
LAKWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

January 2019



New Groomer in Action!

Annual Chili Social - Saturday, March 2, 2019
11:00 - 2:00
Old 32 Parking Lot!!

Presidents Message....

Here we are running smoothly into the 2018-2019 season. A lot of club business has already been completed as you read this. Membership renewals have gone out and are returns are pouring in. Thank you Jim and Mary Van Domelen. New trail maps have been printed thanks to Colleen and John Altman. Signage and boxes are up thanks to Fred Axelrod and Dale Keller.

Thanks to Dave Borsch and the Oconto County Forestry Dept. crew for the great fall mowing of our trail system. We as a club really appreciate the job they do for us.

In early November the club took delivery of our new Gator and Ginzu drag from Eric Anderson at ABR. We had a good turnout of groomers and club members to inspect and test the new equipment. Thank you to Rick, ABR's Tech Specialist, for all of his excellent advice and answers to our questions.

An early December snowfall of 4-5 inches allowed Lloyd and Paul to roll and comb the entire trail with great results. They were pleased with the equipment's performance and so am I. Now we just need more snow!

Thanks to the generosity of our membership we had a successful kick-off to our fundraising goal. We are continuing to strive to meet our goal of \$40,000 in Capital Campaign contributions to cover the cost of the new grooming equipment.

The Annual Chili Social will return to the Old 32 parking lot. The date and time will be Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year will also feature the return of the Famous Barking Bear Chili!! Mark your calendars – treats and sweets will also be available so bring a chair and your appetite.

Yours truly,

Tim Klima

The Annual Spring Meeting will be held on April 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Lakewood Townsend Rescue Facility, which is north of Lakewood on Hwy 32. Please plan to attend and participate.

Minutes of the Oct. 13th, 2018 Fall Meeting

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club fall meeting was called to order on Saturday, October 13 at 2 p.m. at the Lakewood Townsend Community Ambulance building. A motion to approve the minutes of the spring 2018 annual meeting was made by Tim Klima, seconded by Colleen Altman and approved unanimously.

A Gator Groomer is on its way, and an invoice will be sent this week. The ABR ski trail system will wire it up and deliver to the club within a few weeks. Sherry and Jim Beno will get the word out on Facebook and the club website. They will try to get as many people interested in learning how to operate the machine because more operators are needed. The Gator will be brought into full operation this winter.

Business Membership: Colleen has 40 advertising contacts out right now. Her goal this year is to get 10 new businesses on the map for two-year contracts. A new photo is wanted for the cover of the map, so a photo of the quad track will be utilized, preferably a photo with snow on the trail if possible. Silent Sports Magazine will again run the club ad in a tradeoff to run the Silent Sports ad in the Lakewood map. With the size of the map, the club has the option of running 60 ads. New businesses have been contacted. Colleen hand-wrote letters instead of sending emails to businesses. All advertisers receive a hand-written thank you.

Colleen asked whether the club would like to negotiate to open a section of the trail for skijoring, snowshoeing, etc. Some of the club's side trails have been used for snowshoeing. No action was taken but the matter will be discussed before the map is updated in two years. Tim will talk to golf course representatives to see if there is a problem with skijoring on the course. Tim would like to limit it to flat areas of the trail. Club members could be surveyed on the matter.

Website & Facebook Report: The web site is up and running. The cost for five years is \$42.35. The site incorporates ski club analytics, such as the average time on the site, pages viewed, etc. The club will post trail conditions on the web site and will update them regularly.

Sherry reported that the club now has 125 Facebook members. Sherry said a state park erected a stand to take selfies with phones. She suggested a selfie stand be erected near the 8K marker. Fred Axelrod said the Wabeno High School fab lab could make signs. The club will see if the lab could build a small, inexpensive selfie sign.

Club Merchandise: Ellen Lundwall still has some merchandise remaining. No reordering is needed.

Equipment report: Lloyd Lundwall reported that the club's machines are ready to roll. The new Ginsu groomer may be stored outside while the quad track will be stored inside. Tim said that if the club continues to raise funds for the new groomer it can add

a mower, which would pay for itself in 5-6 years. Oconto County currently mows the club trails but it is unknown how much longer it will do so. The club could save \$500 by mowing the trails itself.

Paul Romenesko installed shelving in the hangar. All of the club's trail signs are stored on the shelving and under tarps.

Trail report: Tim said the plan is to have two days of bulldozer work, which has been budgeted this year, from the green trail to Sullivan Springs Road. Work will consist of removing rocks, leveling, rounding curves and smoothing the trail. The U.S. Forest Service will replace the damaged gate at Old 32 but wants club to remove the damaged gate. Tim reported that all of the club's signage will be inventoried. Caleb Klima reported that new caution signs, beginner's loop signs, stay right signs and signs at the Old 32 parking lot, Porky's Plunge and the 9K hill have been erected.

New business: The club is continuing Phase 1 of it's fundraising campaign. Phase 2 consists of possibly erecting a shelter. As part of the club's 10-year contract with the Forest Service, Tim sent opening letter. The Forest Service would like to shorten its contract with the club to 5 years, but Tim said that because the club is making a \$40,000 commitment in equipment, it does not want a short-term 5-year agreement. A motion to adjourn was made by Tim, seconded by Fred, and was approved unanimously at 3:17 p.m.

Fall Trail Clean Up

Thank you to our hard-working Fall 2018 trail cleaning crew. They were able to cut fallen trees and branches, trim brush and undergrowth, and remove the bits and pieces that Mother Nature left behind. With over 25 kilometers of trail to clear, these diligent volunteers were able to complete the task in two weekends. Thanks to the following: Tom Lane, Fred Axelrod, Bobby Bayerl, Jody Korch, Sherry Beno, Caleb Klima, Ellen King, Rick Martin, Tim Klima, Cory and Kristin Gagne, Lloyd and Ellen Lundwall, Travis, Stacy and Delany Moore, and Paul Romenesko.

There is still club apparel available for purchase. For information about remaining sizes and colors contact Ellen Lundwall at ellen.lundwall44@gmail.com.



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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 !!

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