

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club

Annual Meeting Minutes

4 / 09 / 11

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, at the Lake Louise Community Safety Building, by the club president Corky Matthews.

Minutes

Minutes from last year's meeting were then read by Harry Holt. One addition to the minutes was needed. The Club membership had voted to give Ron Jones's family a life time membership and that was not noted in the minutes. Harry said he will make the change and the minutes were then approved by the members.

Treasure's Report

Ron Ringel, our Treasurer, handed out a copy of the treasures report to all members. He then explained we currently have just under \$14,000 cash. There is \$5000 in savings set aside by the board for emergency repairs for Big Foot. He also explained that all our debts are paid in full. Last year we had \$38,029 income, which \$25,220 were grants. One grant was for \$10,000 for parts to repair Big Foot. By far our biggest expense is groomer maintenance, which totaled \$24,259. In the end, Ron's report shows the Club has made \$ 517. When finished Ron said he would gladly explain any part of his report to anyone, if they had questions.

Old Business

Grooming

We received a grant of \$23,939 this year for grooming all our approved trails. In January we received \$2,437, February \$4,237, and March \$8,072. Corky also felt we may do some more grooming in April which would bring in \$2 – \$3000. It most likely will be the Lake Trails and possibly the Tolsona, Big Rock, Crosswind Trails. The other trails have degraded to this point grooming is pointless.

Trails

Corky reported he had applied for a Survey and Trail Grant of \$9210 to survey part of Tolsona Trail, Mendeltna Trail, and widen the Tolsona Creek Bypass on the Tolsona Trail. He also explained that we were competing with many other organizations for these kinds of grants and he was unsuccessful getting the grant.

This season we have widened the Eureka / John Lake Trail from mile 22 to the Little Nelchina River using two work parties. We will now be able to groom the Eureka trail, with Big Foot, to Mile 26, at the Little Nelchina River. We have Land Use Permits to groom this portion but we have yet to receive the final easements.

The Tolsona Creek bypass still needs to be finish. Harry Holt and Barry Simpson have flagged the route recently and we would like to organize another work party before the end of the season to complete it for next year.

Corky asked for suggestions on how we can organize and schedule work parties in the future so we can get more participation. It was suggested we have them on weekends and possibly post a schedule on the web page.

A work party has been scheduled for next weekend, to widen the bypass. We will let it be known and hopefully enough folks will show up and it can be finished.

The Mendeltna Trail has been groomed this year into a loop trail. It returns via Nicolai Lake, Old Man Lake, and ties into the Bob Lake / Loon Lake trail to the Mendeltna Trail. Dennis Fairbanks has been the champion developing it and it has been well received.

We are still waiting on the final easements for Tolsona, Crosswind North, Eureka/John Lake Trails. The State agencies keep assuring us the will be forthcoming soon but nothing has yet happened. In the mean time we are able to continue grooming and improving the trails using the Use Permit.

This year Big Foot needed many repairs Corky explained. He applied for and was given a \$10,000 grant for parts. Corky explained that Big Foot had to have both hydraulic brakes and motors rebuilt as well as the drive sprockets. Fifteen grousers and the two outer track belts on both sides were replaced as well.

The groomer also needed repairs. The center blade needed to be welded back on and the tongue needed to be straightened and reinforced. Harry towed it to his shop in Palmer where he did those repairs.

Memberships

At this time we have 336 total members on our roster, sixty three are paid and eleven are life members. Corky proposed that the club make Chuck Sevcik a Life Member for all his support to the club over the years. A motion was made to make Chuck a Life member and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

News letters

In the spring we will do a joint News Letter with LLNPC along with the ones posted on our website. This one will be mailed out and it will have a membership form as well as what will be going on through the summer.

Maps

Ninety 24 X 36 and ten 36 X48 maps have been printed. A large map has been given to each of the lodges on Lake Louise, as well as Eureka Lodge.

Paid members can pick up their maps at Lake Louise Lodge or from Corky. The maps are also available for purchase for \$30.

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. We have been able to obtain a policy this year for \$1,231 and it is in effect.

Member Recognition

Corky wanted to recognize all the committee members that have gone out of there this year.

Bill Fair has been doing a great job developing our website and updating it continually.

He thanked Jean Holt, Easter Arndt, Alisha Jones, Charlyne Fair, and Linda Fairbanks for their job purchasing and selling Wolf Pack Merchandise.

Corky also thanked everyone who helped out to make Wolf Pack Weekend the success it was. Dennis Fairbanks groomed the new loop on the Mendeltna Trail which we used for our pizza ride. Mendeltna Creek Lodge donated pizzas for the event. Also everyone who helped make the basket auction a success. We made about \$2,300 that evening.

New Business

Corky requested that we hold off a few weeks before the trail stakes on the lake be picked up. There are still several weeks of riding and folks like to have them up. When it is time to pull them he would like them to be brought to him so they can be stored for next year.

Elections

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

Nominations were opened and nominees where: Barry Simpson, Harry Holt, Corky Matthews, Bill Fair, and Randy Arndt.

A motion was made to retain the incumbents and vote on the one position vacated by Tracy Zimmer. The motion seconded and a vote passed the motion.

Harry Holt, Corky Matthews, and Bill Fair will remain on the board and a vote by hands showed that Barry Simpson had 13 votes and Randy Arndt had 2 votes. Barry Simpson became the new board member.

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

Door Prizes

Following the elections three door prizes were given by drawing.

First prize – Wolf Pack Vest

Second Prize – Hair highlight (donated by Big Lake Family Salon)

Third Prize – Hair cut (donated by Big Lake Family Salon)

A motion was made to adjourn the annual meeting and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Harry Holt,

Secretary of Lake Louise Snowmachine Club