

MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

5 PM, 2/25/25, at Chalet

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

Minutes 2/4/25 meeting: Motion to approve: Lutgen/ Olsen motion carried

Treasurer’s Report: ; Motion to approve: McKindles/O’Krongly motion carried. Building donations have nearly met the \$30K matching donation.

Public Comment: Rodney skied the Birkie, Congrats!

Old business: Jerry and Norm met with Casey Baye, Property Manager, TFSWA, and worked on a new 15 year land use agreement with WI DNR. Draft will be shared with the board

Equipment building: Estimates on the total cost of the new building were reviewed and discussed. Motion to rescind previous motion (9/2023 meeting) which did not allow the organization to proceed with signing a construction contract unless all funds needed to complete the project was raised - McKindles / Silvis, carried. Discussion to move forward with signing a construction contract with; Luppino Contractors not to exceed \$147,000 Olsen/McKindles, carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: Closing schedule discussed.

Finance: Trail donations \$660 this month

Membership: Olsen’s report detailed members.

Outreach – Promotion: Northland Discovery Center events took place. Mercer students (SISU Ski Fest Grant with ICORE) have had 2 lessons, 2 more to come. Hurley students coming 3/6. Volunteers needed for Hurley programs morning and afternoon on 3/6. Mercer Library Earth Day, April 19.

Trails – Equipment: Snowmobile pressure release valve make a whistling noise, normal. Mercer Springs Two of the Mercer Springs snowshoe/foot trail bridges need to be replaced next summer/fall. Bernie will take over the grooming scheduling in Jerry’s absence for the remaining grooming season.

Events: Winterfest wrapped up last week. 35 participants for the virtual events. Swag bags being delivered also sponsor thank you notes. Planning for next year's Winterfest to start in April or May.

New Business:

Becca Bartling is retiring as webmaster, Thanks for her hard work! We need to recruit a webmaster, as well as leads for social media, press relations. Insurance premium going up from \$3,300 to \$3,700, may change deductible to reduce premiums.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 at Chalet, 5pm.

Adjourn: 6:27; McKindles / Silvis