

MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 5:00 PM
At Chalet

Present - Diane O'Krongly, Sondra Brown, LeeAnn Silvis, Rodney Silvis, Norm Mc Kindle, Jon Olson, Jerry Leiterman, David Bartlet, Mike Shouldice, and Eric Olson

Approval of Minutes of 12/4/2023 - motion by Norm, second by Rodney, carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - motion by Rodney, second by Jon, carried.

Old Business

1. Secretary position still vacant.
2. Status on MECCA's planned equipment building and WI Dept of Administration Grant.
 - a. Building Site - Jerry and Norm will attend the Mercer Sanitary District Board Meeting on 01/10/24 to further discuss the potential of using sanitary district land for the equipment building site.
 - b. C&S Design & Engineering will have equipment building design plans completed by mid January meeting the grant deadline. Site plan may be required by grant.
 - c. Grant deadline submission to WI DOA is January 31, 2024.

Committee Reports

Facilities - Diane O'Krongly:

- a. Chalet will be opened for hikers on Saturday and Sunday; once skiable snow arrives chalet will be opened daily.

Finance - Sondra Brown: monthly financial activity reported

Membership - Sondra reported; secretary position still vacant

- a. 24 members renewed their membership for the 2024 season.
- b. Membership can be accomplished through PayPal or by submitting a paper form and cash/check.

Outreach (Promotions) Mike Shouldice:

- a. December 6th "Live at Five" was a success. Co-Hosted by MECCA, Mercer Fire Department and Mercer Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Iron County Human Services Community Cares Christmas Toy Drive.
- b. Fe University has ski lessons scheduled in January, snow conditions permitting.

- c. North Lakeland Discovery Center has their snowshoe event on January 26th; MECCA's Candlelight Ski/Hike/Shoe on January 27th.
- d. Mike and LeeAnn will man a booth at the SISU Expo at the Ironwood Memorial Building from noon till 4 pm 01/06/2024.

Special Events Winterfest 01/20/24: Rodney Silvis:

- a. Rodney is pleased with the advertising of the event on the Skinny Ski website.
- b. Because of the uncertainty of adequate snow, a decision will be made by January 12th if the Winterfest ski races will be a "go" or "no go". The virtual portion of the event will continue into mid-February.
- c. January 24th will be the volunteer appreciation event - 5 pm at the Liberty Way Tap.
- d. Readiness - 98% of the volunteer positions filled. Volunteers needed for race set up and stuffing sway bags. Contact Mike if available to help.
- e. Aline has created a poster recognizing all Winterfest sponsors. Posters will be displayed inside the chalet and on kiosks along with MECCA's website.

Special Event Candlelight Ski/Shoe/Hike 01/27/24 - Monica Mears

- a. Monica and Julie Ulrich are co-event coordinators
- b. Volunteers needed for candle setup, lighting, candle pickup, donating cookies, greeters, serving refreshments. Contact Monica if you can volunteer.

Trails and Equipment - Bernie Langreck & Norm McKindles:

- a. Routine maintenance conducted on UTV Gator; snowmobile will be done next week.
- b. Equipment building garage doors adjusted by Bernie and Tim to accommodate the increased height of the new UTV. Technical adjustment and new electric garage door installed on the north door by TJ Moberg of TJ's Garage Doors & Services. Labor donated by TJ!

New Business

1. Jerry met with Joe Fieweger, interim manager of Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. WIDNR secured the (locked) Osprey Cabin because of its

deteriorating condition. Additionally, they have asked the portable toilet be removed at Little Turtle Flowage Parking Lot because of its poor condition (MECCA owns the portable toilet). The club will plan to remove the toilet in spring / summer.

2. Motion by Norm, second by LeeAnn to leave the suggested donation for snowshoeing at \$3.00, carried.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 5 pm

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Norm, second by Jon, carried.

Minutes recorded by Diane O'Krongly