

## Inuvik Ski Club Annual Meeting Trails and Equipment Report – September 2014

### TRAILS:

- All trails were open for the majority of the season. Blowing snow made keeping Tundra (Silver) Trail open a challenge, but from late February to the end of the season, it was packed regularly.
- Trail maintenance volunteers made good progress on clearing willows from the edges of all lit trails. Further brush clearing is to take place this fall once the trails warm and the mower can be brought in.
- Trail maintenance became difficult during the dryer portions of the winter as the snow became hard and difficult to groom.
- Spring conditions were warm and slushy – grooming was difficult in the wet snow.

### EQUIPMENT:

- The old Alpines are being sold at the beginning of the season – as is.
  - o Red Machine: needs new drive belt (or tightening of clutch), cleaning of carb and new plug, charge, battery (or maybe just a trickle charge on the existing), lube and grease all joints, etc
  - o Yellow Machine: new brake pads and possibly brake cable, repair damage to cowling on right side (currently duct taped), replace starter (new starter in shed), clean carb and replace plug, lube and grease all joints, etc.
- The new Skandics are fantastic machines and were very reliable. A few cosmetic upgrades need to be made, however both are in good working condition and were professionally maintained before the end of the season. One machine had a loose battery connection causing issues with shorting out. All is resolved now.
- Drags/Groomers:
  - o The Red Chain Drag needs some minor welding to repair chain holds that have cracked
  - o The Large Chain Drag needs some new carabineers to hold the chains but, otherwise, is in good shape.
  - o The Big Groomer needs two new hitch pins to hold the teeth up when needed
  - o The Tracksetter could use some additional weights but otherwise is in good condition
- Future purchases:
  - o I continue to advocate for the purchase of an “all-in-one” groomer to reduce the number of hours needed to maintain our trails. By far the most well reviewed of these is Tidd Tech’s G2 Groomer. One was purchased last year by the Haines Junction Ski Club. It would be worthwhile keeping in touch with them to see how they find it this season. It is a significant expense that would need grant money (like we got for the snow machines) but I strongly feel it would be worth the investment.
  - o Quads: Purchasing one quad for towing our new mower will be important to allow us to put in the number of hours needed to get the willows back off the trails. Granting opportunities should be available to us again this spring.

Thanks to everyone that provided help grooming, and maintaining trails this past year: Julian, Fraser, Grant, Jay, Eric, Robin and Others!