
LAKEWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

Dear Lakewood Ski Club Members,

At last we are beginning my, and I know your, favorite season of the year. I look forward to good weather conditions and early snow.

Throughout the summer and fall months, club members have been busy putting things in order for the start of the ski season. This past fall, with the work of Lloyd Lundwall, Paul Romenesko, and myself, we were able to acquire a \$4400 matching grant from the Department of Agriculture through the U. S. Forest Service. This 2 year grant will be matched with budgeted funds from the ski club for trail improvements - primarily bulldozer and backhoe work. We are also exploring other grants available to the club and will have more information available in the future. We have completed the annual fall clean-up and the Oconto County Forestry Department mowed the trail in preparation for snow.

I would like to thank all members and volunteers who have put in countless hours accomplishing club business. Without them, these tasks could not be completed. I wish to encourage the membership to not only continue with their financial support, but also to fill out and send back the short questionnaire sent with the membership renewals. It is important to us as a board to have as much input as possible from all members so we can make significant and important decisions for the benefit of the club's future.

On a more personal level, I would like to thank the many members who have called with concerns and well wishes regarding my recent medical setback. I am very grateful and appreciate their support. I am especially proud and impressed with the enthusiasm of each and every member of the board who have stepped forward to accomplish our common goals. I look forward to continuing my rehab and training on our ski trail, with the goal of completing this year's Birkie.

Yours Truly,

Tim Klima

This is the hat to have!



Love this red hat? Want to promote your ski club when you are at races, events & skiing the trails?

These great looking hats can be ordered from Ellen Lundwall. **Cost of the hat is \$25.**

Send your check payable to **Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club** to:

Ellen Lundwall, N11428 cardinal lane, Silver Cliff WI 54104.

Don't delay!
With this weather they are going to go fast!

Annual Spring Chili Social Sat. March 4th 11:00 – 2:00

Get connected and socialize the “old fashioned way” - at our annual Chili Social Saturday March 4th, from 11:00 - 2:00. A campfire, hot chocolate, chili & cookies will be available. Bring your own lawn chairs. Donations accepted with all proceeds going towards trail maintenance.



Our Chili Social has been going on for quite a few years thanks to members who haul firewood and build a roaring bonfire, make and serve chili, hot chocolate and cookies. Volunteers are always welcome so if you are interested in contributing some goodies or helping out the day of the social, call 715-276-9942.

Making a Donation to the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club is a non-profit 501C3 which means that any donation you make, over and above your membership, is tax deductible. The IRS requires you to maintain a record of donations you wish to deduct. We, in turn, are required to send you a letter recognizing that donation. Some donors prefer to be anonymous, but if you have provided us with your name and address, you will receive a letter, recognizing your donation.

A **Legacy Donation** is another way to help insure the ski trails are available for future generations to enjoy. You can include a general bequest to the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club in your estate plan. *“I, give, devise, and bequeath to LAKEWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB, P.O. BOX 91, LAKEWOOD, WI 54138, the sum of \$_____, for the benefit of LAKEWOOD CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB for _____.”* Your Legacy Donation can be for “general purposes” or anything you specify such as “trails maintenance”, “grooming equipment”, “shelter construction”, etc. Whatever you choose to donate or leave to the club will be put to good use, ensuring the continuation of some of the best cross country skiing in the Midwest.

Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club - Fall Meeting Minutes

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club fall meeting was called to order on Saturday, Oct. 8th at the Lakewood/Townsend Rescue Squad building.

A motion to approve the minutes from the annual meeting on April 2, 2016, was made by Dale Keller, seconded by Mary Van Domelen and was approved unanimously.

Membership report by Mary Van Domelen:

- Mary reported that there was a pretty significant drop in memberships in 2015-16. While single memberships picked up family memberships dipped.
- She proposes trying to get a newspaper reporter from the Fox Valley to write a feature article on the trails.
- There were 90 returned memberships in 2015-16 totaling \$1,575 from singles, \$2,880 from families and \$1,820 in additional contributions
- In 2013-14, there were 104 returned memberships totaling \$900 from singles, \$3,105 from families and \$1,855 from additional contributions.
- In 2014-15, there were 107 returned memberships totaling \$1,395 from singles, \$3,300 from families and \$1,600 in additional contributions.

