

Lake Louise Snow Machine Club  
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26 FEB 2023

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

2. Board members present:

- President: Harry Holt
- Vice President: Mike Anderson
- Treasurer: Garth Massay
- Secretary: Eric Carlson
- Board Member: Pete Probasco
- Board Member: Earle Williams (Telephonic)
- Board Member: Mike Fassler
- Board Member: Brian Wallow (Telephonic)
- Board Member: Randy Arndt

3. 20 OCT 22 meeting minutes reviewed. Pete Probasco motion to accept, Randy Arndt 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer:

- Garth Massey provided the members with the Treasurers Report for the period ending 26 FEB 2023.
- The report balances summary:  
AK USA Savings - \$158,817.98  
AK USA Checking Register - \$19,998.82  
Total - \$178,816.80  
PWT Balance: \$46,591.00 - Pending a reconciliation of the account balance by Eileen and Garth.
- Pete Probasco motion to accept, Mike Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

5. Club Business:

- New Groomer Purchase Discussion: Board discussed track type for order; steel or aluminum. Order was placed with steel but can be changed if necessary once additional research is complete by Pete. Pete will also conduct additional research on whether the company makes a fitted cover for the new rig, what type of

external heated storage box should be added and a spare parts package. Brief discussion about manufacturer operating training, members agree this should be pursued but tabled until closer to delivery of the equipment. Mike Anderson is actively working on shipping to get the unit from Seattle to Alaska when it arrives late summer/fall 2023. Discussed maximizing grant money to buy-down all PistonBully associated purchases.

- Groomer Maintenance: Harry Holt reported he and Rob Williams had replaced the starter on the Snow Cat 3x since the grooming season began for what they believe to be an electrical grounding issue. They believe they've resolved this issue, However, the Snow Cat won't start with the key, there's a small hydraulic leak and some damaged grousers to replace. The rig is operational but Harry and Rob are the only two that can operate it currently until the starting system is resolved. Harry suggested the club look at purchasing and stocking additional spare parts this spring. Most of trails need another grooming pass, focus will be prepping trails for Wolf Pack weekend; Tolsona, Cindy, Tyone and start the trails rotation again. Snow Cat has 10,400 hours on it to date, avg 350 hours annually. Harry talked to Rob Williams about summer maintenance. Rob Williams agreed to put together a quote for the maintenance work and transport to have it brought to his shop in the Valley to perform the maintenance. Pete motioned to approve, Garth 2<sup>nd</sup> – pass unanimously.
- Grants: Pete Probasco reported the Rassmussen Foundation is looking favorably upon the \$25K grant the board has pending but no decision as of yet. Pete, with support from the Alaska Snowmachine Alliance, is working on a communication plan to engage state legislatures to increase funding to support Alaska's snowmachine clubs trail maintenance efforts. More to follow.
- Trails: Susitna/Tyone Crossover – Earl reported we received DNR's decision to proceed with the land bridge. There were questions about what the development plan said regarding the disposition of the wood debris that will result from clearing the route. Randy believed the plan said the trail would be cleared by volunteers using hand tools (chainsaws/axes, etc..), the wood would be made available to local cabin owners and no brush piles would be left to address wildland fire mitigation. Earl advised the exact (surveyed) route needs to be identified before clearing can begin. Intent is to clear the route this summer with a work party.
- New Clothing/Ticket Raffle Event: Eileen Probasco reported she's received new inventory and replenishment of the club merchandise. It will be available at Wolf Pack weekend.

## 6. New Business/Reports:

Wolf Pack weekend – Kristina Murrey volunteered to coordinate the auction again this year. Baskets/donations are needed. There'll be a ride to Tolsona Lodge who will host a \$15 taco bar. Harry Holt will get Wolf Pack weekend details published in the coming days on Facebook and the website. A work party was scheduled for Friday, 10 March to prepare the run route. Volunteers should meet at the LLL at 9:00 a.m. for grooming and trail marking. Mike Anderson reported the new banners are being produced as previously approved. Pete asked the board to approve a \$20/Ticket x 40 Tickets Tactical Shotgun raffle to be sold at the auction. The firearm cost \$390 which would make the club \$410 in profit. Randy motioned, Garth 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve – passed unanimously. Eileen will make the tickets.

Project Wolf Tracks – Bill Fair would like updated information on the donors and other contributors to the new groomer funding effort for recognition on the website/FB. Bill also asked he be included on all future routine club correspondence sent via email for tracking and use when updating the website/FB.

Other – Randy Arndt mentioned there were some concerns expressed over the weathercam link because it “appeared” to include some form of endorsement for LLL. Randy will work with Bill Fair to re-work the access link to address the concerns. Randy will work getting additional maps produced as the stock is low.

7. Next Meeting: Annual Meeting, Sunday, 2 April 2023 @ Lake Louise Lodge.

Eric T. Carlson, Secretary