

Lake Louise Snowmachine Club

Board Meeting 02/26/11

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 am at the new Lake Louise Safety Building.

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

Other club members present were Randy Arndt, John Hicks, and Wayne Christiansen.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasures Report

Ron sent a balance sheet of the club's current balances to Corky, which were passed out to all present. Currently we have a total of \$12,397.58 in our checking/savings.

Corky went on to explain the groomer expenses. He reported we had received \$10,920 grant from Sno-Trac for parts to repair and maintain Big Foot. The cost for parts, repairs, fuel and other unexpected expenses since April 1, 2010, come to a total of \$22,733.89.

Ron's report also showed that with our current liabilities we have a - \$1623.16 balance. With dues owed, the basket auction, and grooming grant monies coming in, that deficit should be overcome this March.

Trails

We now have Land Use Permits for Tolsona, Big Rock, and John Lake Trails. With our newly acquired insurance we are now able to begin widening and improving these trails. Easements for these trails should be approved this year and recorded. With these easements complete we can look into developing some other trails such as Nipple Mountain, Mendeltna, and Maclaren Trails.

Crosswind, Big Rock, 1st eight miles of Tolsona, 25 miles of Eureka, and the Lake Trails have all been groomed and will need it again after the wind stops.

We started to widen the Eureka/John lake trail from Mile 23 to the Nelchina River. Heavy timber slowed the process at about Mile 25. A work party needs to be formed to complete the job.

Randy Arndt, Barry Simpson, and Harry Holt have been working on the Tolsona Creek bypass. They reported there is still much work to be done before it can be used. Dennis suggested we apply for a trail grant next year to develop the bypass and look into the possibility of hiring a crew of wood cutters to cut the trees. The board thought the idea had merit and would consider it when grant applications were due this July.

A work party will be organized March 10th to try to finish widening the Eureka/John Lake Trail to the Nelchina River. By completing this section we will be able to groom with Big Foot all the

way to the River. An announcement will be posted on the website and in a newsletter.

Corky asked that at the next board meeting, we consider giving Eureka Lodge some money for grooming to the Nelchina River from that side.

Insurance

Corky reported that we had obtained a liability insurance policy with the help of Mike Anderson. Our cost was \$1,231.00 with exclusions we have no races or speed events. This policy will cover us for club events and other club activities.

Website

Bill has been working on improving our web page. He has added a guest book, message board, and Face book page. He is encouraging folks to send pictures and comments to him so he came put them on the website.

Helmet Heads

John said he still checks out a few helmets off and on. Some of the helmets need to be taken out of service and parts replaced on others. John would like to have some storage racks made to store and organize the helmets also. It was decided we will revisit these issues again before the next riding season.

Memberships

We currently have 286 members whose dues are past due and 30 members whose dues are current. In the past a reminder has been published in our news letter and on the website. Bill said he will look into a service that will allow him to easily send emails to members reminding them to renew their memberships. A Joint news letter with LLSMC and LLNPC will also be sent out; having renewal forms attached, encouraging folks to send in dues.

Merchandise

New items this year are drink cozies, skull knit hats, and baseball hats. They still have many T shirts left from last year and plan to begin selling all the merchandise during Wolf Pack Weekend.

The web store hasn't had any orders so that will be dropped for lack of interest. It seems most all the interest for Wolf Pack merchandise is during the different events. The plan is to sell, merchandise during the March and April events.

Wolf Pack Weekend

Events for Wolf Pack Weekend were discussed. It was decided to replace the Kids Run with a Club Ride. A ride to Mendeltna Lodge via the Mendeltna Trail was decided upon where pizza will be served and beverages can be purchased. A fee of \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids under 12 will be charged for the pizza. The ride will leave Lake Louise Lodge 11:00 am and be back at

3:00 pm. This will be a family ride, so we will have members leading the way and also sweepers to help anyone who needs it.

The Basket Auction will begin at 7:00 pm at Lake Louise Lodge. The board also passed a resolution that the auction this year and all our future Club events will be smoke free. So this year we will be smoke free.

We need door prizes and are looking for donations.

Future Events

John suggested that the club be more involved organizing the Fun Runs in the future and make some money from the events. His idea would be that a portion of the entry fee goes to grooming. The club could then organize some different routes and events. The board will study the idea and discuss it more in the future.

Newsletter

It was decided we mail out a newsletter with LLNPC. Harry said he would write one and have it ready to be send out. It will include a membership form and an encourage folks to renew. The cost will be in the \$200 to \$ 300 range for the mail out.

New Business

Corky asked if anyone would be interested in attending the Trail Rondy. No one was interested so we will not send someone.

SnoTrac is contemplating establishing a Copper Valley representative position on its board. Corky asked if anyone would be interested in a board member if one was created. Randy Arndt said he would consider it, if their meeting schedule didn't conflict too much with his work schedule.

There is proposal, by the military, to expand the FOX 3 MOA into the Lake Louise area. Everyone on the board is familiar with the details of the proposal and Corky asked if the board should respond as club. After some discussion a motion was made to write a resolution, as a Board of the Lake Louise Snowmachine Club, we are against the expansion of the FOX 3 MOA and support the "no action alternative". The motion passed and Corky said he would submit the resolution before the deadline.

Plans for this year's Annual Membership meeting April 9th were discussed. One new idea was to have a club ride somewhere in the morning and then end at the safety building and have a picnic and the meeting there. The board thought that to be a good idea and will plan accordingly.

At 2:50 pm a motion to adjourn was made approved. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Holt, Secretary