

La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers
General Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2021

Meeting called to order 12:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: Gary Pankey moved to approve April 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Dennis Wallan 2nd, carried.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Wallan read the Profit and Loss Statement dated 8/11/2021 – 9/27/2021 and went through the line items; there were \$61 in donations, \$.011 in interest, \$2,445 in Map Ad Sales, \$38.72 in OSSA payment, \$510 in new membership dues and \$1,015 in OSSA Membership; expenses were \$770 in OSSA State Membership dues, \$11.46 in supplies and \$120.58 in Work Party Trail Fund Expenses. Other expenses included \$14.23 in Pay Pal charges, \$2.95 in The Square Charges, \$78.06 in reimbursement to Roger Ellis for envelopes and stamps for Member Application forms and \$1,000 for Scholarship Fund check. Check book balance is \$12,342.32. Michele Kogler moved to accept the Treasurers Report, Gary Pankey 2nd., carried.

Trail Maps: Gary Pankey reported the map is close to being done. There are only 2 unpaid advertisers. Only major change to the map is the front picture. Thanks was given to the officers and the board for their work on contacting the advertisers. Gary Pankey did a lot of calling and travel to advertisers as well.

John and Peggy Spieger: Kathy Wallen provided update from April 25, 2021. The bench was dedicated July 3rd. The plaque for the bench should be ready in the new future. The tree was planted near the fountain in Heritage Park and is doing well. Kathy Wallan also reminded us that Peggy Spieger was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in September 2020. One of the banners from the 4th of July parade, where they were Grand Marshals, was available for all members to sign. This will be presented to them. The other banner was hung up on the wall inside the warming station.

Statewide Scholarships: 3 scholarships, including the new John & Peggy Spieger scholarships, were given this year.

Grooming Report: Gary Pankey provided update. OSSA allocates \$5,000 annually to each club to fix the trails. To date, we have \$15,000 so Gary Pankey received a quote from a contractor for \$13,000 to brush trail 80, as it is desperate need of fixing. It should be done sometime in October. Gary Pankey reported that last year was one of the worse years for down trees. Gary Pankey and Rusty Hoar cut/cleaned up a lot of trees that were in the trails, mostly on trail 64.

Road and Trail Work: Gary Pankey did a great job of arranging the permits, County sign in sheets, crew, supplies, water, food and assignments for the day's work. Road work, Chuck and Tori Ehlert, Michele Kogler and Kathy Wallan cleaned up trash from entrance to Paulina Lodge down to 10 mile. Rick Lind cleaned up the parking lot and the tail end of the trails that lead to the parking lot. The road cleanup is done twice a year once, the lower section is done in the spring and the upper in September. Rusty Hoar gave Bob and Laurel Hutton instructions on replacing/adding signage on the snowmobile trails. They completed at least 50% of the trails!

Chainsaws: Three chain saws were sold earlier this year for a total of \$600 as we had too many and the ones sold were older ones. They were replaced with electric/battery operated ones. They can carry them in the groomer which makes it easier for them to cut and trees/limbs along their route. Gary Pankey has been working on a Power saw safety and certification class. He hopes one can be held in October. Per Forest Service regulations, those who use power saws need to be certified to clear trails. He has been in contact with Dave Hannibal, who works out of John Day and is a certified teacher. His class is just one day whereas the Forest Service class is two days. As well, Dave's class offers certification for 3 years instead of just 1 from the Forest Service.

Parking Lot Expansion: Gary Pankey reported that unfortunately, the Forest Service is not considering that at this time.

Snowmobiler of the year: This takes place in April, so throughout the season, keep in mind who you would like to nominate. The same goes for the "Outstanding Member of the year". Remember there is a monthly "Oops Award" trophy during the season. This is just for fun, not to include those who

get hurt on their snowmobiles. This trophy will be handed off each month during the season.

Officers: Kathy Wallan has been in the Treasurer position for 2 years and is ready to turn the reigns over to a qualified person. If you know anyone who would like to take this position over, please contact Roger Ellis and Kathy Wallan.

OSSA Growth Zone Software: Kathy Wallan provided update. The club is on the website and they already did a mailing for us. This will greatly help the clubs with billing, group emails, board emails etc. They have yet to set a date for training for Kathy Wallan; but should happen soon. If there is a replacement for Kathy Wallan soon, it would be great timing for her/him to get trained as well.

Meeting days/times/location: We are still trying to make a final decision on the venue for the monthly General Meetings. Roger Ellis, Gary Pankey, Dennis Wallan and Kathy Wallan went to the Moose Lodge to discuss meals and days. They have a new cook at the Moose Lodge and were presented with a nice varied menu including pricing. Michele Kogler and Roger Ellis have been trying to get the same from the American Legion but have been unable to have a meeting with them.

Selling the ATV: Gary Pankey was able to sell the ATV for \$1,000.

Monthly Snowmobile Rides: A ride schedule from Roger Ellis was available at the meeting and it will also be mailed out to all members. One ride will be at Paulina and the other at various locations to try and include another snowmobile club.

Warming Station: Gary Pankey gave Gordan Inman and Bill Inman a big thank you for their help and hard work on staining the entire Warming Station. It was a big job, especially with some wind on Saturday.

Avalanche Training: Chuck Ehlert, Lodgepole Dodger member, has been appointed the new OSSA Avalanche Safety Coordinator. We hope to have a class for our members. This would include how to use the beacon, beeper, analyze snow etc. Dennis Wallan said it would be nice to have a testing unit at Paulina to practice. Bill Inman said the Forest Service denied one at Wanoga Snow Park but there is one at Red Chair at

Mount Bachelor. He had not been there to try it. Gary Pankey reminded everyone not to stop at the base of the hill. There have been two deaths at Paulina, one where someone was stopped at the base of the hill, with other riders above.

Snowmobile rentals at Paulina: Marilen and Alan Rose, owners of Obsidian Flow Snow Tours were at the meeting to provide information. They are very close to closing the deal that would allow their company to have a trailer and have 14 or 15 snowmobiles for rent 7 days a week. They also will offer guided tours.

A big Thank You: Cheryl Hoar had many full tubs of hand knitted hats, free for the taking! Her generosity was appreciated by all the members.

New Plaque: A new plaque from the Oregon State Snowmobile Association, "Home Town Hero" has been placed in the glass case. It also states the Lodgepole Dodgers proudly support the La Pine Area Veterans.

Clothing: Kathy Wallan reminded the members that we have club clothing for sale with the Lodgepole Dodgers name and logo. We can also have any of our favorite personal clothing embroidered for a very reasonable price.

Groomer: Members were invited to stop in the shed to have a closeup view of the groomer.

Adjourn: 1:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Michele Kogler, Secretary