Business membership/maps:

- Colleen Altman is taking over for Johanna Axelrod, who handled these responsibilities for 10 years. The club trail map has about 25 advertisements and can get a maximum of 60 ads which could generate a maximum revenue of \$3,600. Colleen has corresponded with 70 businesses. Ads cost \$60 per year for the smallest square, and the club prices are unchanged.

Website:

- The club currently pays \$45 for the website domain name. The club's website will be put on hold until someone is found to manage the page.

Equipment and grooming:

- Paul Romenesko reported that the club's Pisten Bully groomer was purchased as a demo for \$82,000 in 1994. After 22 years, its first major breakdown occurred last winter. Paul asked the repair company to also perform routine maintenance, and it was repaired at a cost of \$9,461. With normal routine maintenance, it should be good for many more years to come, Paul said.
- The club's snowmobile groomer was bought in 2002 for just under \$6,000.
- Club treasurer Barry Brubaker reported that the \$4,000 which was budgeted this year for maintenance was well-spent.
- Paul reported that the club trails are nice but rough, and that's pounding the machines. Any trail work is for the betterment of the equipment and the skiing experience, he said.
- Tim Klima, Lloyd Lundwall and Fred Axelrod groom the Lakewood trails. It takes about 8 hours to groom all 30 kilometers early in the season and about 7 hours later in the winter.

Ski Hotline:

- The land line for the club's ski conditions hotline is a big expense. A motion to replace the land line with a track phone was made by Dale Keller, seconded by Paul and was approved unanimously. Barry will cancel the land line and he will work with Dale to replace it with a track phone.

New business:

- The club applied for a Title 2 government grant in the amount of \$4,400 to fund two days of backhoe and bulldozer work on the trails. The club will match funds for the two-year project, and work will be done in the trail's north end, where side hills are starting to wash away. Work will be done this fall.

Treasurer's report:

- Barry reported that the current checking balance is \$2,487.59. A CD was cashed to fund Pisten Bully repairs. Barry reported that the cost for the club's equipment and liability insurance is \$4,881 for three years. Cincinnati Indemnity is the carrier.

New business:

- Ellen Lundwall proposes to purchase ski hats with the club name to advertise the club. The hats, which are made in Hayward, Wis., cost \$16.25 apiece for 50. They will be sold for \$25 each. A motion to budget \$950 for the hats was made by Dale, seconded by John Altman, and was approved unanimously.
- The club's ski social will be held on March 4, 2017.

A motion to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. was made by Paul, seconded by Jody Korch and was approved unanimously.

New Ski Hotline

Memorize it, load it in your cell phone or write in on your hand! Do what works for you and keep this number handy. Our ski hotline is updated frequently and you know you are going to be calling
SO DO IT NOW!

715-622-1754

This is a wonderful service our club offers not only to members, but to any one who wants to check on the trail conditions in Lakewood. Feel free to send this number to other skiers but be sure to tell them we are a volunteer organization dependent on membership and donations.

And be sure to thank our grooming team and Dale Keller, “The Voice of the Lakewood XC Ski Club” for his enthusiastic and thorough trail condition reports.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The fall membership letters have been mailed and many of you have sent in your membership as well as generous additional contributions. If you have not mailed your membership please do so as soon as possible. Our club depends on membership as a “predictable” source of revenue, even when the snow fall does not cooperate. If you need further convincing, keep this in mind. It is a small group of volunteers who generously give their time, talents and energy to maintain our world class ski trails. Without the membership funds and donations even this highly dedicated group could not forge ahead. Your membership is important and we appreciate your continued support.



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For questions or comments, or to contribute photos or articles to the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club newsletter, contact Lea Peot, Editor at lakewoodxcskiclub@yahoo.com

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