



The Snowpoke News



Spring 2018

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Memorial Ride 2018 - February 25th

Ten riders out this sunny Sunday for the annual Memorial Ride. Thank you to Ron Tonts for 'showing the way' up to Tin Cup mountain where everyone enjoyed the wonderful view and the great snow conditions. Approximately 25 people were in attendance for the 'memorial', presided over by Helen Monk. We all enjoyed Helen's story about the "Ladies Ride" many moons ago!

Helen then read the list of past members who are no longer with us. Unfortunately the list seems to grow every year. Wishing everyone health and happiness this year - please stay OFF this list!

Thanks again, Helen, and we have enjoyed all the years with you on the trails - glad you didn't limit yourself to only 'ladies rides' !!

....Bob Walker....



Photo: Bob Walker



Photo: Ron Tonts

President's Report *John Sullivan*

It's been a year few of us will forget.

We completed the Bombi shed project in May painting it green to match the clubhouse.

In July, August and September the fire occupied our attention for the summer. Thanks to the SGLVFD for setting up a bladder and sprinklers to protect our future.

In September we did an archaeological assessment to bring in a gas line and set up a future building site for a garage. Tests proved negative and we were able to modify our lease agreement in January to allow construction. A gas line is set to be installed at the end of May. It's been a long process.

Our first potluck was in November, followed by a Christmas party and New Years party in December. A Valentines party in February completed the season.



Photo: Bob Walker

We lost 4 trails due to the fire this winter but we were able to set up work parties to keep the other trails open. This involved over 60 man hours of clearing trail blockages. The Bombi is now equipped with wide tracks and worked well

Snow conditions were great this winter but the season was off to a slow start. Two quad trips, one to Olsen Butte and the other to 70 Mile for lunch helped those anxious to get out. After Christmas we settled into regular Sunday and Wednesday rides. The snow just got deeper as the season progressed. We had some of the best riding opportunities that we have seen in many years.

We also trailered machines to Opax Mountain in January to explore the logging road system under deep powder.



In December the club collected food for the food bank and purchased turkeys to help their Christmas food drive. In February we ran one of our most successful Snowaramas. We had 32 riders participating and \$2,200.00 for the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

In January we formed a Clubhouse Renovation Committee that identified, prioritized and estimated costs of future clubhouse improvement. A professional grant writer with the TNRD helped complete application on grants to finance these.

In March I was able to attend the BCSF Annual General Meeting in Revelstoke where the BCSF's executive struggled with the Provincial Membership Plan and trying to develop a strategic plan for the Federation's next 5 years.

I would like to thank the many people that helped make all this possible. The club is the sum of their individual contributions

John Sullivan... President

← **The new visitors map and guide produced by Recreation Sites and Trails BC includes the newly designated "Dixon Trail" in honour of Frank Dixon. (part of the Moose Alley trail)**

Executive Meeting	General Meeting
Wed. Sept 26 @ 7PM	Mon. Oct 1 @ 7PM

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2017 - 2018 Calendar of Events

July 8 **Frank Dixon's Celebration of Life**
At the Snowmobile Clubhouse

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BCSF AGM Report - March 2018

The Annual BCSF General Meeting was held in Revelstoke on March 24, 2018. It was held at that date to match up with the Revelstoke's celebrations of the club's 50th year anniversary. A club Gala was held on the Friday night and the General Meeting took place the next day. About 30 clubs and 100 individuals attended. Saturday was divided into two parts; open club discussions in the morning /early afternoon and a General Meeting starting at 2:15.

A timeline for the development of a Strategic Plan was put forward. The areas to focus on would be identified by April. A review of the plan would be done in June and the plan would be circulated to the clubs in July.

Our Bylaws were reviewed and updated with the help of legal counsel to conform with the new Societies Act. The two significant changes were added to the remove the reference to Zones to allow the Board members to be chosen on the basis of need and allow for electronic participation in meetings via the internet. The club discussed and reviewed these changes.

