

MECCA Trails Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 5PM at the Chalet

Role call: Norm McKindles, Mike Shouldice, Tim Lutgen, Bernie Langreck, Don Dugan, Rodney Silvis, Jerry Leiterman, Jon Olsen, Rosie Richter

Minutes 2/25/25 meeting: Motion to approve: Langreck / Silvis motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Brief discussion of donations and expenses, \$124,186 cash available. Motion to approve: McKindles / Lutgen motion carried.

Old Business: In April, Email to 676 recipients informing the building fund goal of \$160,00 was met; click rate of over 50%. Channel 12 will come up for an interview when the building is completed.

Volunteer(s) needed to manage the website are still open. Marketing Committee concept discussed, meeting to be held in the next few weeks. Summer Activity Ad hoc Committee: A meeting will be scheduled in June to determine the feasibility of pursuing a disc golf course.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: Chalet closed for the season. Vault toilet cleaning schedule to be created.

Finance: none

Membership: none

Outreach: Spring cleanup on the Mercer Bike Trail was completed in the first week of May. Twelve volunteers picked up litter, removed gravel from intersections and trimmed bushes.

Promotion: GRHF will hold a grant event later in May. The Solstice bike fest in Manitowish Waters will be June 20. MECCA is a Mercer in May event sponsor.

Equipment: Mower and blower will be serviced next week. Bike Trail mowing schedule to be discussed

MECCA Trails: Early season maintenance removed six wind-tossed trees.

Special Event: Winterfest 2026 discussed. A committee meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Volunteers, dates, roles, advertising, grant monies will be discussed.

New Building: Luppino Contractor has begun constructing the equipment building. Concrete floor poured, rough grading, wall framing started. Contractor has been very responsive.

Recognizing donors and grand opening event will be discussed in June.

New Business: RTP (Recreation Trail Program) Grant application submitted to WI DNR in the amount of \$12,866. Iron County Forestry is MECCA's sponsor. Successful applicants will be notified in the fall.

Mercer Bike Trail Mowing Five Year Contract between MECCA and the Mercer Park Board expires at the end of the biking season. The MECCA Board agreed to meet with the Mercer Park Board to discuss the

potential of entering into another five year agreement. July 4th "Run for a Vet" liaison will be Jon and Tim, who will coordinate with Dave Lombardo on mowing the course. Firewood work bees to cut, split, stacked wood will be scheduled later in the summer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Chalet, 5pm

Adjournment: 6:45pm