

MECCA Trails (Mercer Cross Country Ski Club, Inc)

Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2024

Role Call: McKindles, Leiterman, Olsen, Okrongly, Silvis, Lutgen, Shouldice

8/13 Minutes: motion to approve Olsen / McKindles ; unanimous.

8/28 Treasurers Report: motion to approve McKindles / Silvis; unanimous.

Trails: DNR has a new property manager Casey Baye. Leiterman has documented remediation concerns and sent to DNR, waiting for response. Big tree down on Moose, near Homestead & Moose , 2 small trees down on Moose near big wetland. A workbee of 3 or 4 is needed to remove them. Leiterman mowed Osprey, more mowing required this fall. Signs need to be reinstalled after logging activity. Weed whipping needs to be done on snowshoe trail and wetlands.

Facilities: Buildings staining project went well, six volunteers did the power washing, eleven volunteers did the staining.

Sanitary District: Land Use Agreement signed allowing a maintenance building to be built on their property. Survey of the property to be ordered. Building committee meeting to be held asap.

Mercer Bike Trail: Jon mowed and Norm blew the trail. Signing project completed, Park Board to be invoiced. Final mowing needs to be scheduled in September, double wide; CCC trails should be inspected possibly mowed.

Firewood: Workbee of 2-3 needed to be move firewood into shed, and some needs to be split. Some birch left from logging on west side needs to be cut to length & hauled to chalet.

2024-2025 Budget: Discussion led to a motion to approve McKindles / O’Krongly, unanimous. Sondra Brown’s efforts, advances and contributions were noted.

Outreach: Expecting an invoice from Discovery Center and Manitowish Waters Visitors Guide. MECCA Trails brochure needs to be updated and reprinted.

Equipment: McKindles will weld the drag for finishing trail work. Blower has a new tire and swivel mount.

Fundraising: Olsen to mock up a fundraising ‘brochure’.

Election of officers: Officers: Leiterman – President, McKindles – Vice President, Olsen – Treasurer, 1 officer vacancy (Secretary) Board: O’Krongly & Silvis & Shouldice & Lutgen, 1 vacancy on board; Motion to approve McKindles / Lutgen, unanimous.

Winterfest: January 18 (plus virtual options), Gogebic Range Health Foundation Collaboration confirmed, meeting being planned for mid October. Planning committee meetings being scheduled in October.

Maintenance building: Fundraising goal \$95k, December – March, Committee meeting as soon as possible.

Next meeting: October 8 , Tuesday, 5pm, MECCA Chalet; Tim to invite a contractor.

Adjourn: McKindles/O’Krongly, unanimous