

MECCA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

2-3-26 5PM at Chalet

ROLL CALL: Tim Lutgen, Norm McKindles, Jon Olsen, Jerry Leiterman, Rodney Silvis, Peggy Bronsberg, Diane O’Krongly, Don Dugan

MINUTES 1-6-26 Meeting: Motion to accept Norm/Tim. Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jon presented a report of income, expenses, and cash balances (~\$20,400). See report.

Winterfest and Appreciation dinner expenses and income presented.

Jerry reports the executive committee decided to eliminate alcohol purchases for members or volunteers at future events, primarily due to liability concerns. Motion to accept: Bernie/Tim. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Three board members enrolled in WI DNR chain saw class. Fee: \$130/pp. Discussion followed re: Mecca paying. Motion to approve payment: Norm/Diane. Carried.

--Ad Hoc committee report re: moisture in new maintenance building. Currently humidity being controlled using 3 small dehumidifiers. Options for a more permanent solution presented by Norm and Tim. Options include HRV, dehumidifier and a new technology: desiccant dehumidifier. Quality Htg. And Mukavitz Htg gave bids of ~\$4500 for HRV for a dehumidifier. Recommendation: Table the issue to await more information and put on the next meeting agenda (July).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities (O’Krongly): Toilet cleaning schedule needs volunteers. Discussion followed re: propane heater usage in toilets for Live@ Five, Winterfest, and Candlelight events. Propane will not be used in the future due to safety concerns. An electrician will come this summer to install outlets for electric heater use.

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Finance (Olsen): At Jerry's request Jon prepared an estimate of basic overhead expenses and anticipated income, based on several years of data. Est. income: \$16,900. Est. overhead: \$15,500.

Outreach: Student lessons postponed due to very cold temperatures, but will start up again this week. Volunteer assistants listed for all upcoming classes.

Trails/Equip: Trails are being groomed regularly and are in excellent condition.

Winterfest (Silvis): Registration income ~\$5200. Expenses: ~\$5000. 105 skiers for the live event. Sponsorship income ~\$9500. Estimated profit to Mecca: ~\$9000. Rodney reports the event went smoothly. He praised the many volunteers and discussed the evolution of the event. In the future: a skiathlon relay proposed. Rodney would like to step down from race director position, but will assist a new director.

Candlelight event report (O'Krongly): Great turnout, great food, good weather and moonlight!

Gratitude expressed to all. Donations: \$660

NEW BUSINESS

-Next meeting July 2, 2026

-Spring projects:

Wolf Loop: needs seeding, mulching. Lead: Jerry

Mercer Bike Trail needs brushing. Lead: Bernie

Highway directional sign enhancement discussed

DNR is available to work on Osprey Trail (grading, stump clearing, etc.)

RTP grant deadline is March 1.

Bernie reports roof on new building needs snow stops to prevent snow from sliding off. States the Building is designed to handle the snow load. Estimated cost: \$300. Installation done this summer

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by Mecca volunteers. Funds for purchase of materials approved.

Grooming training next week at ABR in Ironwood. Jon will check on Mecca's 3 registrations.

ADJOURNED: 6:25 PM