



MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes 2/4/25 at Chalet, 5PM

Role call: Don Dugan, Diane O’Krongly, Norm McKindles, Jon Olsen, Jerry Leiterman, Mike Shouldice, Tim Lutgen, Bernie Langreck

Minutes 1/7/25 meeting: Motion to approve; Langreck/Lutgen, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve; Shouldice/Langreck, motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Old business: none.

Committee Reports

Facilities: All facilities ready for winter season (chalet, vault toilet, trail signs, tree removal).

Finance: Donations coming in for the building project, many from further than 100 miles away, Tennessee being the furthest. Contacting selected businesses requesting donation to begin in February.

Membership: Memberships have been coming in slowly because of the lack of snow in January.

Outreach: Northland Discovery Center events on Feb 14 & 21; ICORE-MECCA student program starts 2/5 for Mercer students, Hurley students started 1/27. Fe U lessons were cancelled. Hurley, Wakefield Marenisco students interested in coming.

Trails and Equipment: Trails are in great shape because of the recent snowfalls. Small fluid leaks of oil and antifreeze being monitored on UTV. Overall equipment performing well.

Events: Winterfest Leads readiness meeting was held the one week before the event. Live event on January 18th cancelled due to lack of snow; virtual ski and snowshoe events still on until February 15th.

Candlelight Ski/Hike/Shoe was held on January 25th with a great turnout. Volunteer efforts were very successful. \$755 in donations received. Good press coverage. A comment was made: a local paper indicated the event was a fundraiser which it was not. In the future MECCA should clarify to the press it is a free event and not a fundraiser..

Building project: Pre-buying of wood materials was discussed as it relates to potential tariffs that could increase costs. Prebuy discussion was held, it was agreed no pre-buying would take place at this time.

New Business: New 15 year land use agreement discussion with DNR to begin.

Adjourn: Mckindles / Olsen 6:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the Chalet.

Minutes taken by Mike Shouldice