



**MEETING MINUTES
WOLF PACK BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2025**

1) Open Meeting, determine quorum

President Pete Probasco called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at Lake Louise Lodge.

Board Members present were:

- President: Peter J. Probasco
- Vice President: Mike Anderson
- Board Member Trail Boss: Harry Holt
- Board Member: Bill Fair
- Board Member: Randy Arndt – VIA PHONE
- Treasurer: Garth Massay – VIA PHONE
- Secretary: Eric Carlson – ABSENT
- Board Member: Earle Williams - ABSENT

Other Club Members present were:

- Eileen Probasco – taking minutes for Eric Carlson
- Savannah Egan
- John Dawson
- Mel and Jamie Matthews
- Brittany Watson
- Mark and Roberta LaPalm
- James Hastings

2) Approve minutes from December 3, 2024 meeting.

Bill moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Seconded by Harry. Eileen proposed a minor correction to a date on the last page. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3) Treasurers Report.

Garth presented a written report.

Account balances as of February 19, 2025:

GVFCU Savings	986.61
GVFCU Checking	32,765.17
GVFCU	103,264.58

Garth reported that a list of “controlling individuals” needed to be submitted to the credit union as account signors. He will submit a list of those authorized and they will need to go to the credit union to sign the paperwork. Authorized signers are: Peter Probasco, Mike Anderson, Garth Massay, are controlling individuals. Savannah Egan and Harry Holt are signers.

Motion to approve treasurers report and list of authorized signers, was made by Mike, seconded by Bill. Motion carried unanimously

4) Status Reports

- a) Equipment and trail grooming update – Harry: All of the trails had been groomed by the end of January. He recorded 175 man/hours, and 487 miles traveled on machines. Trails are in excellent shape. Getting ready for Wolf Pack Weekend, grooming the Moore Lake trail. Aside from the regular groomers, Harry has received a LOT of grooming help from Mel Matthews and Gary Swan.
- b) Winter trail maintenance priority: Tolsona Trail is first priority for grooming and then Crosswind. Work party set up for Sunday March 2 at 10 am to do trail maintenance on Crosswind. Also, the Crosswind trail from Big Rock to Lake Louise needs significant trail brushing that should take a big work party.
- c) Survey of crossover at Tyone Lake update - Earle and Eileen
Eileen reported that she had given Earl the name of a Surveyor, Fred Wagner, as someone who agreed to do the survey for the club, in the back bay behind Carlsons, and John Dawson. John Dawson offered to help with the event.
- d) Trail reporting 2024/2025 season –In January we burned up all of the money we received from the borough for this year. Pete will contact Rebecca from the State DOT to see how the first run on the new invoicing process worked. He will elaborate on this later in the meeting.
- e) Other???

5) Old Business.

- a) Wolf Pack Weekend – Mike: He reported that James Hastings will be the auctioneer. Steve Morris would be the MC. Bill and Garth will work on recording auction sales results and collect funds at the end, and Eric will do pick-a-plug. Sandy will do a Split-the-Pot at Tolsona and Kristina will display items being auctioned. Randy will facilitate the start of the Fun Run, which will begin promptly at noon.

- b) Purchase Starlink – Mike: Star Link equipment has been purchased and is currently being used on the snow-cat. It is working well.
- c) Naming of PistenBully – final action: It was agreed that there is no need to name the Bully, and this topic is moot.
- d) Trail signage – Randy and Harry: Reported that they purchased new signs/stickers and they would set a time to put the new stickers over the old signage and equipment. Savannah offered the lodge for a “craft day.”
- e) Permanent cover for PistenBully – Mike: Mike is still working on getting ahold of Lori, she has been hard to contact. He said we should have a cover for this upcoming storage season.
- f) Status of developing 5-year plan for equipment replacement – Eileen: She is working on a plan and will bring something forward to the Annual Meeting in April.
- g) Mapping – Randy and Earle: Randy said they were continuing to work on updating the trails map. They had not contacted the GIS division at the Borough yet.
- h) State/Borough properties (trails) Permit renewals update – Earle: Earle was absent and no report was presented.
- i) Jan Lake Loop – what is needed to secure trail: Earle was absent and no report was presented.
- j) Club Merchandise – Savannah Egan: She reported that the new group of people working on Club Merchandise had set up a shop at Brittany Watsons place during the Valentines run, and sold \$1182 in merchandise. The team consists of Savannah, Brittany Watson, Je’re Toms, and others. They have new gear on order, and presented the club with a written report.
- k) Updating membership listing – Bill: We currently have 232 members (133 Life Members, and 99 Annual memberships). We expect to get a lot of renewals and new members at the Spring Run. We want to target people in Glennallen to become members also. Jamie Matthews volunteered to do some outreach in Glennallen to reach other potential members. Nancy Marty volunteered to be at the tent for the Spring Run to hand out cards and process new memberships.
- l) LSTCA/LLSMC Committee – Status of MSB land and building acquisition – Eileen: Several meetings of the subcommittee have been held. We have

