



Running with the Pack

May 2007

Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic

We couldn't have had a more perfect day to have a picnic! Everyone that attended were treated to 40+ deg., no clouds in the sky weather, a plowed out picnic area, grilled burgers, hot dogs and many other salads and goodies. The picnic started at high noon and then at 1:15 Corky called the annual meeting to order. With about 35 members present, Corky went through an extensive agenda. It covered a detailed report of all our club expenses and where we stand today. Detailed grant report, with each ones status, trail report of each trail and what was done on them this year, and a grooming report of all the grooming activity, with both snowmachines and Big Foot. New business discussed was about better use of our web page www.laklouisesnowmachineclub.com. Members felt more information should be posted on the site. Keep checking during the year for changes. Before the election for the three board members were held, Corky introduced Ron Ringel as a new board member. Donald Snovel had to resign his spot and nominated Ron to finish his term ending next year.

Corky then opened the nominations, for the three board positions. Four members were nominated. Tracy Zimmer and Corky Matthews were reelected and member Bill Fair was elected to fill the third chair. The meeting was then adjourned with an enjoyable time had by all.

New Club Officers

After the Annual Meeting, the board held a meeting to elect officers for the next year. The board has elected the following as the officers:

President – Ron Jones

Vice Pres. – Not elected yet

Secretary – Harry Holt

Treasure – Ron Ringel

The other board members are:

Wayne Christiansen, Tracy Zimmer, Corky Matthews, Dennis Fairbanks and Bill Fair.

Year End Survey

The board would like to know how we did this year grooming and developing our trails. During the Annual meeting a

survey was passed out asking folks to rate the different trails they use and their importance. If you would take the time to fill out the survey, it will go a long way in helping us plan for next season. Please make comments how you would like to see the trails developed and what priorities you would put on them. You will find a survey form at the end of this month's newsletter. Fill it out and return it to myself, hholt@gci.net or to the Lake Louise Snowmachine Club, HC 01 Box 1684 B, Glennallen Ak 99588. The information you send will be very helpful budgeting fuel and resources next season, which believe it or not, Winter will be back before you know it!

Trail Grants

One last little update on where a couple of our trail grants stand right now. We went out on April 13th with PND and finished all the field survey work on the Eureka – John Lake. All the information PND has collected is currently being passed on to Pat Owens. She will study the State Status Platt Maps and then file and record the trail with the Mat-Su Borough.

We are still waiting on our grant of \$15,000 for the purchase of Big Foot. We have been notified that we will get the money soon but because it is coming from a federal fund the paper work is slow. Hopefully it will come to us in the next four to six weeks.

Nothing has been heard yet about the Project Pre-Application we submitted in March for a grant to survey and construct the McClaren trail. The way this grant is applied for we first had to file a pre-application. If our project is accepted then we will have to file a more complete and detailed Full Application. The minimum for these Alaska Trails

Initiative grants is \$50,00. We have applied for \$91,215 to do the job from start to finish. We should be hearing some news one way or another very soon. Lets hope it is *good News!*

Electronic Newsletter

Every time the club sends out a newsletter it cost us \$200 for printing and postage. So in an effort to save most of that money and utilize our web page, www.lakelouisesnowmachineclub.com we are going to start, beginning this issue, sending it out by email to all members who have listed an email address on their membership application. If for some reason you don't want it delivered this way, email me and I will take you off the mailing list hholt@gci.net. Each newsletter will also be on the web site. For the folks that don't have a computer we will still send you one by snail mail.

Be sure to check the web site through out the summer and into the fall for updates on what is happening in the club. Alice Desroches has some ideas on how we can improve the site and begin to use it more and more to communicate with our members. So check the web page off and on this summer.

Summer Maintenance

Take the time to wash your sled both outside and under the cowling. Grease all the fittings. Write a note of what needs to be fixed and attach it to the handle bar. Don't forget to order parts to avoid the fall rush too.

Happy Trails to All Wolf Pack Members and a Safe Summer,
Harry Holt; Secretary

Trail Advisory Survey

Score the Trails & Offer Advice

Score 1 to 10, (10 being best) (0 if you spent too much time at work and didn't ride).

Comments: Too wide, Too narrow, Grooming, Signing, What will make this trail better, Etc. Etc. What can we do to get more workers out on the trails? We need to hear what you think.

Trail	Score	Priority	Comments
Lake Louise-Crosswind			
Crosswind jct.- Big Bay			
Tolsona – Crosswind			
Big Rock			
North South Seismic Line			
Lake Louise – Tolsona			
Mendeltna Trail			
Eureka via John Lake			
Eureka via Tyone Creek			
Moore Lake – Tyone Jct.			
Tom Lake – Jan Lake			
Lake Susitna Loop			
Lake Louise Loop			