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# LAKWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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*September 2018*

Dear Lakewood Ski Club Members,

Wow this summer has gone by at supersonic speed! Here we are moving into the fall season in preparation for our favorite season of the year – ski season. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends and look forward to getting on our trails.

The trails have been cleared and the summertime mowing is complete. Special thanks to Fred Axelrod and Tom Lane for their hard work in getting this accomplished. Thanks guys! The Forest Service is logging on two parts of the trail – one off of the Old 32 parking lot and the other for a short distance to the south of Sullivan Springs Road. Lloyd and I met with the Forest Service beforehand to coordinate this work.

Thanks to a good start to our Capital Campaign we are ordering the Quad Track and Ginzu track setter to be utilized this season. We will continue the Capital Campaign to allow all members to help us meet our goal of funding this purchase in its entirety.

I have formally notified the U.S. Forest Service of our request to renew our 10 year permit with them. If any members have suggestions or input, please contact me to help with this process. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you all, especially the club Officers and Coordinators, for your continued dedication to making the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club an organization to be proud of.

Yours Truly,

Tim Klima, President



*Mark Your Calendars!*

**Fall Meeting**

October 13th @ 2:00

Lakewood/Townsend Rescue Hall

**Think Snow!**

Hello fellow skiers.

Summer maintenance was performed on our Pisten Bulley on May 26. We had a full day of work changing fluids and filters, going through wheel bearings, greasing and inspecting our machine. Everything went well and we even had time to talk about last years ski season and catch up on the latest news while working.

Thanks are in order for my crew of volunteers who donate their time and don't mind getting a little dirty to save the club some money and help ensure we have another season of good grooming. They are Greg Kelm, Dave Steffen, Tim Klima and Lloyd Lundwall Thanks much to these men.

With fall around the corner our trails will need to be walked and cleared of any downed trees and branches and brushed back so the PB can effectively groom to the full width of our trails. For the most part this is light work and it affords people the opportunity to enjoy our trails during a different season and connect with other members. If you haven't helped with trail cleanup before, come out and lend a hand. Volunteers are much appreciated and many hands make light the work. Put the cleanup dates on your calendar and come up to Lakewood for some fresh air and exercise.

See you on the trails,  
Paul Romenesko

### **Trail Cleanup Days: Saturday Oct. 6th, 13th & 20th - Volunteers Needed**

Our annual fall trail clean up is very important as it makes a big difference to our grooming team. The crew removes brush, debris & fallen trees from the trails, clearing the way for a smooth grooming run. In addition to helping out your club, you can enjoy a day of crisp fall weather and the beautiful display that autumn presents! Trail cleanup days are Saturday Oct. 6th, 13th & 20th Plan to meet at the McCauslin Brook Golf Course parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Please Caleb Klima at (608)852-6964 if you have questions.

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting - May 7, 2018

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club annual meeting was held on Saturday, April 7 at the Lakewood/Townsend Rescue Squad Building.

A motion to approve club officers for 2018 was made by John Altman, seconded by Colleen Altman and were unanimously approved. They are:

President — Tim Klima  
First Vice President, Membership — Mary & Jim Van Domelen  
Treasurer — Barry Brubaker  
Secretary — Jody Korch  
Business Membership/Special Events — John & Colleen Altman  
VP Trails— Caleb Klima/Ellen King  
Maintenance — Paul Romenesko  
VP Grooming — Lloyd Lundwall  
Members at Large — Andy & Shari Kangas & Fred & Johanna Axelrod  
Newsletter — Lea Peot  
Facebook Page — Jim & Sherry Beno  
Website Management — Jered Klima  
Trail Tube Collections — Bob Bayerl  
Merchandise — Ellen Lundwall  
Trail Reports — Dale Keller

