

La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
February 22, 2022

**Meeting called to order 6:58 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** With no additions or corrections, the December minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report given by Kathy Wallan. Gary Pankey moved to approve and Bernie Shoemaker 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried. Treasurer's report attached.

**Welcome:** Roger Ellis asked if there were any new members in attendance. There were two, Shane and Gerry Calonge.

**Old Business:**

**Amending the Constitution and Bylaws:** Gary Pankey re-read the changes. Bernie Shoemaker moved to approve and Pat Inman 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.

**Club Accessories:** Roger had the engraved RTIC tumblers available for \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

**Charity Rides:**

Reminder that the Walker Rim Riders annual Candlelighters ride is Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am. They are looking for two person sleds as well as volunteers. Adam Lochmann nsaid he would ask his boss at Central Oregon Adventures if they could provide some two person sleds. Bill Inman offered to trailer them down to Crescent. There probably won't be as many kids due to transportation.

Adam Lochmann represented the club at the Trans Montana Snowmobile NAMI Charity ride earlier this month. It was an 8-day ride, staying at 5 different hotels. It offered all levels of riding and there were anywhere from 32 riders to 50 riders participating. They rode about 50 miles a day. They raised approximately \$35,000 for NAMI and the governor showed up one day to present a new groomer.

**New Business:**

**Advertisers Certificates:** Shay Kent, VP has suggested we present appreciation certificates to our map advertisers. Roger Ellis delivered them and tonight presented The Moose Lodge with theirs along with one to Dale for Dale Jellison Construction.

**New Board Member:** Judy Bice had resigned her position in December. At a special board meeting before the general meeting, Adam Lochmann was voted in as her replacement.

**OSSA:**

Susie Wirges is the new District 4 membership director.



There will be a women's ride at Paulina Lake March 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Ehlert, Avalanche Safety Coordinator, is working with manufacturers to see if they will give discounts on avalanche safety equipment. Next year in the fall, they will kick out a mini companion rescue to teach members how to 'Keep it Safe' and rescue avalanche victims. They will be bringing in instructors for 3 years for 'train the trainer' companion rescue so clubs can train their members. This training will help people feel comfortable getting out the safety gear and saving a life.

Chuck also mentioned that the forecasting in Central Oregon is not good. They are working on installing a weather station at Paulina. It will be like the MISO west system for 24/7 forecasting. The long-range goal is to have border to border forecasting. Eventually there will be 4 remote stations from Sheridan to Klamath Falls. Bend, Salem and Eugene have contributed money for the forecasting stations.

**Beacon Practice Park:** Jack Reynolds wanted to thank OSSA for obtaining a grant to purchase and install 24 avalanche beacon checkers at snow parks. As you pass by the sign, if your transceiver is working, it will flash green. We were the first club in the state to purchase and install a sign in 2017. As well, thanks to OSSA, they will be setting up beacon parks with 8 buried sensors for training. Volunteers will set up, take down and maintain.

**New Trails:** On behalf of the club, Jack Reynolds has put together a petition the Deschutes National Forest for permission to add two new loops, off the south side of Trail #2, to our grooming inventory.

**Grooming:** Bob Keller thanks the groomers (Jack Reynolds, Dennis Wallen and Chuck Ehlert) for their work so far this year. They have groomed 300 miles less than last year due lack of snow. After 18 years, Bob is retiring but Chuck Ehlert has stepped up to take over his position.

**Trails:** Gary Pankey had nothing new to report.

**Opps Award:** Dennis Wallan nominated Bob Keller for the award for his extra-long grooming adventure on evening. Bob accepted the award for the month.

**Additional Rides:**

March 4-6<sup>th</sup> Wanoga Sno-Park will have the Bachelor Butte Dog derby with dogsled and skijoring racing.

March 11-13<sup>th</sup> Walker Rim Rider will host their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Vintage Snowmobile Event

March 12-13<sup>th</sup> Sumper Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club will host a vintage sled race.

Adjourn: 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Michele Kogler, Secretary