

Note from the President

December 20, 2018

Good Morning Wolfpack,

I'm sure folks have been wondering what the heck is going on this year in regards to club activities and grooming. Let me first apologize for not getting this info out to everyone sooner.

Trails

Let's start out with marking the lake trail. We had plans to organize a work party Dec 15th and 16th but as you all know the lack of ice thickness and overflow made it prudent to wait till after New Years.

It looks like the temperatures have been staying cold and a lot of the overflow is freezing up. With that, we'll tentatively set the weekend of **January 5th and 6th** to organize a **Work Party** to set the trail. This is a big job that requires as many people as we can get to help. All that is needed is for folks to show up and bring a lunch as this will take all day. We have everything needed and if enough people show up we can get'er done in one day. We'll meet at **Lake Louise Lodge at 9:00 am** to get organized and go from there. Contact Harry at 232-9080 if you want to help and check if anything changes.

Grants

We applied to both SnoTRAC and the Mat-Su Borough for grooming grants back in July. Though we didn't get all we asked for we have received \$9895.23 from SnoTRAC and \$12,587.82 from the Borough.

Groomers

Hopefully breakdowns will be minimal this year. Last fall the Tucker was hauled to Meyer's Equipment Repair's shop in Palmer. We had new tracks built and installed, the under carriage serviced and repaired, fluids changed, and some other minor repairs done as well. The Tucker has been delivered back to the lake and is ready to hook up to the groomer.

We also, last September, organized a couple work parties to service Big Foot. We did oil and filter changes and had to split one track to repair a broken trunion. Big Foot is now ready to go as well.

There will also be a couple snowmachine groomers on the lake in front of Lake Louise Lodge for anyone to use anytime. One is also staged on Lake Susitna in front of Harry Holt's cabin. These work great making a trail to and around your cabin or anywhere you need a good packed trail. Use them all you like and just bring them back when you finish for the next guy.

Easements

We have made more progress this year getting easements on the Tolsona and Big Rock Trails. All the final surveys and paperwork are in the hands of DNR which should finalize and issue the easements anytime now. It's been a long arduous and expensive process which hopefully will end in having the easements issued soon!

Events

On **March 9th** we'll once again be holding our **Wolf Pack Weekend**. In the afternoon there will be a guided ride to somewhere fun tailored to riders of all abilities. That evening beginning at 7:00 our annual fund raising **Basket Auction** will begin at Lake Louise Lodge. Following the auction enjoy the live entertainment.

This weekend will be here before you know it, so start putting together a basket, mark your calendar, and plan to come join a day great fun.

Our final club event of the year will be the **Annual Membership Meeting** held on **Saturday, April 6th**. Unfortunately, attendance in the past years, a few has been frankly pretty much nonexistent! We have 150+ paid members and only five members have showed for this meeting in the past plus the board members. If we are to continue being a strong organization, more members need to begin taking more interest. This is probably the most important gathering we have. It's the only time the board meets with Club members all together to discuss the Club's business and activities of the past year and make plans for the coming year. Another important part of the meeting is electing new board members and officers for the next year. We need members to step up and serve on the board. There are several current members now that have been on the board for close to ten years and want to take a break. So if you are the least bit interested, please let any one of the board members know you would like to help.

If we are to continue being a strong organization, more members need to begin taking more of an interest. Everyone wants nice trails and to have them, it takes a commitment on everyone's part, not just a handful. Please get involved with your Club. Contact any board member if you want to help out anytime.

Be sure to check our webpage and Facebook often for updates during the season. We will be updating the trail report every Thursday and post announcements of different activities going on at the Lake.

Whenever you ride....be careful, ride responsible, be aware of your surroundings, and above all...**let someone know where you are going and when you will be back!!!!**

Have fun this season and

Happy Trails.....Harry