



MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes 1/7/25 at Chalet, 5 PM

Role call: Chad McGrath, Don Dugan, Diane O’Krongly, Norm McKindles, Jon Olsen, Jerry Leiterman, Mike Shouldice, Rodney Silvis, Tim Lutgen, Bernie Langreck, Larry Testin

Minutes of 12/11/24 meeting: Motion to approve: McKindles/Lutgen, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Langreck / McKindles, motion carried

Public Comment: none

Old business: Chalet hydronic heating system heat transfer fluid has been tested by Quality Heating. Fluid is good to 10 below zero. New fluid will be added this coming summer rated at 30 degrees below zero.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: The town is providing toilet paper supplies for the vault toilet as in the past. A schedule has been created for cleaning the Chalet’s vault toilets (see schedule below).

Equipment Fund Raising: Donations coming through for the building project, many from further than 100 miles away, Tennessee being the furthest. Business outreach to begin.

Membership: Memberships are coming in slow, most likely because of the lack of snow.

Outreach/Promotion: NLDC event Saturday; ICORE-MECCA student outreach meeting tomorrow.

Trails and Equipment: Grooming Team (six members) held training on 12/8/24. Trails and equipment are ready for the snow season.

Event: Winterfest Leads readiness meeting last week. Lack of snow placing the event in jeopardy - A Go, No Go decision to be made Saturday, 01/11. Virtual event runs through Feb 15th ; merchandise prizes to start being awarded this week

Candlelight Ski: Diane O’Kronly is coordinating the event. She will be contacting members to volunteer for the 01/25 event.

Building project: Survey completed and delivered to the Mercer Sanitary District. Site work was completed in three days by Lapino Construction Company. Brief discussion regarding the orientation of the building was discussed; no change (east/ west orientation). Tim Lutgen will start to apply for the necessary building permits.

New Business: DNR has agreed to share the porta potty expense at the Little Turtle Flowage Parking Lot. At this time, the toilet has not been ordered because of the lack of snow. Fe University ski lessons are scheduled for 2/4, 6, 11, 14. Mercer Bike Trail Mowing Contract with Park Board is its 5th year of a five year agreement. MECCA will notify the Park Board it is willing to continue with the contract this year. Discussion of grading the Wolf Loop to eliminate uneven sections. This improvement will make low snow conditions and early season grooming/skiing possible. Potential timing would be late summer. Currently there is no funding for this project.

Motion passed to form a Summer Activity Feasibility Study Committee to investigate the potential of installing a disc golf course and other recreation pursuits on lands traversed by MECCA Trails. Motion by Shouldice/ McGrath. Chairperson: Diane O' Krongly, Assistant Chair: Tim Lutgen, member Rodney Silvis

Thanks to Bernie and Peggy Langreck for constructing and hanging the Xmas wreath over the Chalet's front door.

Next Meeting: February 4, Tuesday, Chalet, 5pm

Adjournment: Motion by Mckindles / Lutgen 6:47pm.

Minutes recorded by Mike Shouldice.

Vault Toilet Cleaning Schedule: Volunteer – Week starting on Sunday and ending on Saturday.

O'krongly 1/5; Shouldice 1/12; Leiterman 1/19; Dugan 1/27; McKindles 2/9; Olsen 2/16; Leiterman 2/23; Lutgen 3/2; Langreck 3/9; O'Krongly.