes of maps from PND. They are 24 X 36 and 48 X 36 inch.

As we announced at the Annual Meeting, all members who have paid this year's dues will receive a 24 X 36 map. It was decided paid up members can pick up their maps at Lake Louise Lodge or from Corky. Harry said he would announce this in his first newsletter this fall.

The board agreed to give all the lodges at Lake Louise and also Tolsona, Mendeltna, and Eureka Lodges complementary copies of the maps, to display in their lodges.

Currently no map books, like we had in the past, have been printed. Some members felt these books had been a little over priced and somewhat confusing to read, and feel we should maybe come up with another format for our maps to be sold for riding. More on this will be discussed at future meetings.

New Business

Trails

Corky outlined the work we can begin doing this season on the Tolsona and John Lake Trails because we now have permits to do these improvements. It was suggested we organize work parties again this year to accomplish the work needed. All agreed and we will organize and schedule them as the season progresses.

Insurance

The question whether Big Foot is insured for loss was asked and Corky said it wasn't except for liability while grooming approved trails. A discussion of the merits of having some insurance followed. The board concluded it would be prudent to look into the prospect of have some. Mike Anderson volunteered to research the availability and cost of a comprehensive or blanket policy.

Winter Schedule

The new winter schedule was brought up and opened for a discussion. John said Yvette has been working on a schedule but was probably 3 weeks from having it completed.

One idea was to have a couple "Club Runs" during the year for members and friends to go riding as a group. The board tentatively planned to have one on Super Bowl Saturday, riding to Mendeltna Lodge. More plans of this sort will be made also as the season progresses.

Further discussion of the schedule and the club's involvement, will be brought up at our next board meeting and when a schedule has been finalized we will post it on the website.

Club Merchandise

Harry reported that all the club merchandise was currently at Dennis Fairbanks house at Lake Louise, in boxes. There is a list of the inventory and some petty cash in one box as well. The merchandise committee will meet in the near future, to discuss this year's merchandise and sales.

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 16th.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Holt, Secretary