

## **MECCA Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, December 4, 2023, 5:00 PM at Chalet**

Present: Monica Mears, Diane O'Krongley, Sondra Brown, LeeAnn Silvis, Rodney Silvis, Bernie Langreck, Norm McKindle, Jon Olson, Jerry Leiterman

Approval of minutes of 11/7/23 meeting after correction of Ironwood Chamber vs Mercer

- 1) Norm
- 2) Bernie

Treasurer's Report approval

- 1) Rodney
- 2) Jon

### Old Business

We still have a secretary vacancy to fill.

The Town of Mercer removed 3 hazard trees, no charge.

Discussed renewing Community Center and Town Facilities annual rental fee for MECCA meetings / events. Agreed to table and if a meeting facility is needed, renew at that time.

### Committee Reports

Facilities - Diane O'Krongley: Thank you to the ladies who deep-cleaned the chalet and bathrooms!! A new battery is needed for the smoke detector on the ceiling (AA).

The morning and evening wood stove firing calendar will be set up. All interested contact Diane. She will give instructions individually if wanted.

New 125 gallon LP rental tank installed at equipment building replacing two older LP 25 gallon tanks. Old tanks will be sold; membership will be notified and if no takers, tanks will be sold on Facebook Marketplace \$50-75 (tanks are full).

Finance - Sondra Brown: The annual audit was completed by the finance committee prior to tonight's meeting; the committee determined financial records are appropriately accounted for. Annual filing with the WI Department of Financial Institutions and IRS are complete. New deposit box will be purchased to replace the old locked file box.

Membership - vacant chairperson: Currently at 26 and hoping for more memberships!

Outreach - Mike Shouldice: Chamber After Five volunteers are set.

MECCA Groomers will volunteer setting up and tear down the finish line at the SISU Race.

Because of this effort, MECCA will have a booth (no charge) at SISU Registration / Pick Up Blbs at the Ironwood Memorial Building. MECCA Experience has a balance of \$480; North Lakeland Discovery Center has been awarded MECCA Experience funding for their events being held at MECCA this fiscal year. Mike will provide Jerry with a complete list of NLDC events to be held at MECCA. Annual budget for MECCA Experience is \$1000.

Special Events - Rodney Silvis: Winterfest 1/20/2024 Live Event, Virtual 12/16-2/19/24  
Race Director and event leads are working behind the scenes organizing last minute needs. Sponsorships are greater than budgeted, appreciate the area support. Newsletters are going out weekly now and until the race. Registration currently at about 26. Slight course adjustments have been made so the length of the MECCA 30 K and Flowage 15 K are accurate and the Pursuit (Virtual only) is 10 K and the 5K is 4.3K. Silent Sports article on MECCA will be in the January issue.

Trails and Equipment - Bernie Langreck and Norm McKindles:

The new gator is delivered and wired for grooming implements and ready compliments of Bernie and Norm. The the equipment building overhead door openings need to be adjusted due to height of the gator. Some of the work will be done by MECCA Volunteers with the technical work done by garage door professionals (hired out). Brushing of the snowshoe trail is completed; some signing remains to be completed. Ski trail brushing completed; ski race signing will be completed in the next two weeks. Groomer training will take place in December. MECCA is ready for snow!

New Business:

Volunteers are needed to join the fundraising committee for the new building. Contact Jerry if interested. Norm, Sondra, Jon, Mike expressed interest.

Fe University has requested funding support from the MECCA Experience Fund to provide ski lessons at MECCA, Chad McGrath will once again be the instructor. There will be four sessions from 1-3:00 PM beginning 1/25/24, total cost of the program is \$440.

Discussion: Norm moved we support at \$350, all in favor, carried. Jerry provided the current MECCA Project List for 2023. The list is currently being updated for 2024; project suggestions should be forward to Jerry. Discussion of positive and negative aspects of a MECCA credit card, tabled. MECCA is in the third year of a five year contract with the Mercer Park Board for mowing the Mercer Bike Trail. It is anticipated the park board will want to continue with the services MECCA provides.

Candlelight ski: Monica indicated this is her last year coordinating the annual Candlelight Ski which is held on the last Saturday in January. She suggested recruiting a new coordinator who would work with her this year. For the event this year, volunteers are needed to make "ice candles". If you are interested please contact Jerry or Monica!

Miners Trails in Ironwood will be borrowing MECCA illuminaries. They will be asked to replace any damaged glass in the lamps.

Winterfest Meeting Monday 12/11/23 canceled; new date to be determined.

Next MECCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday, 01/02/2024 at 5:00 PM - MECCA Chalet.

Adjournment - 1) Norm 2) Bernie

Minutes recorded by: LeeAnn Silvis 12/11/2023