

***Inuvik Ski Club Acting President's Report  
AGM 2016***

It is safe to say that the 2015/16 Season had some extreme lows and some extreme highs.

Let's get the lows out of the way:

The year started out on a very negative note with both our grooming machines being vandalized in early November for the second time in as many seasons. This time, one was completely destroyed.

That should do it.

Now the highs:

By the end of the season we had 35 individual, 28 family and 6 Jackrabbit-only memberships. Total paid members for the season (when all family members taken into account): 133!

Great support from Northwind Industries through November, December and January in lending up to 2 machines for grooming while we worked out the insurance to replace them and providing transport for our replacement machines to/from various locations at no charge.

Using the part of the insurance payout from the loss of two machines to better equip the club for year round trail maintenance with the acquisition of a tracked-ATV. The remainder of the insurance payout was used to repair the second vandalized machine and return it to service.

Installing a security system in our garage to deter future vandalism/damage/theft.

Receiving \$5000 in support from Chevron Canada to purchase much needed new ski equipment for our Jackrabbit programs. That equipment was delivered in early March, in time for the last part of the Jackrabbit program.

Receiving \$15,000 in support from Bullfrog Power and (to date) over \$6000 in support from the Arctic Energy Alliance to install a 2kW Solar Panel array on our garage. This system should reduce our electricity expenses by 50% - 60% annually.

Signing a 5-year Contribution Agreement with MACA for \$24,500 annually to support the Club's operating and capital expenses. This CA will replace the lottery license that the Club held for the last many years and should continue in perpetuity.

Entering an agreement (that was completed in the summer of 2016) with Arctic Energy Alliance to replace the Clubhouse sodium spots with high-efficiency LED light packs.

Having the highest attended Jackrabbit program in recent memory with over 40 kids attending during February, March and April.

A well-attended school program with 30 students, on average, skiing twice a week through the spring season.

A very successful Top of the World Loppet with close to 50 entries across all categories, half of them in the Junior Categories.

Using surplus lottery funding to order 71 sets of new equipment for youth and adult members. This order will be received in early November and will effectively provide a complete turnover of equipment (some of the better-conditioned old equipment will remain in the inventory, especially boots).

Having the support of a great many members to make it all happen, in particular: Andrew Haas, our most recent past president and mastermind behind the Chevron, Bullfrog and Arctic Energy Alliance grants; Bobbi Scott, our outgoing Treasurer who has kept the lights on for over two years; John Stortz, our Trails and Maintenance Director who jumped in at the beginning of the season with little or no knowledge but kept our trails in great shape; Jay Frandsen, Director on our board who spent many hours assisting John in the trail and other maintenance; Connie Blakeston, Jen Lam, Tracey Pope, and Lilla Roy, who help coach (and keep a handle on) our large Jackrabbit program; plus all the volunteers who helped with the Loppet. There are many others who I am forgetting here, but were just as important in making our year a success!

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