



## Greetings Fellow Snowmobilers

The 2016 / 2017 season is just around the corner. Our Club held its first meeting last week to get an early start on the necessary preparations for the sledding season.

Here are some of the highlights since our last newsletter.

- ❖ We held our Annual General Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. We reviewed our year and the successful construction and opening of our new Groomer storage facility in Seven Sisters. At the end of the AGM new **Executive** was installed:

John Fleming – President  
Jason Wiebe – Vice President  
Kim Oswald – Secretary  
Gus Wruck – Treasurer

### Directors

-TRAILS

Brendan Arsenault & Wally Sokoliuk

-GROOMING

Dave Baleja

-INFASTRUCTURE

Robert Stelko

-PUBLIC RELATIONS

Kim Oswald

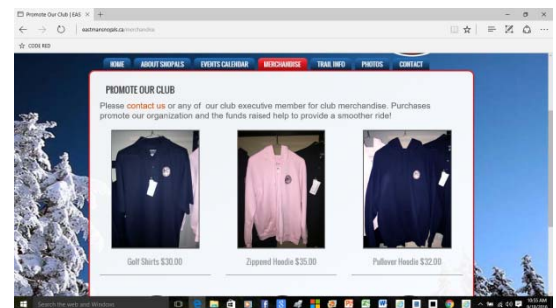
-MEMBER SERVICES

Vacant at this time

- ❖ At the AGM we also made some amendments to our operating by-law by adding a **REGULAR**

**GENERAL MEETING** to our procedures. This means that at those club meetings all club members have the right to make motions and vote.

- ❖ We now have some club merchandise for sale that bears our club logo. The items would be great Christmas gifts for the sledder in your family. The items are shown on our CLUB MERCHANDISE PAGE on our Website [www.eastmansnopals.ca](http://www.eastmansnopals.ca)



- ❖ Our webmaster has made some changes to our website and we have added a CALENDAR that will show all of our meetings, events and work parties. We encourage you all to take a look at the site. If you have any suggestions please let us know.



- ❖ **PARADES:** This season the Club put floats in the Lac du Bonnet Canada Day Parade, the Pinawa Birthday Parade and the Whitemouth celebration. We hope that through attendance at these events we can raise our profile in the communities that we ride through and attract new members and corporate sponsorship.



- ❖ **CLUB MAP:** Our committee is close to finalizing our 2016/2017 club map with additional corporate sponsorship. When you are out riding this winter, be sure to support the businesses that support our club.
- ❖ This winter watch for the Eastman SnoPals "CHASE THE ACE" hosted by the Tourist Hotel in Seven Sisters.
- ❖ The Agassiz Hut will receive a much needed face lift this fall. We will be changing out windows and doors, adding insulation and wall board. This shelter is owned and maintained by our Club. It is through club membership and specific fundraising that we maintain our shelters. This shelter sees a lot of non-snowmobile traffic in the off season and we would encourage **ALL users** of the shelter to obtain a club membership and help to support the club maintain the shelter.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEERS**

Our club is always looking for members and volunteers. We see large numbers of snowmobiles on our trails and visitors to our warm up shelters and not all of the riders are members of our club. Your SNOPASS gives you

the authorization to ride the trails but it is your **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** that pays for the warm up shelter, supplies, solar lighting and firewood. If you are not a current member please consider taking out / renewing your membership and help the Eastman SnoPals provide the best infrastructure and trails in the Region. Club membership applications are found on our website or you can email: [info@eastmansnopals.ca](mailto:info@eastmansnopals.ca) for information.

- ❖ Trail 763 cleared. The wind played havoc with the trees along trail 763 south of Milner Ridge this summer. A work party on ATVs spent the day Wednesday and used a couple tanks of chain saw gas clearing dozens of blow down trees from the trail. The trail is now ready for grooming.



- ❖ Our next meeting will be at the Tourist Hotel in Seven Sisters on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Optional dinner off the menu will be at 6:00p.m.
- ❖ We encourage all Executive members and Club members to take a look at the Agenda for the **SnoMan 2016 Congress** listed on the SnoMan website. This year the Congress will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Canad Inns Club Regent Casino Hotel