Minutes of the October 7th, 2017 club meeting were read by club secretary Jody Korch and were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer report:** Club treasurer Barry Brubaker reported a beginning balance of \$9,279.61 and an ending balance of \$9,289.64. Last November, a second money market account was set up to earn a little additional income. The club paid Kevin Marshall \$6,157 for trail improvements. The club's certificate of deposit has a balance of \$21,153.02 and the checking account has a balance of \$9,855.73. Total assets are \$53,154.67. A total of \$3,387.50 was paid from the checking account as the club's balance in a 50/50 grant with the U.S. Forest Service for heavy trail work done. The club hired Marshall Excavating to do the trail work, paid the bill and was reimbursed through a grant with the U.S. Forest Service. A motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Colleen Altman, seconded by John Altman and approved unanimously.

Club President Tim Klima said a lot of work was done on the trail and about \$1,200 in grant money is still available for trail work this year. Replacing a collapsing culvert on the north end of the trail is a priority, and \$4,000 has been budgeted for this year.

The U.S. Forest Service has picked up the pace in logging near the ski trail, Tim said. They plan to log 10,000 acres in the entire Chequamegon Nicolet system. They do have some contracts to log on Sullivan Springs Road and at Old 32 but they'll only go to as far as the snowmobile trail so they will not run linear except at the ski trail entrance. Last year the Forest Service helped the club by removing blowdowns from the trail, Tim said, adding that he'd like to continue to coordinate with their logging. Colleen asked if it is possible due to the logging that the club could expand trail system. Tim said it is possible. During the renewal of the club's 10-year permit with the U.S. Forest Service, the club could review possible trail expansion.

**2018-19 Budget:** Tim's proposed budget didn't change significantly from last year. The one major change in income is for business ads and ski trail maps. The club will collect two years of advertising bills rather than collect each year from advertisers. A motion to approve the budget was made by Lloyd, seconded by Dale and approved unanimously.

**Committee reports:** Barry reported that due to the ongoing capital campaign fund, it's hard to tell if the club has gained members this year. The club still received \$980 from members but that's a drop of about \$1,000.

**Business membership/maps:** Colleen reported that the club did reprint donation envelopes and still has leftover maps. Last year the club collected \$2,880, and this year it collected \$2,340. Four businesses didn't re-sign. This year, business members got a notice of two-year contract. New businesses will be solicited. Anyone who wants to advertise on the trail maps should contact Colleen. Colleen sent out thank you letters to businesses who advertise.

The club is running a 2 by 2 ad for three months in Silent Sports Magazine.

Colleen does not foresee an increase in advertising rates, which are currently \$60 for a small ad, \$120 for a medium and \$240 for a large ad. A motion to approve her report was made by Jody, seconded by John and approved unanimously.

**Website:** Jered Klima has the club's website up and running, and it has received a lot of good comments. A Go Fund Me Page was set up. The website took in almost \$400 for the club's capital campaign. There is no expense in setting up a Go Fund Me page.

**Facebook Page:** Sherry said that as of March 7, the club had 214 Facebook members, a significant increase from last fall, when there were 150 members.

"I think that shows the worth of having the Facebook page and the job Sherry and Jim are doing," Tim said. "We're getting our message out to a lot of people who are not necessarily members of club but come up, ski and contribute."

**Merchandising:** Ellen Lundwall reported that the club has sold 23 shirts and nine throats. There are seven hats and 19 shirts left. She won't order more until she runs out. Total revenue is \$460 from shirts and \$180 from throats. The club ordered 25 throats and sold nine.

A motion to accept the merchandising report was made by Barry, seconded by John and approved unanimously.