Problems with Silkstart were discussed. These included complaints about the speed, auto renewals not adjusting to club rate changes and problems with members getting membership cards in a timely manner. (We will move away from BCSF cards to locally issued ones)

The real elephant in the room was the discussion of the Provincial Membership Plan and the \$1,700 levy passed at the last General Meeting. It resulted in 5 clubs leaving the federation, 7 clubs refusing to pay and 6 clubs making partial payments. \$110,500 was invoiced; \$85,150 collected and \$44,129 was spent to date. What do we do to heal this division? Coupled with this was the number of clubs unwilling or unable to share financial information.(33% of clubs didn't submit data) Incomplete or erroneous data was submitted. The variation in the cost of grooming/km is enormous. We need to know more about day pass users. The mandate to ensure clubs have more funds than they have now is complicated by the large range of services offered, grooming programs, and capacity with each club. There was a discussion about what to do about clubs that didn't pay and their ability to participate in the afternoon's meeting. A research of bylaws found that they remained members of good standing.

At the General Meeting, previous minutes were approved; the President's and Directors' reports were accepted as distributed. Proposed changes to the Federation's bylaws were passed.

The clubs approved the recommendations of the PMP committee to postpone the decision on the PMP until the AGM of 2021. The committee would use this time to create a standardized reporting format of club revenue, expenses, groomer hours, and kilometers groomed. Information on day pass users would be collected. Clubs would submit standardized data annually. A vote to continue the project would be held at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Unused funds (about \$850/club) would be returned to clubs that paid and other clubs would be invoice for \$850 in money spent.

Elections of executive positions and board of directors was by acclamation with no nominations for vice president and four of the nine Zone representatives.

The Club Congress will be held on September 22, 2018 and the AGM on April 6, 2019.



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Ride to the "Sugar Shack" – Wednesday February 18th



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Started off with 7 riders today, lost Dave Swartz as his sled was acting up so he headed home. We had myself, Warren Lowe & his brother-in-law Doug, Art G., John S. and Ron Thurston. We played in the deep snow and then headed off to the Sugar Shack for lunch.

.... Ron Tonts....



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Club Rides ...Sundays / Wednesdays... NEXT WINTER!

Club Rides (finished for season - see ya next winter!)

Weather permitting, riders are to be at the Clubhouse by 10:30 a.m. Bring a lunch as the ride may not include a stop at a local eatery.

Individuals may organize Quad rides during the 'off season' for a fun time or for trail maintenance purposes if required.

Please be aware of the forest trail closures still in effect out there due to last summer's fires!

For Sale!



Do you have a snowmobile for sale?

Send details to the editor to have it listed in future newsletters. Include a picture if possible.



Photo: Ron Tonts

We headed up to the Marble Mountains today, 145kms round trip. Had Ron T, John S., Peter M., John Dustin, Erin, Ron Thurston, Len Burwell.



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Jeep Lake Ride - March 4th



Nine riders out today, led by Sandy Jamieson. Snow conditions really good with lots of the white stuff at Jeep Lake. We had a little problem finding the fire pit under the snow - good thing we knew the approximate location of it! No trouble finding the picnic table, just had to shovel the snow off of it!

We got a fire going with some dry wood that John Sullivan brought along, then collected some more branches and stuff to get a good fire going for the weenie roast. After the pig-out, we all hit the trail back

Photos: Bob Walker



to Green Lake, retracing the route back to look for Diane's Thermos bottle and mug dropped somewhere along the way down! We found the mug, but no Thermos. Diane later saw a Facebook post that someone found it! Diane got it back right away but I think the tea was missing!

Yes the campfire was put out before leaving. We did not want that fire to spread in those (winter) conditions!

....Bob...



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Membership 2017 - 2018

Did you know that your Green Lake Snowmobile Club membership will expire on October 31st, 2018!

We appreciate your past support of the club and would like to encourage you to renew your membership each year.

Current paid membership stands at 126 (as of March 5th)


If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or any of the directors listed in this newsletter.



Thank-you!

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Just an early reminder to our friends on the lake who knew Frank Dixon. As you know, our good friend Frank passed away just before all the wildfires last summer. Rita had hoped to have a Celebration of Frank's life last September but it did not work out at that time.

*Frank was a very active part of the Green Lake community for at least 25 years. Frank had such a great knowledge of the Green Lake and surrounding area and because of this he was often our Snowmobile and ATV lead. If you had the opportunity to attend any snowmobile events you probably noticed Frank sitting quietly in the back of the room with his large bottle of A & W rootbeer. We really miss our good friend and want to honour and celebrate his life on **Sunday, July 8th /2018** at the Green Lake Snowmobile Club. Please pass this on to anyone who may want to attend.*

We will send another notice as the date gets closer but please make sure you mark this important date on your calendar.

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