

Lake Louise Snow Machine Club
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3 DEC 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 (telephone)
 - Treasurer: Garth Massay
 - Secretary: Eric Carlson
 - Board Member: Harry Holt (telephone)
 - Board Member: Bill Fair (telephone)
 - Board Member: Earle Williams
 - Board Member: Dustin Overturf
 - Board Member: Randy Arndt (telephone)
3. 1 October 2024 regular meeting minutes reviewed. Dustin motion to accept, Randy 2nd passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer:
 - Garth presented the treasurer's report and account balances of \$138,113.14 as of 2 December 24 (see attached). Motion by Dustin to accept, Harry 2nd, approved unanimously.
5. Old Business:
 - **Grooming Equipment and Trails:**
 - Harry reported Rob completed the Snowcat groomer maintenance except for replacing the radiator which can wait until spring. He'll be starting the Piston Bulley soon and it will be done before the start of the grooming season. Board discussed recognizing Greatland Welding for their service and support to the Club. Eric volunteered to design and purchase a plaque to show the Club's appreciation.

- Mike said he had nothing new to report on the Piston Bulley cover but he would reach out to the vendor for an update.
- Harry said he expects to begin grooming 1 Jan 2024. He reiterated his plans on starting with Tolsona/Crosswinds and then the Lakes Trails. He's put something out so volunteers know when this will start once conditions improve.
- Harry then reiterated his trail maintenance plans for March/April 2025 on the Cindy and Tolsona Trails. He is still looking for reports on the how the new tripods held up on the Moore Lake trail if someone gets up there before he does.
- Earle said he had no new information on the easement crossover at Tyone Lake; it still needs a final survey. Eileen said she knows someone we could get a bid from to complete the survey.
- Eileen presented a concept for the board to use in developing a framework for a 5-year plan to replace Bigfoot (attached). She would like to develop a trifold handout with a mission statement and other information about the Club that could be provided to potential supporters. She intends on having something in draft for the April meeting. Eileen volunteered to serve as chair for the ongoing effort. Dustin motion to accept, Gary 2nd, passed unanimously.
- Earle reported all pending permits are renewed and approved.
- Randy and Earl talked to DNR and they'd be happy to use our GPS digital trail data once we have it collected as would the MatSu Borough. Garth plans on creating a digital web-base to create and update our maps. Randy pointed out we need to provide the vendor who prints our maps with updated GPS data we'd like added. Eileen has a contact at the MatSu Borough for Garth to work with to create new maps with our trail data.
- **Club Merchandise:** Eileen reported she has volunteers to take over the merchandise responsibilities. Savannah Eagan will be taking over primary responsibility for the merchandise and needs to be added to the Club's banking accounts. In addition, Pete as our President needs to be added to the Club's banking account. Randy motion, Garth 2nd, passed unanimously.
- **Membership:** Bill reported 247 active club members on the rolls currently. He will start working announcements on membership dues. Pete will draft a "Letter from the President" to be sent out to the membership. Bill is also working on a QR code to directly link existing/new members to a link to renew or start a new membership.

- **Land/Safety Building Progress:** Eileen told the board a contractor had been retained to conduct an assessment of the site/building on 8 December. A report of finding will be made available shortly thereafter for the board and LSTCA committee's review before moving forward.
- **2024/25 Grant Submissions:** Pete reported all grants had been submitted. He added, we are the only club that had met all the submission requirements.

6. New Business/Reports:

- **Lakes Marking Date:** Harry scheduled a lakes marking event for 14 December 2024, meet at the LLL at 0900. If temps are below -20 he will send out a message to reschedule.
- **2024/25 Events:** Wolf Pack Weekend Basket Auction. Mike Anderson volunteered to be chair for the event. All the initial coordination is complete with LLL (Savanah). We need to get the basket auction out early to allow people time to donate baskets to the event even if they are unable to attend. Mike said he'd check with Savanah on the lodge's ability to accept donated items early. Earle motioned to accept Mike as the committee chair for the event, Randy 2nd, passed unanimously with help provided by Eric, Bill and Garth.
- **Purchase StarLink:** Mike Anderson motioned to purchase StarLink for an initial equipment cost of \$450 and a recurring service fee he has yet to determine. The board agreed to allow Mike to pursue the purchase, set up the recurring service plan that's in the best interest of the Club and report back to the board. Eric 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting: 23 February 2024, at the LLL Lodge at 1:00 PM. Eric said he will not be able to attend as he'll returning from vacation. Mike Anderson motion, Randy 2nd – adjourned.

Eric T. Carlson, Secretary