



Trail Notes

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Club News...

Well, another great year may have come to an end! With all the recent warm weather coupled with some rain, there is almost no snow left on the trails. **A special thanks goes out to all of those who have helped with groomer repairs, maintenance and grooming itself! Harry and Phil Bartlett, Jim Myers, Mark Dryden, Dan Cartier, Steve Simpelaar, Jim Barbur, George Toth, Dean and Lynne Harper, Chris Taylor Andy Duschen, Eric Krackehl**

Now the fun begins! All trail signage, broken posts, and markers will need to be picked up and sorted out. We are still on the lookout for any volunteers to lend a helping hand to the few of us who do the work. If you are interested in taking over a small section of trail, and will be willing to continue in the near future, please come to the next meeting on March 10th to let us know that you are willing to help.

We had a total of 22 members show for the last meeting. While this is a good showing, it is not great! Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday evening to show support for YOUR local club. I do not want to make this sound negative, but once again, we are into a new year with only a few people doing the work. With more support from members, we can continue to grow and expand our awesome snowmobile club. Our trail goals for this year will be expansion of trail to Palermo; expansion of the new rail bed from Larkin Road to George Road; finish routing of trail from power lines at Miner Road to Woody's Gas Station. Some interest has been show from a couple people from the Palermo area. We will be working with them and local landowners to achieve the goal of routing trail to Palermo.

More people are needed to step up to the plate and help organize more and different fundraisers. We would like to purchase a second groomer as we currently have approximately 40 miles of trail. As we found out this past winter, our one groomer has to be run nearly non-stop just to keep up with trail grooming demands. This does not take into account repairs and routine maintenance that has to be performed to keep the groomer running. We had a few problems with groomer and drag breakdowns this winter that did not help the trail situation at all. If you noticed that at times, the trails were a little rough and it seemed that no one was grooming, then show up at the next meeting Wednesday, March 10th, 2004 and volunteer your time and energy to assist in fixing this problem! One thing to realize is that those of you who have complained are NOT mentioned above. Why is this? Those mentioned above are the ones who not only run the groomer, but also have to do repairs, usually trailside, to the groomer, who also have families they want to spend time with, who also have jobs of there own and last but not least also want to RIDE their own snowmobiles and enjoy the fruits of their labors! We are also looking for options on purchasing a utility trail machine similar to the Pug we leased last fall. As our mileage increases, the time it takes to walk all those miles carrying posts, signs, sledgehammer, chainsaw, etc. is enormous! With only a few doing trail work it will be imperative that we get a machine to help us do a better and more efficient job on the trails. Therefore, we NEED more help in the fundraising department!

Paula Dryden will have lots of new and exciting club clothing to look at and order at our next meeting! She has hats, turtle neck shirts, Henley's, and denim shirts. Be sure to stop in and see what she has and give ideas as to what you would like to see. She is open to all suggestions and comments. Don't forget we still have tee's and sweatshirts available!

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