**Equipment and grooming report:** Lloyd Lundwall reported that the club got a late start grooming due to broken throttle cable on the snowmobile. The club started grooming on New Year's Day, and the Pisten Bully groomer was first used on Jan. 16. Groomers used the Pisten Bully about once a week and put 72 hours on it this season, usage which is close to normal. Groomers burned 208 gallons of diesel and the snowmobile wasn't used that much, though it did go over the entire trail three times. Everything ran well and there were no issues with the Pisten Bully, Lloyd said. The capital campaign fund is in place to replace the snowmobile and lengthen survivability of the Pisten Bully. Lloyd and Paul Romenesko attended a grooming clinic. The club is looking to purchase a Yellowstone Ginzu Groomer. The Pisten Bully grooms a width of 11 to 12 feet. The 9-foot-wide Yellowstone groomer-footer matches well with club trails, according to Tim. Lloyd talked with

groomers from other ski trails who use the Yellowstone groomer, and they are happy with them. A motion to accept the grooming report was made by John, seconded by Dale Keller and approved unanimously.

Tim reported that signs have been picked up at all parking lots and trailheads. Gates have been locked. Former club president Fred Axelrod still does a lot of work on the ski trail and his work is appreciated, Tim said. Money is in the budget for mowing this year. Some cleanup is needed on the north end. Some trail clearing will be done toward end of June, and the trail is mowed in July and again in the fall. The fall trail cleanup will focus on clearing brush on the north end this fall. The club has made progress every year to clean up trouble spots. This winter the trail was pretty good other than being tight on the north end, Lloyd said.

**Trail signage:** Dale Keller reported that if the club replaces kilometer markers, the School District of Wabeno Area Fab Lab technology department can do labor. The club will pay for materials but it would save the club money while engaging in a good community involvement project. Tim said that once the club gets an inventory on signage it should spend a little money upgrading and replacing signs.

**New business:** Tim reported on the capital campaign. When established last fall, a goal of \$40,000 was set to fund a new quad track, the grooming equipment behind it and possibly a mower deck. Tim wants to focus on the quad track and grooming equipment. Oconto County still mows the trail in the fall and the club still has a contract to get the trail mowed in midsummer, so purchasing a new mower deck is not imperative at this time. A quad track could be delivered in about 30 days.

A new quad track and drag to go with it is an expense of about \$32,000. The capital campaign has raised more than \$16,000. Colleen suggested to take \$5,000 from the club's checking account and \$10,000 from its C.D., which is close to maturity. A motion to spend \$6,000 from checking and \$11,153.02 from the C.D. to fund the quad track and grooming equipment was made by Jody, seconded by Dale and was approved unanimously. The expense still leaves the club safe with \$10,000 in its C.D. and almost \$5,000 in checking.

The club's 10-year special permit agreement with the Forest Service expires at the end of the year. In July, Tim will send the service a notice to renew the permit for another 10 years. They've been happy with the club's agreement, Tim said.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dale, seconded by Colleen and approved unanimously at 3:44 p.m.

**Please Consider a Tax Deductible Donation to your Ski Club!**

Your donation will help insure the viability of these trails long after you hang up your skis and poles! Use the donation form below to make your tax deductible contribution to the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club. Your grandkids will thank you !!

## Fundraising: Planning for the Future

The mission of the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club is to promote and maintain the Lakewood Cross Country Trail system, and to support healthy and active lifestyles among all ages. We are committed to the continual preservation and improvement of our trail system for future generations. This year we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a truly remarkable accomplishment. Today we are asking for your support to continue fulfilling our mission.

**A recent membership survey identified that trail grooming equipment is a top priority** that would enhance the trail usability for our members. Therefore we are proud to announce our Capital Campaign with the intent to update our grooming equipment to better serve our members, local community, and visiting public.

**The goal of the campaign is to raise \$40,000 to purchase a UTV with quad tracks**, including a track setter and pull-behind mower with accessories. Your support to this campaign is critical to our ability to provide high quality skiing at Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club. The new grooming equipment will replace our outdated snowmobile and will give us the bonus ability to save money with our summer and fall trail cleaning, mowing, and sign maintenance. Your donation is tax-deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Join the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Facebook group for up to date information on trail conditions, our 40<sup>th</sup> celebration, and the Capital Campaign.



**Detach this half and mail to:  
Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club  
PO Box 91,**

Yes! I would like to support the future of the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails and enclosed is my donation payable to Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club of:

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