

# Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter

September 2006

## Message from the President...

Dear Lakewood Skiers,

Color is coming early to the Lakewood Ski Trail this fall and reminds me that skiing isn't far off. After a great ski season last year, many skiers I talk to are excited about the prospects of the next one. Some have ideas for improvements and positive changes we can do to the trail with the increase in income and membership we received last year.

I certainly agree that last year was great. However, Sandy Moore our membership chair, tells me the boost in membership we get after a good year usually recedes in years when snow arrives late. It seems many wait until the snow flies to submit their membership. We can't wait to see what kind of winter we have to be pro-active and work on improving the trail. We have to start now! One of our changes is a proposal to re-route the trail that connects the blue trail and the gold trail at County Road F on the north end of the trail. This will eliminate the need to ski along the road ditch for about 200 yards. At this point the US Forest Service hasn't started the NEPA process (the procedure where public input is solicited), That process, for this project, may generate some response as the proposed change would go through

some old, large natural Red Pine and White Pine. In addition, this proposed new trail will be within the aesthetic zone along Highway F. We will make a case for safety (we will eliminate interaction with snowmobiles on the road ditch). In addition we will point out the value of providing a year round trail that provides access to this beautiful part of the National Forest.

My goal has been to accomplish this project before the 06-07 ski season. However, the NEPA process and the number of volunteers who will work may delay this goal. Last year we didn't have enough volunteers to complete the trail work that we needed. That's why a number of trees were hanging over the trail all winter. My intention is to complete this work before we start new projects. So, how the skiing is this winter depends on how many people show up on our trail work weekends this fall.

Hope to see you there.

**Fred Axelrod, President  
Lakewood Ski Club**



## Fall Meeting Scheduled:

**Saturday, October 14**

**2:00**

**McCauslin Brook Country Club**

## Fall Trail Clean Up— Volunteers Needed!

Every fall a small group of volunteers head out to the ski trails to begin the process of cleaning up our trails in preparation for the ski season. Fallen trees, branches, and brush are cut up and removed on every kilometer of our extensive trail system to enable our grooming team to safely groom our trails and insure a pleasant ski experience for you.



This is an important job and volunteers are needed. We will more than likely be working all three of the weekends listed above, so feel free to join us for a few hours of outdoor work that will truly make a difference when the snow starts to fall! As a bonus, these work weekends usually correspond with the peak of the fall color so you'll have an opportunity to enjoy our trails during another beautiful season.

The more volunteers we have, the faster the job will be accomplished — we have over 40K of trails to check and clear. Call Terry Van Hoof (920) 727-9956, VP of Trails and sign up to work one or all of these weekends. Plan on meeting at the McCauslin Brook Golf Course at 9:00 a.m. Saturday October 14, 21 & 28.

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, March 25 at 2:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Best Western. Minutes of the January 14 meeting were read by club secretary Jody Korch. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim Klima, seconded Paul Romenesko, and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Club treasurer Lea Peot presented the balance sheet. On March 25, the checking and savings accounts totaled \$27,807.12. A profit and loss overview from April 1 2005 to March 24, 2006 showed the club received more in donations than the \$4,000 that was budgeted. The club received \$3,500 in trail donations, and nearly \$5,900 in membership dues. Club president Fred Axelrod reported that the club gained about 40 new members. Lea reported that an \$1,869 expense was incurred on equipment insurance. A total of \$9,100 was budgeted for equipment expenses, and about half of that was actually spent. Office expenses were slightly less than what was budgeted.

Mark Therrian, who kept the skier hotline updated the past several years, reported there were 10 calls on the third weekend of March. Fred said he received favorable comments about the skier's hotline being kept updated. The total cost for trail maps was \$1,458.07. The club had 2,500 maps printed for this winter, and they're gone. Net income for the year was \$8,257.47. A motion to approve the budget for next year (April 06-March 07) was made by Mark, seconded by Lloyd Lundwall, and was approved unanimously. Fred proposed to pay McCauslin Brook Golf Course \$500 for

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the recent ski season and summer cold storage. The club budgeted \$400 for this expense. A total of \$5,000 will be held in a savings account and \$2,000 in a checking account for expenses needed before the next meeting. The remainder of the revenue will be placed in a six-month CD.

**Committee reports: Membership:** Fred read a report sent by membership chair Sandy Moore. As of March 13, there were 159 paid members, including at least 40 new members this year. There are 84 family memberships, 55 individuals.

**Equipment and grooming report:** Lloyd reported that the club started grooming with the pisten bully Dec. 16, and groomed through March 17. What do your membership dues buy? The club bought 350 gallons of diesel this winter. It takes eight hours and \$72 in fuel costs to groom the entire trail with the Pisten Bully. The Skandic burns 10 gallons of fuel to groom the entire trail, and it is limited in what it can do. The Pisten bully ran well this winter, Lloyd said, but it needs one new tire and two batteries. Tracking both sides of the entire trail consists of 56 kilometers. This includes every shortcut side trail. Paul Romenesko reported that final maintenance on the groomers will be finished in the next couple of days. A special thanks was given to maintenance crew members Lloyd, Tim Klima, Dale Keller, Greg Kelm, Dave Steffen and Paul. **Trail report:** Fred reports that club member Jerry Harpt agreed to volunteer for late-fall cleanup after last year's designated fall cleanup days. Tim Klima wants to possibly utilize the UW-Green Bay, Ashwaubenon and Kimberly high school ski teams in brushing trails. More labor is needed to throw brush aside after it is cut. The south end of the trails need to be cleared back to save wear and tear on the Pisten Bully. **Business solicitations:** Dick and Celeste Hein will no longer be business map chairs. Someone is needed to do that. Contact Fred if interested. The job can be split between several people to lessen the load. **Hole in one report:** Tim Klima will do the labor. For Memorial Day, someone is needed. Between \$800 and \$1,300 is made each year on each hole-in-one weekend. Old business: Fred proposed to buy a gift to show appreciation for the groomers. A motion by Paul to give a \$100 gift certificate from Super Value was seconded by Greg Kelm and passed unanimously. **Ski social report:** A total of \$223 was earned after expenses **New business:** Officers were elected for the 2006-'07 year. They include: Fred Axelrod-President; Jody Korch-Secretary; Lea Peot-Treasurer; Sandy Moore-Membership; Lloyd Lundwall-Grooming; Trails- Terry Van Hoof Special events- Shirley Bubholz. Board Members at large - Bill Moore, Dale Keller and Greg Kelm. A motion to accept these officers for another year was made by Mark, seconded by Tim, and approved unanimously. Tim wants the trail to cut over a ridge on the north end of the blue trail to bypass the ditch along County Trunk F, which is often used by snowmobilers and is dirty for skis. About 200 yards of new trail would need to be cut. Tim made a motion to move the trail off the ditch and connect the 20-kilometer marker to the gold trail away from the ditch. The motion was seconded by Dale and Greg, and passed unanimously. Mark is moving to Hawaii after having done the hotline for about eight years. A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley, seconded by Lea, and passed unanimously at 4:30 p.m.