

Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter

October 2008



Message from the President...

Dear Lakewood Skiers,

Progress is being made on our trail re-route next to County Road F. A crew of Tim Rasman, Greg Kelm, Dick Langer and myself spent a day felling trees this spring. This was followed up by Lloyd Lundwall, Tim Klima and Paul Romensko, who finished the tree removal afterwards. Our plan is to get the DNR dozer, from Langlade in there this fall to remove stumps, move the gate and smooth things out. The dozer time is donated and based on available time by DNR operator, Ryan Brown. Most years we get a day or two. This year we will need more. Hopefully their fall fire season will allow Ryan to spend the time we need to get our trail ready for this winter so we don't have to ski down the road ditch. In addition, it is becoming clear that brush is encroaching in on the sides of the trail. This is hard on the groomer and slaps the face of classic skiers. A skier who returned to Lakewood after being gone for the last 5 years or so commented to me that the trail seemed narrower than he recalled. We will need to work on this on this fall's trail work. The success of this is directly dependant on the number of workers who show up for all three of our fall clean up Saturdays. Usually we can get some fun in as well; such as mountain biking or trail running after the work is done. By the way our trail has been mowed this summer by Mike Rocolle, a local mountain biker who wants to keep the trail open for biking when there is no snow. It should be nice for biking, hiking or trail running now and through the fall.

One other thing that has gone on this summer is a committee was formed of Tim Rasman, Tim Klima, Dick Langer and myself to review and update our relationship with government agencies. Our primary goal is to renew our permit with the US Forest Service which hasn't been renewed since the early 1990s. We have a meeting scheduled with the USFS this September. So stay tuned and I'll see you in October at our trail work weekends.

Fred Axelrod
President

Fall Meeting Scheduled:

Saturday, October 11

3:00 p.m.

Best Western—Lakewood Lodge



We Need YOU!!
Fall Trail Clean Up
Sat. Oct. 11, 18, 25

Every fall a 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 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.

Volunteers are Needed!

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 and sign up to do your part to keep our trail system the best in the state!

Tentative plans are to meet at the McCauslin Brook Golf Course at 9:00 a.m. Saturday October 11, 18 & 25. Call Terry to confirm plans.





Minutes of the April 12, 2008 Annual Meeting

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club annual meeting was called to order April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Lakewood Best Western. Minutes were read by club secretary Jody Korch. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lloyd Lundwall, seconded by Dale Keller, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: club president Fred Axelrod presented the proposed 2008-'09 budget. The club earned \$1,228 after expenses in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Assets totaled \$33,486.46. Cash on hand is \$10,200. The club still has unpaid bills for this year, including rent for groomer storage.

One certificate of deposit will mature in December and the other will mature in February. Fred suggested investing \$4,000 into a new CD. A motion by Jody Korch to put \$4,000 into CD was seconded by Shirley Bubolz and approved unanimously.

Fuel to run the groomers cost \$1,500 this winter. The club will need enough cash on hand to cover fuel, rent, insurance and trail maps. The groomer replacement fund keeps money on hand in the event of major repair costs. Its name has been changed to "equipment fund." Fred suggested budgeting for four pairs of chaps and hard hats for chainsaw workers on the ski trail. They'll be available if trail workers wish to wear them. A total of \$400 will be budgeted. A motion to budget \$400 was made by Johanna Axelrod, seconded by Lloyd, and passed unanimously. Fred wants to remove the hole-in-one money projection from the budget. Dick Langer audited the club's finances for 2007 and reports they are in good shape.

A suggestion was made to increase the amount the club pays to McCaslin Brook Country Club. Lloyd suggests budgeting \$100 per month for storage. This year, the club is leaving the country club \$427 in leftover fuel. The \$1,200 budgeted will include the leftover fuel value. A motion to approve the budget as proposed was made by Jody, seconded by Dale Keller, and approved unanimously.

Committee reports: Shirley reported on the annual Ski Social. This year's event, held March 1, again had good weather, and comments from attendees were favorable. The first Saturday after the Birkebeiner ski race seems to be a good day to hold the social. Next year's event will be held Feb. 28.

