



# LAKEWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

April 2021 Newsletter

**Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 2:00 pm**

**Lakewood/Townsend Rescue Facility  
north of Lakewood on Hwy 32.**

*Hope to see you there!*

## President's Message - April 2022

Dear Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Members,

With several significant snowfalls in early December, the grooming crew was able to get the trail in excellent condition before the Christmas holidays, setting up one of the best ski seasons the club has had in a very long time. The groomers were able to maintain excellent trail conditions throughout the entire season, all the way to mid-March. This was all accomplished due to the countless hours spent by numerous Club members who throughout the year worked diligently to have the grooming equipment in excellent working condition.

Due to continued strong support from both individual and business members the Club had significant financial success this season. A special Thank You to Mary and Jim Van Domelen and Colleen Altman for making this possible.

We are in the process of applying for both a Forest Service Grant and a DNR Trail Grant to help the Club with ongoing projects. This process will take time and will be a financial benefit to the Club. The culvert replacement on the North End is one of these projects that will benefit.

After serving in various board positions since the 90's, I will be stepping back from my leadership role. I look forward to continuing to support the Club as a volunteer. We are fortunate to have long time board member Jim Beno step forward into the leadership position of Club President. The Club will benefit greatly because of his knowledge, experience, and dedication to the Club's mission. I anticipate this transition will be seamless.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club. Because of the many, many people who have helped me along the way- family and friends and members- it has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Thank You to All!!

Tim Klima

## Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting - May 24, 2021

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club spring meeting convened virtually via zoom on Monday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. A motion to approve the list of officers for 2021-22 was made by Paul Romenesko, seconded by Colleen Altman, and was approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Mary VanDomelen, seconded by Colleen, and was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Tim Klima reported that one of the club's money market funds has a balance of \$3,531.85, and the other money market fund balance is \$4,988.93. The club's CD has a balance of \$10,509.48. The checking account balance is \$10,569.19. The club's assets total \$29,599.42. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tim Klima, seconded by Jody Korch, and was approved unanimously.

**Membership:** Barry Brubaker reported that Mary VanDomelen and Margaret Brubaker assembled information that remarkably showed the club gained more members in a thin snow year. Revenue was received through membership and donations. Overall membership is very strong and healthy, Barry said. Close to 40 percent of members donate more than membership dues.

**Trail maps/advertising:** Colleen reported that this is the year to send renewal notices to advertisers. McCauslin Golf Course donated \$3,000 to the club. Twin City Monuments, Joan White, Spur of the Moment ranch, Oconto County and Extra Eyes Inspection also donated to the club. There are concerns about the size of donation envelopes being stuffed into collection tubes, and whether the envelope size should be reduced.

**Website:** Jered Klima reported that every 90 days he must update the club website in order to maintain security.

**Social Media:** Sherry Beno reported that the club has 724 Facebook members, an increase of 187 since October. This includes 711 members from the U.S., three from Bangladesh, two from China and one from Morocco. The Facebook page could be utilized to inform folks that we have business spaces available on the trail map.

Barry and Margaret are willing to donate a pair of wooden skis to raise money for the club.

**Equipment and grooming:** Tom Lane reported that this past winter, the groomers were utilized 18 times. The trail was first rolled Dec. 30, and it was first groomed Jan. 25. The Gator groomed a total of 72 hours before it was put away on March 3. It would be great to groom later into March but the groomers are stored on the south end of the trail, which melts faster. Paul said maintenance was done on the Gator, and that the Pisten Bully tiller needs servicing. He'll schedule that, hopefully at a cost of \$5,000 or less.

**Trail report:** Tim is working with the U.S. Forest Service to schedule work this summer on the culvert on the north end of the trail. The club now has all necessary permits to replace the culvert.

**Fall mowing:** Oconto County did not mow the club trail last year, and Tim doesn't know if that was Covid-related. He'll talk to the county to see if it plans to mow this year. If not, we'll coordinate to see what we can do in-house.

Tim said we hope to return to an in-person club meeting in October.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim, seconded by Colleen, and was approved unanimously at 7:10 p.m.