

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club Annual Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am. at the Lake Louise Community Safety Building, by the club Vice President Corky Matthews. There were eleven members present including five board members.

Minutes

Copies of last year's meeting minutes were distributed to all the attending members to review. A motion was made to approve the minutes, minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Ron Ringel, our Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting but he did supply a report for the months April 2011 to February 2012.

As of the end of February, the Club had a balance of \$6,411.30 in checking and savings and unpaid expenses of \$2,062.90.

After a short discussion of how we received our grooming grant money, the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Grooming

We received a grant of \$21,904 this year for grooming all our approved trails. Because January was so cold and breakdowns, grooming got off to a slow start. We have received \$877.50 grant money for grooming in January. Corky said he has submitted a report for \$5,300 for February's grooming. All our approved trails have been groomed once and some have been done several times. With all our snow this year, it looks like March will be very busy grooming.

In November, the Club purchased a 1988 Tucker 2000 Sno-Cat for \$12,500. After doing a full maintenance service on the Tucker, we are now using it to maintain most of the trails. This new rig is smaller, a little faster, and more fuel efficient. Though it doesn't pack the trail as well as Big Foot, it will take some of the pressure off the wear and tear of Big Foot.

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. In the mean time, we are able to groom and improve the trails, using the Use Permit but we are unable to use grant money for these activities.

The Tolsona Creek bypass has been finished. A work party with the help of Big Foot was able to complete the bypass last spring and put signage up at both ends.

All our other trails are in good shape but would benefit from clearing brush, more signage, and reflectors. It was discussed, we should schedule several works parties before the season's end and actively recruit and encourage members to participate. No more discussion followed.

Corky also reported that the board has considered having the trail to Nipple Mountain and the Maclaren trails both surveyed this year.

The board feels it would be prudent to do the Maclaren Trail so we know exactly where the trail will be located.

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 \$1,530. Adding the additional groomer didn't affect this price and it covers both rigs.

Maps

Corky reported to members, he had just received a new batch of 24" x 36" trail maps.

A discussion followed about how we should use them. Members felt we should drop the price for individual maps and sell them to promote the club and trails. A motion was made to drop the sale price to \$10. It was second and the motion passed. It also was suggested we have a whole sale price, but no price was established.

With further discussion, members felt also the club should develop some smaller, 8 1/2" x 11" laminated maps to sell, that would be water proof. No further action was taken as well.

Wolf Pack Merchandise

Corky asked member, Jean Holt, if she knew how much and what kind of Wolf Pack clothing we had to sell this year. She said she no longer had an inventory list, and that Charlyne Fair has one and would be able to provide that information.

Members questioned whether we should have a blow out sale this year at the tent during the Spring Poker Run. No decision was made for the sale until we find out what inventory we have, but everyone was in favor of the idea.

We also need to order more member decals Corky reported because he is completely out at this time.

The board will take up these two matters in the following weeks.

New Business

Basket Auction

The basket auction this year brought in more than \$2,300. Turn out seemed a little lower this year but we had many unique and interesting baskets.

Members felt more could have been done to let more members know about the event and remind them as well. Suggestions for next year would be to notify everyone by email and a post card. Corky took that under advisement and will pass it on to the board next year.

Club Debit Card

Several members expressed their concern of having to use their personal credit cards to purchase club items and then being reimbursed. They asked if a different way to do this could be arranged for the future. It was suggested a debit card account be established for club purchases. A motion was made to set up an account and seconded. After some discussion the motion was voted on and passed. The board will take up the matter during a future meeting.

Elections

Four positions on the board were up for election this year, Ron Ringel, Dennis Fairbanks, John Delaquito, and Mike Anderson

Nominations were opened and nominees where: Randy Arndt, Dennis Fairbanks, Mike Anderson, and John Delaquito.

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

To save time Corky asked if anyone objected if board members elected officers during the meeting. There were no objections.

Corky 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 approved each position.

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 12:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Harry Holt,

Secretary of Lake Louise Snowmachine Club