Fred suggested offering free skate ski instruction at the Ski Social.

Membership report: Fred reported that in 2007-'08, the club had 90 family members and 49 single memberships for a total of \$5,513 in membership dues income, plus an additional \$1,775 in donations.

Community relations: A committee has been formed, consisting of Tim Klima, Tim Raseman and Dick Langer, to look into government relations. The committee has already met once to discuss expanding relations to include community, such as schools and bike clubs. The philosophy is to initiate meetings with government representatives. Fred wants to meet with Forest Service and Oconto County representatives.

Equipment grooming and storage report: Lloyd thanked Tim Klima, Dave Steffens, Greg Kelm, Fred Axelrod and Paul Romenesko for their help in preparing the groomers for storage. The club's Scandic groomer was run for 237 miles this winter. It used 55 gallons of gas. Tim, Fred and Lloyd drove it, and there were no mechanical problems. The Pisten Bully groomer used 262 gallons of gas, and it was driven for 83 hours between Dec. 7 and March 7. About 24 gallons of gas is used each time the Pisten Bully grooms the entire trail.

There were no breakdowns this season. Fred proposed that the golf course be contacted regarding the club's offer of \$1,200 per year for storage, and regarding how long the club can utilize the golf course hangar storage. Dale's motion to increase the rental fee to \$1,200, minus the value of leftover fuel, was seconded by Jody and approved unanimously.

Fred will talk to the county about the possibility of mowing the ski trail a second time. This would reduce stubble. Fred will also contact Dale Paust about the cost of mowing the trail.

Map report: Lloyd suggested that the club abandon its short violet trail because it is seldom used and contains many rocks. If any skiers would like this trail to remain open, they should inform a club officer.

Election of officers: Officers re-elected included Fred as president; Sandy Moore as vice president; Lea Peot as treasurer; Jody Korch as secretary; Terry Van Hoof as vice president of trails; Shirley Bubolz, vice president special events; Paul Romenesko, maintenance; Lloyd Lundwall, vice president grooming; Johanna Axelrod, business membership; Steven Spelbring, web site management; and Bill Moore and Dale Keller, members at large. Lloyd's motion to keep the same officers was seconded by Dale Keller and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 11. A motion to adjourn was made by Dale, seconded by Lloyd and approved unanimously at 4:05 p.m.

Please support our business members!

Bay Care Clinic, Green Bay

Bohm Builders, Shawano

Coldwell Banker Bartels Real Estate, Lakewood

Woodland Trail Winery, Lakewood

Heaven's Up North Campground, Lakewood

Timberwood Bank, Wabeno

Amy's at Woodhaven, Lakewood

Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Cent., WhiteLake

Crystal Bell B&B, Wabeno

Citizens Bank, Townsend

Health Reach Rehabilitation Services, Lakewood

In Competition Sports, Green Bay

Nicolet Studio, Lakewood

Lakewood Ski & Sport, Lakewood

Lakewood Super Valu, Lakewood

Laux Chiropractic, Bonduel

McCauslin Brook Country Club, Lakewood

Best Western Lakewood Lodge, Lakewood

Pintsch's Hardware, Inc., Townsend

Rawhide Bar & Grill, Mountain

Laona State Bank, Lakewood

William N. Leege, S.C., Oconto

Marshall Excavating, Lakewood

Nicolet Plastics, Mountain

The Pie Shoppe, Lakewood

Quality Painting, Neenah

Spine Therapy Center, DePere

Timberline Restaurant, Lakewood

Wagner Gas, Gillett

Northern Lights Casino, Wabeno

Spur of the Moment Ranch, Mountain

Mountain Bear Restaurant, Mountain

Gem Heating, Lakewood

Northern Perks Coffee Shop, Lakewood

Dr. Mike Coppersmith, Lakewood

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Watch your mail for your membership renewal letter.

Your membership and donations help support the continued maintenance of our wonderful ski trail system. We can't control the snow, but we can continue to contribute and volunteer our time to secure the future of the Lakewood Cross Country Ski trails.

Thank-you for your support.

Think Snow!