conducted a structural evaluation and also received a quote to poly-fill under the existing foundation to make it level. Resolutions have been prepared for both LLSMC and LSTCA to consider, supporting acquisition of the building and land, agreeing to form a partnership including a joint bank account, and designating Eileen Probasco as Project Manager. Due to a computer malfunction, a paper copy of the LLSMC draft resolution was unavailable, but Pete suggested that in the next few days it could be circulated via email and considered for action, as he and Harry had both reviewed the draft. LSTCA had a meeting coming up on February 27, 2025 and would be considering their resolution then. Eileen has a meeting with Lisa Gray at MSB in March to figure out next steps.

- m) 2024/2025 State Grant submissions status report – Pete: Pete reported that the club now receives State grant money from ADOT, instead of ADNRR, Division of Parks. Money available to LLSMC this year is \$98,400. As such, the clubs are required to use a detailed, pre-approved process to request funds, and the result is that we need to pay our volunteer groomers, etc. Pete (LLSMC) and Michelle Stevens (from Petersville club) were able to establish a successful reporting and invoicing process, and receive the funds designated to their clubs. The remaining clubs will need to establish a similar process to be eligible for the State DOT grant funding. Mike asked if we could submit Rob Williams equipment/mechanic maintenance hours too, and Pete said yes. Hourly rate must be paid at Davis/Bacon wages, and the club is required to provide a 1099 Tax form for those we pay. Harry has been keeping track of man/hours and equipment mileage/hours for grooming.
- n) Web-site and Facebook – Bill: We need to renew our website, which will cost \$360.

6) New Business

- a) Mat-Su Health Foundation visit – Pete: Pete reported that several (approximately 4) of the new administrators at the Mat-Su Health Foundation would like to see our trails, our equipment and the cool things we've done with the grant money they gave us. They would like to arrange a site visit to the lake with someone from our club. Pete will work with Savannah if housing is needed. Pete and Harry agreed to be the tour guide and make arrangements.
- b) Motorized Trail Committee – Pete: Pete presented an email from Sam Schilling, President of Chugach Backcountry Freeriders Non-profit, concerning formation of a Motorized Trail Committee (MTC), under the framework of the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC). This affiliation between the MTC and AOC will facilitate a "...structured platform that enables us to present a unified front to state and federal agencies regarding policy changes, land management plans, and legislation that impacts our community. With AOC's backing, we can

push for policies that protect motorized access and ensure fair representation.” according to Mr. Schilling’s email. This issue is brought to LLSMC’s attention as it relates to the Alaska Long Trail and its potential designation as a National Scenic Trail, possibly affecting motorized use of the trail. Members are encouraged to look at the website: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/alaska-long-trail>

- c) Alaska Snowmachine Alliance (Status and Dues) – Pete: He spoke about the Alaska Snowmachine Alliance and their status and the strength of the organization. Annual membership was due. Last year the LLSMC paid a bronze membership which cost \$250.00. **Mike moved to increase this year’s membership to Silver, which was \$500. Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- d) Potential fundraising – Auction item from LuxGive – Pete: He shared this fund-raising opportunity with the other board members and they agreed they were not interested in pursuing it.
- e) Other
 - Harry suggested we get some kind of gift for Gary Feaster as he has volunteered substantial time and welding to our equipment at no cost to us. **Mike moved, Dustin 2nd, to approve up to \$500 for a gift to Gary. Harry will facilitate. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - Savannah and James will discuss something other than curling for the end of the season event.
 - Gaming permit discussion: no one interested in facilitating this. James offered to let the club to use Alaska Healing Hearts gaming permit if we have an event, we want to use it for.
 - Randy is stepping down as a board member after this year.
- f) Annual Meeting – meet at Lake Louise Lodge, Sunday April 6 at 1:00 pm.

5) **Adjourn:** Pete Probasco adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Approved by Peter Probasco, President _____

Date: _____