

La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers
General Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2021

Meeting called to order 7 pm

Approval of Minutes: Gary Pankey moved to approve the September 26, 2021, Meeting, 2nd, and carried.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Wallan read the Profit and Loss Statement dated 9/15/2021 – 10/26/2021 and went through the line items; income was \$186 in donations, \$2,655 in Map Ad Sales, \$390 in new membership dues and \$770 in OSSA Membership; expenses were \$700 in OSSA State Membership dues, \$259.98 in supplies, \$49.09 in Postage and mailing, \$26.55 in Printing and Copying, \$39.45 in Supplies for work completed at 10 mile, and \$103.99 in Work Party Trail Fund Expenses. Other expenses included \$11.71 in Pay Pal charges, \$4.94 for Growth Zone Charges. Net income was \$2,805.29. Check book balance is \$14,233.62. Bernie Shumaker moved to accept the Treasurers Report, 2nd and carried.

Snowmobile Map: Roger Ellis reported total sales to date are \$6,430. The map is reprinted every two years and is supported by local businesses. A big thanks to the Board members that helped: Gary and Haysel Pankey, Tom Chesnut, Dennis and Kathy Wallan and Michele Kogler. Roger Ellis worked on this as well.

OSSA Growth Zone Software: Kathy Wallan provided update. Training was conducted at Kathy's house last week, Michele Kogler attended as well. We can utilize this software now. It will help with membership, mailings, reports etc.

Budget: The annual budget was presented. Total projected expenses are \$35,182.12. Haysel Pankey moved to approve the budget, 2nd and carried.

Membership: Kathy Wallan reported our membership is now at 61 members.

Volunteers needed: Roger Ellis asked the members to

consider volunteering for the following: annual audit of the financials, a calling committee for the general meetings and dinner RSVPs and clothing sales. Anyone interested should contact Roger.

Grooming report: Bob Keller was up at 10 Mile today and reported some snow in the parking lot. Cat operators for this year are: Jack Reynolds, Chuck Ehlert, Dennis Wallan, and Tom Chesnut. They plan on grooming trail 6 and 21 every Tuesday. Grooming reports will be posted on the website and Roger Ellis will post on Facebook as well. Grooming is based on snow conditions and holidays. The Cat has been serviced and all the fuel purchased for the year. A big thanks to Prinoth for the new LED lights for the Cat.

Trail Maintenance: Gary Pankey provided update on the September 10 mile work. The road from 10 mile to the entrance of the road into Paulina Lake Lodge was picked up. The warming station was sprayed and took 2 days. This is done every 3-4 years. OSSA allocates \$5,000 annually to each club to fix the trails. We had \$15,000 allocated in the account so Gary Pankey was able to find a contractor from Chiloquin to do the brushing. There were two of them and they brushed approximately 16 miles of trail 80.

John and Peggy Spieger: Peggy wanted to thank the club for all they have done for her and John since 1980. She said it has been a wonderful experience and so grateful for the bench and the tree, along with being the Grand Marshals in the La Pine 4th of July parade. Gary Pankey also reminded us Peggy Spieger was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in September 2020. One of the banners from the 4th of July parade was available for all members to sign. The other banner was hung up on the wall inside the warming station. It was pointed out that **thanks** to Peggy, Paulina is the only national monument, Newberry National Volcanic Monument, that allows snowmobiling.

La Pine Christmas Parade: Jack Reynolds asked if anyone was interested in participating in the parade on Dec. 4th. Sherry Wahle volunteered, Adam Lochmann would provide the trailer and Dennis and Kathy Wallan would also help.

Donation: Roger Ellis informed us that Roger Kelso, La Pine Signs, a longtime supporter of our club with his decals, banners

etc. passed away. Roger asked the club if we would consider sending flowers, it was decided a monetary donation would be made. The club decided it would be \$200. Bernie Shoemaker moved to approve, 2nd and carried.

2022 OSSA Convention: Roger Ellis reminded the club that the convention will be held at Diamond Lake Resort, January 11- 15th. The hotel and cabins fill up so anyone interested should make reservations soon. It is an OSSA 50th year celebration as well as a 100th year celebration for Diamond Lake Resort. There will be a meet and greet, avalanche training, riding, a banquet, silent auction, vendors, raffles and more. There will be some rides that require basic avalanche equipment: beacon, probe, and shovel.

Charity Rides: Roger Ellis mentioned the Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Candlelight ride will be on February 27, 2022.

This event helps children and their families affected by cancer. Roger said it is a great experience and in 2020, 16 Lodgepole Dodgers participated.

Adam Lochmann wanted to let the club know he will be participating in the Trans-Montana 2022 Snowmobile Charity Ride February 5th through the 11th. Roger will post the information on Facebook. Proceeds will go to NAMI Montana who supports those with mental illness. Montana has the highest rate of suicide in the country. Adam says it is a great riding adventure in Montana. There is a \$350 sponsor ship commitment so if any member wants to donate, they can send the money and/or contact Kathy Wallan. Once monies have been collected, she will write a check to Adam. Adam said, so far, we'll be the only club in Oregon to sponsor the event.

Avalanche Training: Chuck Ehlert, Lodgepole Dodger member, who has been appointed the new OSSA Avalanche Safety Coordinator was asked for an update on future avalanche training.

Chuck has been riding for 10 years and found there was no local information on avalanche training, so he applied for training with the OSSA. Later this summer he will finish up the second training for his certification. Next year there will be training class for clubs along with manufacturer discounts on avalanche gear.

Monthly Snowmobile Rides: Roger Ellis went through the ride

schedule that has been mailed out to all members. One ride will be at Paulina and the other at various locations to try and include another snowmobile club. Roger also said he would invite other clubs to see our trails.

Toys for Tots: Mark Wirges is part of the Toys for Tots and asked members to consider bringing a toy for a child in need to the next general meeting. You can also bring one to the December meeting.

Christmas Party: The annual Christmas party will be held Dec. 4th at 1 pm at the warming station.

Awards: Remember there is a monthly “Oops Award” trophy during the season which will be presented at each meeting. If you get to see someone’s funny misfortune, take a picture.

Next meeting: Roger Ellis noted the next meeting will be November 30th. The meal will be Baby back ribs, baked potato, vegetable, roll for \$15. Please bring non-perishable for the Food Bank in La Pine to that meeting. The December 14th meal will be Tri tip steak, baked potato, vegetable, roll for \$17.

Adjourn: 7:50 pm

Minutes submitted by Michele Kogler, Secretary