

Lake Louise Snow Machine Club
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1 OCT 2024

1. Meeting called to order by board President Pete Probasco at 6:00 PM, Palmer Moose Lodge #793.

2. Board members present:

- President: Pete Probasco
- Vice President: Mike Anderson
- Treasurer: Garth Massay
- Secretary: Eric Carlson
- Board Member: Harry Holt
- Board Member: Bill Fair (telephone)
- Board Member: Earle Williams
- Board Member: Dustin Overturf
- Board Member: Randy Arndt (absent/excused)

3. 5 June 24 annual/regular meeting minutes reviewed. Dustin motion to accept, Harry 2nd passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer:

- Garth presented the treasurer's report and account balances of \$87,041.36 as of 30 Sep 24. Treasurer's documents attached.
- Pete commented AK DOT should be sending reimbursement check in the amount of \$50,000 shortly.

5. Old Business:

- Equipment and Trails:
- Harry reported groomer is at Greatland Welding and we'll have it back NLT 1 December. Greatland does not intend on charging the Club for the work, or the work that was done earlier on Bigfoot at the lake. Rob will begin the Piston Bulley scheduled maintenance in the coming weeks. Harry bought a new oil cooler and he got the new windshield installed. Tracks on both machines are off the ground and covered.

- Mike provided an update on the Piston Bulley cover. He is waiting for a firm price from the vendor. **Pete will send out an email to the board to obtain an approval to proceed once the actual cost is received.**
- Harry said he expects to begin grooming 1 Jan 2024 provided the conditions are set to do so. He plans on starting with Tolsona/Crosswinds and then the Lakes Trails. He's tentatively planning on a work party to mark the lakes the 2nd or 3rd week of December. He also like to change the routing at Curly Point to make it clearer.
- Harry is also planning trail maintenance for March/April 2025 on the Cindy and Tolsona Trails. He is also looking for reports on the how the new tripods held up on the Moore Lake trail if someone gets up there before he does. Harry also suggests we obtain additional "You Are Here" signs for various locations and look at adding mile markers. **Randy and Harry are going to take lead on this effort.**
- Pete raised the issue of the board's intent to work on developing a 5-year plan to replace Bigfoot. Randy made a motion to form a committee towards that end and **Eileen volunteered to facilitate the planning group.** Board members were asked to look for interested members to participate. Eric contacted Erik Bruce who volunteered to help with identifying investment options to help grow Club earnings.
- Earle reminded the board we need to research the Jan Lake trail to make sure there are no trespassing issues. He believes one lot is close to the existing trail. Discussion followed and the board decided not to take any action until they can obtain GPS readings this winter to determine if this is in fact a concern that needs to be addressed.
- Earle reported the permit was approved and the board just needs to have Pete sign and render payment. It includes the Moose Lake re-route. We need to verify the new route and establish/mark the trail this winter.
- Earle reported the easement crossover at Tyone Lake remains unfinished; it needs a final survey. Earle has tried repeatedly to contact Edge Survey Services (Ryan Sorenson) to get information on what is needed to get this done but no one has returned his calls. **Mike motioned to find a new survey company and obtain a quote, Harry 2nd the motion, approved. Earle said he'd follow up one more time with Edge Survey as well.**
- **Harry volunteered to continue with regular trail reports for this 2024-2025 season.**

- Pete reminded the board members that we need everyone who helps with trail's maintenance to do a better job of recording their activities/time spent and passing this information on to Harry or Pete. There's was some discussion on how to best do this and how/where volunteers should report their information.
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- Club Merchandise: Eileen reported she has volunteers to take over the merchandise responsibilities. Savannah and Brittany are helping out.
- Borough Land/Safety Building Progress: Eileen provided an update and a resolution she'd like the board to approved for Pete's signature. The resolution (Resolution 24-01) supports the acquisition of the parcel of borough land and the existing public safety building. It also offered the LLSMC's commitment to support monetary expenditures towards this goal up to \$10,000.00. Resolution DRAFT is attached. Pete expressed concerns over the apparent lack of action on the part of the Louise, Susitna, Tyone Community Association thus far. Mike reminded the board that a site visit had been conducted and it was decided the Club would help finance a formal engineering assessment of the property/structure. BBFM Engineering was tentatively identified to conduct the assessment. The bid was for \$4200, the Club's share of the cost would be \$2100 which was approved via email vote by the board on 14 September 2024. **Earle motioned the Resolution be approved for signature by Pete, Mike 2nd and it was approved.**

6. New Business/Reports:

- Mike met with Savannah on the 2024-2025 events schedule. There are no significant changes planned. Bill shared that Savannah asked if the Club would like to combine our 30-year anniversary activities with the LLL anniversary on 1 Marh 2025. **Mike motioned to approve working with LLL on combining the commemoration, Earle 2nd and it was approved.**
- Pete mentioned the Sat phones rental option, Mike suggested buying a mini Starlink instead. **Mike and Pete are going to conduct more research and make a recommendation at a later date.**

7. Next Meeting: 3 December 2024, Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Palmer Moose Lodge. Mike Anderson motion, Randy 2nd – adjourned.

Eric T. Carlson, Secretary