

Lakewood Cross County Ski Club

Promoting, Supporting, & Enjoying the Best X-C Skiing in Wisconsin

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This issue is the first Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club newsletter to be published electronically. Thank you to everyone who has opted for the electronic version as it will save the club considerable printing and mailing costs. For those members who do not have e-mail or who prefer not to receive their newsletter by e-mail, I will continue to print and mail to you. In time I intend to update the format of the newsletter, incorporating photos, links to web pages, and other things that may have been cost prohibitive in the past. Your suggestions are welcome and contributions (photos, articles, etc.), gladly accepted.

On behalf of the LWXC Ski Club and the Board; thank-you—we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on the trails!

Lea Peot
Newsletter Editor

Annual Meeting

The Lakewood XC Ski Club Annual meeting will be on
April 28, 2012 at the Lakewood Townsend



Pictured is a popular section of the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trail—unfortunately most of us did not see it this year!
Think Snow!

Thank-you to our talented groomer maintenance team!

On 10/15/2011 the crew of Lloyd Lundwall, Dave Steffen, Tim Klima, Greg Kelm, Dale Keller and Paul Romenesko performed the annual maintenance on the Pisten Bulley ski groomer.

These men volunteered a full Saturday to ensure that the Lakewood ski trails would be groomed to the high standards that we all are accustomed to. Through the efforts of volunteers like these men the Lakewood ski club can keep moving forward. Thanks very much to my crew for your help.

Sincerely
VP of maintenance
Paul Romenesko

2/21/2012

Dear Lakewood Skiers;

This was one of the lowest snow years I've seen in Lakewood. This was combined with record warmth. We still managed to ski on the Lakewood trail this year. To date, I don't think we had a single snow event accumulation greater than 3". As a result, we have only been able to groom with the snowmobile. The Pisten Bully hasn't been used at all this year to date. In addition the revived Nicolet Noriski ski race was cancelled for this year. It was mid February before we could even set a minimal track.

The Lakewood Trails have seen light snow years before and we will again. We will survive this year as well. It is simply part of cross country skiing and dealing with the vagaries of weather in northern Wisconsin.

In spite of the disappointing winter we have maintained our membership base with over \$7000 collected in memberships. Even though we may have saved some money due to less use of the groomers we still have most of our expenses to pay. These remain regardless of what kind of a ski year we have.

One positive development includes receiving a positive response from the US Forest Service to our request to discuss building a warming shelter at the Old 32 Rd. parking lot. The Forest Service has agreed to consider our proposal and has started to look for already approved engineering plans. The next step the Lakewood Ski Club will take in this process will be discussed at our annual meeting on April 28. If you want to get your thoughts on a new shelter considered, attend this meeting, send me an email at faxelrod@centurytel.net, or call me (715-276-9942).

I will vigorously support this effort in any way I can IF an individual or group will step forward to lead an effort to raise money through fund raisers or grants. A person or a committee to oversee this effort is essential to pursuing a warming shelter.

At our April 28th meeting we will discuss the possibility of conducting new events on the ski trail such as a ski race, bike ride, or trail run. I see such events as a way to broaden the base of our club beyond our core membership. We will need to do this if we are to have a warming shelter as it will require more volunteers and resources to operate than we currently have.

Fred Axelrod, President

Fall Meeting—October 1, 2011

A meeting of the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club was called to order on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2:40 p.m. at the Lakewood /Townsend Ambulance building.

A motion to accept the April 16 minutes was made by Tim Klima, seconded by Sandy Moore, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report by Barry Brubaker: He asked how much money is needed to be kept liquid for the winter to fund expenses such as insurance, fuel, signs, etc. A motion to transfer \$7,000 from savings into checking was made by Tim, seconded by Bill Moore, and passed unanimously. The club received matching gift from Kimberly Clark in the amount of \$50, over and above the membership fee. The U.S. Forest Service has given the club a \$7,000 grant, but the federal fiscal year ended in August 2011, so the club may lose out on some of the money. Tim would like bulldozer work to remove rocks from the trail done this year. Whether the grant helps fund the dozer work is in doubt.

Membership report by Sandy Moore: She will have membership renewal letters mailed by end of October. Fred reported that former club treasurer Lea Peot suggested doing the newsletters by e-mail to save postage. Members who do not have e-mail would still receive their newsletters by USPS.

Equipment and grooming report by Paul Romenesko: He'll do maintenance on groomer within next two weeks, and he has a crew lined up. He's looking for a locking storage cabinet to store items such as parts, fluids, etc. The club will buy a Skandic track as a spare part to have on hand. The existing Skandic track is showing some wear. Club president Fred Axelrod would like better signs on the trail, including a small map saying "you are here." Oconto County Forestry Department will mow the trails this fall.

Business membership/maps report by Johanna Axelrod: A new map will be printed this year. A color-coded map is a possibility but costs more. Fred wants beginner trails clearly designated. The ski trail at golf course is easy and moderate for beginners. A solid line could denote no hills. A dashed line would denote some hills. A dotted line denotes a steep trail. Johanna will look into alternatives to better direct beginners onto appropriate trails.

Ski social: Shirley Bubolz agreed to organize it another year. March 3 is the date of the 2012 ski social.

Building committee: Lloyd Lundwall and Fred met with the U.S. Forest Service in May, and submitted a letter that the club approved regarding a new building for the Old 32 parking lot. Fred has not heard back from the forest service, so he will follow up on the club request. The club is ready to start fundraising for the building.

New business: A ski race will be held at the Lakewood ski trails on Feb. 4. The club will be responsible for grooming and road crossings. Money from the race will go to youth skiing. The club will be reimbursed for grooming costs. It will be a 36K race for one year.

Bill Moore suggested that the club buy a chain saw with a pole attachment to open up the canopy over the ski trails. A motion to authorize spending up to \$1,000 on such a chain saw/pole attachment was made by Bill, seconded by Paul and approved unanimously.

Fred reported that the club will spend \$40 to renew its Chamber of Commerce membership. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill, seconded by Paul, and was approved unanimously at 4:14 p.m.

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