



THE TRACK

SNO VOYAGEUR'S NEWSLETTER

October 2021

We have a new email address: snovoyaguersinfo@gmail.com

Welcome to our fall newsletter. We hope to be able to send one out at least quarterly throughout the year with updates on the work our club volunteers and the Board of Directors are doing.

Our election of the Board of Director positions was held at our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on May 4, 2021. Current Board members for our club are:

President – David Emms

Vice-President - Ray Trask

Secretary/ Treasurer - Marianne de Bretan-Berg

Trails Ambassador/Landowner Liaison - Warren Harris,

Social Media Coordinator - Janne Haapalainen

Trails Manager/Volunteer Coordinator - Paul Ineson

Assistant Trails Manager- Paul Piotrowski

Clubhouse - Greg Emms

Groomer Operator Manager- Ingo Berg

Ass't Groomer Operator Manager - Steve Blow

We have had a lot of interest in volunteering with the club and the Board would like to welcome and thank our new volunteers. Your help is very much appreciated and we really couldn't do the great job we do without all of the many hours you put in. Because our volunteers work so hard in the fall to get the trails in top condition, we are told time and again how great our trails are to ride on. Volunteer help is invaluable and we are always in need of more volunteers. It's a great way to meet people and to get to know all of the different things that go into making the trails ready for riding. There is a lot of preparation that is required- more than you would ever think! Please contact us through our main email address snovoyaguersinfo@gmail.com if you wish to join our crew – no

experience needed! We will train you! Paul Ineson is working hard to get us a great team this year. Thanks, Paul!

Groomers: We have several new groomer operators that have been hired and will begin training this month. We are always looking for people to train with us for this important job.

The groomer machines have had their needed repairs and routine preventative maintenance done and will be ready to go when the snow flies! And we have a great crew of volunteers who are capable of doing this mechanical work. (Shout out to Ingo and Kevin for spearheading this!)

Trails: We are busy clearing brush, putting up signage, snow fence, snow ropes, etc. If you can give us a few hours, it's a great way to see the trails and what we do to make them safe for you.

Advertisers: If you visit our Facebook page, you will see that we frequently post our sponsor's businesses. These businesses advertise on our sign boards out on the trails and we wouldn't survive financially without their continued support. So, please – like and share their posts and frequent their businesses to support them in kind. Paul Piotrowski and Ray Trask have done a stupendous job of increasing our sponsors. We thank our previous hard-working advertising coordinators, Penny and Grant Wicks for the many years they tackled this important job.

SURPRISE SURPRISE! In the coming month or two, we are going to be announcing a very exciting addition to our club this year. You won't want to miss it so keep your eyes on our Facebook page for the big reveal!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trail Work parties: Saturday and Sundays

Friday Oct. 29 7 pm Clubhouse- Signage and risk management course

Who should attend: Groomer operators, trail volunteers

Saturday Nov. 14 11am-2pm Open House & Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

To be held at the Groomer shed at 1053 Coughlin Rd. Vespra

More information will be forthcoming on our Facebook page and website

And finally, I want to remind everyone about the **OFSC's SAVE OUR TRAILS** initiative. Every year, we risk losing access to our trails that cross our generous landowner's properties. This has become an immense issue and we are in serious jeopardy of having quite a few landowners withdraw their permission to use their land because of damage to their crops and equipment by hot-doggers going off-trail. When this happens, we often don't have an alternative but to run the road-which most of us hate to do. So please do your part and spread the word if you want to continue to have the best trails in Ontario.

Off-trail riding has become such a problem in the province that the OFSC has produced an advertising campaign to spread the word. Hopefully, this will see a change in attitude. You can visit the OFSC media campaign here:

<https://www.ofsc.on.ca/2021/03/04/ofsc-asks-snowmobilers-to-play-key-role-in-anti-trespass-initiatives/>

That's it for this time! As always, if you have suggestions, questions or concerns, or would like to try volunteering with us, please contact the club at snovoyageursinfo@gmail.com.

Wishing you happy trails,
Marianne de Bretan-Berg
Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator