

MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 5 PM at Chalet

Roll Call - Norm McKindles, Mike Shouldice, Tim Lutgen, Jerry Leiterman, Jon Olsen, Don Dugan, Diane O’Krongly, Bernie Langreck, Rodney Silvis, Peggy Bronsberg

Agenda repair - none

Minutes 11/04/25 Meeting - Motion to approved by Langreck / Silvis, motion carried.

Treasurer’s October Report - Discussion of donations, income, expenses. Motion to approved by Silvis / McKindles, motion carried.

Old Business - Nordic Pulse media platform, membership needs more information on topic, tabled to January meeting.

Committee Reports

Facilities (O’Krongly): Successful work bee on 11/13 cleaning Chalet and splitting/stacking firewood. Chalet will be open for the winter season daily starting 12/12. Chimney will be cleaned on 12/11. Air exchange or dehumidifier systems will be explored for the new equipment building. Toilet cleaning schedule will be established; board members are expected to sign up.

Membership (Olsen): Memberships are trickling in at 27 to date. Leiterman will send out a renewal reminder to members, past members and supporters.

Finance (Olsen): none.

Outreach (Shouldice): Heavy lifting by volunteers made for a successful MECCA Kickoff – Equipment Building Open House, Mercer Fire & EMS Toys Drive and Chambers “Live at 5” Event. MECCA’s ski lessons partnership with Mercer School will begin in January.

Trails and Equipment (Langreck & McKindles): The Thanksgiving Blizzard brought down hundreds of trees on the ski and snowshoe trails. Significant volunteer efforts are underway to remove the trees. Iron County Forestry and Parks graded sections of the Wolf Loop on 11/24. The grading leveled sections of

trail and straightened a hill which will make skiing and hiking along with xc grooming easier. In addition, the trail re-route to the outer perimeter of the Sanitary District's managed field was graded flat. This change was made to minimize drifting and to eliminate a hill. Two, foot bridges on the Mercer Spring Snowshoe Trail were replaced.

Equipment: UTV was serviced at Lakeland Lawn Equipment – heater core leak resolved, drive belt replaced. Tracks and winter equipment box installed by volunteers. All equipment is operational for winter operations. Groomer meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 4-6 PM at the Equipment Building, coordinated by Leiterman.

Special Events – Winterfest (Silvis & Shouldice): Winterfest Newsletters are being sent out biweekly. Volunteers Leads will meet on Thursday, January 8th, at 5 PM at the Chalet. Candlelight Ski/Hike/Shoe will be coordinated by O'Krongly. At the January meeting volunteer assignments and other planning issues will be discussed.

New Business – Discussion to determine how many monthly meetings should the organization have to conduct business efficiently. It was decided to have six monthly meetings per year – September (annual meeting), November, December, January, February and July. This information will be posted on the website. A Volunteer Social is scheduled for Friday, December 19th, at 5 PM to recognize folks who are volunteering to remove the hundreds of trees falling across the ski and snowshoe trails. Shouldice will coordinate the location and refreshments, Leiterman will send out invitations via Constant Contact and McKindles will order the pizza.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 6th, 2026

Adjournment – 6:20 pm

Minutes by Shouldice