



Greetings Fellow Snowmobilers

- ❖ The hint of snow and freezing temperatures are talked about on the evening weather forecast.... So our season MUST be approaching.
- ❖ Our club held a REGULAR GENERAL MEETING on October 11th at the Tourist Hotel in Seven Sisters.

Highlights of our Regular General meeting on November 8th

Shelley Marion was installed as our new secretary due to the resignation of Kim Oswald.

The Club THANKS Kim for her service on our board over the last 3 years.

A report from Forestry was received and discussed. There are several potential conflicts with logging operations in our area this winter that we will work with Conservation to keep a handle on. The logging may require minor adjustments to our trail during the riding season. Keep your eye on the WEBSITE for TRAIL INFO and watch for signs along the trail. The good news for this riding season is that the CENTERLINE trail # 761 from Seddon's Corner to Trail 763 (The Agassiz Hut corner) will be open all year as there will be NO LOGGING in that specific area.

The Eastern Region brought forward the idea of starting a HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY which would be awarded to high school students from the Region who are a member of a snowmobile club and who volunteer with that club. The design of the bursary is to encourage the youth to get involved with

recreational snowmobiling and the clubs. Our club approved the idea and our support will be taken back to the Regional Association.

The equipment maintenance crew have been busy getting the 3 groomers and drags ready for the season. The oil has been changed and routine maintenance issues addressed. This year our Maintenance Supervisor has introduced a PRE-TRIP check sheet to assist in identifying issues before they become problems.

We have added new LED amber lighting to our #2 groomer and drag and to our Bear Cat to warn of maintenance activities on the trail.

We have received our POSTERS and MAPS and now are getting our KIOSK signs ready for placement in Elma, Lac du Bonnet, Seddon's Corner and Pinawa.

The RM of Lac du Bonnet has provided "in kind" work to our club and has cut the long grass along the rail bed (trail 62S) to allow for better snow pack and grooming. Additionally they have removed an earth berm on Trail 764 at Wildrose Road which caused some grooming problems last year. Our THANKS to the RM of Lac du Bonnet Public Works Department!

Several work parties have picked up all of our equipment and signs from 2 obsolete trailers in Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa and centralized our inventory in Seven Sisters. It is GREAT to have all of our equipment and inventory in 1 location.

The Elma crew have been busy with the replacement of siding and soffits on the 3's company shelter. It looks GREAT and is ready for riders anytime.



Our club is planning a 2 day ride to Hecla on February 25th and 26th. A block of rooms has been secured at \$99 per night. It is going to be a great trip. Mark the date on your calendar. If you want to come along let one of our Exec members know so we can assign you a room.



We will be hosting our CLUB BBQ again this year at KINGS KOOKOUT. The date is weather dependant but we are looking at the end of January or the beginning of February. Watch our calendar for exact dates.



- ❖ Our TRAIL MAINTENANCE team continues to put out some signs along our 297 km trail system.
 - The high water in areas is proving to be a barrier and much of the work will have to wait till we get some “freeze”
 - **If you have some spare time and would like to come along on a work party please give us a call or send an email to get specific dates.** Some are on weekends and some are through the week.

- ❖ Our Club hosted the **SNOMAN TRAIL SIGNING COURSE** in Lac du Bonnet on November 9th. We had a great time going through the on-line course and generated a lot of site specific discussion as to the “how” and “why” of putting up signs.

- ❖ Our goal is to provide signage that makes our trails safe to ride and impossible to get “turned around” on. If you ever have comments on our trail signing please drop us an email.

- ❖ Members and guests are reminded to take a look at our website Eastmansnopals.ca as there is a lot of information about the club and activities.

- ❖ Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday December 13th at 7 pm** with optional dinner at 6 pm at the Tourist Hotel in Seven Sisters.

Our meeting attendance is slowly creeping up. We encourage all members and guests to attend. We hope to see you there.

If you have not purchased your 2016/2017 membership yet, please contact one of our executive members and we can make that happen.

Watch for us in the Christmas parades in Whitemouth and Pinawa.