

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club

Board Meeting

2/09/14

The board meeting was brought to order at 9:00 am.

All board members were present and two guests, Joe Stams and John Hicks.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Corky presented a treasurer's report. The board reviewed his spreadsheet and made a motion to approve it. The motion passed and was approved.

Old Business

Trails:

DNR has denied our easement application for the Tolsona, Big Rock and Crosswinds North trails. Their reasoning is our surveys don't meet their current standards and criteria. DNR has approved and issued the easement on the John Lake Trail.

Grants:

Corky sent in all our grant applications in June.

SnoTrac added John Lake trail to our pool this year. We asked for \$37,570 from SnoTrac and received \$15,928 for grooming.

We receive Lake Trail \$9000 from the Borough to groom Borough trails. We asked for \$13,000.

We also received \$1000 from Tolsona Community for grooming.

Our total grooming funds this year are \$25,928.

Grooming:

The Lake Trail was staked shortly after Thanksgiving.

Maintenance on the groomers was done in September and we began grooming first week in January for the CB300.

All the trails have been groomed at least once except Moore Trail and Mendeltna Trail from the mile 12 parking lot.

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Our grooming is pretty much on schedule and so far breakdowns minimal.

Corky reported our grooming and Club insurance premium stayed the same as last year.

Memberships:

Bill Fair has purged everyone on the member list that hasn't paid since 2010. We have 183 members, 20 lifetime, 7 complimentary and 164 annual members. Seventy one members are currently unpaid for 2014.

The board suggested we email members that dues are due in January each year. Harry said he would ask Bill if that can be done.

The board also discussed ways to get more lake cabin and land owners to join and support the Club and trails. John wrote a letter that he will post on his bulletin board suggesting cabin owners join the Club and become part of the community.

New Business

Trails:

Because DNR has denied our trail easements surveys to resurvey will cost between \$25,000 and \$65,000 dollars. The board feels we should appeal their decision because our surveys were done before they made the changes. Harry said he would write DNR for a written explanation.

Club events:

Wolf Pack Weekend is March 8th and 9th. We need to solicit members for baskets and donations for the auction. Randy will be organizing the Fun Run to Tolsona Lodge. Jean Holt said she will be selling the Club merchandise during the afternoon until the auction.

Mike suggested we possibly have an ice fishing tournament during Wolf Pack Weekend. The board thought it would be a good idea for next year.

The Annual Membership meeting will be held March 9th. Four board member seats are up for nominations. (Randy, Dennis, John, and Mike)

The board discussed ways to get members to attend. Participation has been dismal and we need to get more members to partake. Some suggestions were to offer prizes or other incentives.

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The Antique Fun Run is March 22nd. Mike and John will head a committee organizing the event. The question was brought up if we wanted to cosponsor the run with Lake Louise Lodge. All parties were in favor so in the future we will partner with the lodge.

Randy and Harry will groom the trail during the week before the run. Jean Holt and volunteers will sell Wolf Pack Merchandise as well.

The Spring Fun Run is March 29th. Again, we plan to groom the Moore Trail a couple days before the run. We'll set up the tent and outhouse on the lake again. We'll sell our merchandise and give away chili dogs as well.

The Club will do trail sweep and haul any broken sleds out as a Club courtesy.

We need volunteers to help at the tent and also run trail sweep.

Club Merchandise:

Jean Holt has worked to create a new 20th anniversary design for our clothing merchandise.

The new inventory of hats, T-shirts, and hoodies, has been coming in and will be ready to sell at the Sweetheart Fun Run.

The next board meeting will be held March 9th after the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Harry Holt, President