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The following are brief points of our work for the month of May:

#### NEW ITEMS:

- We had a busy month preparing for attending the ISC 2017 in Winnipeg. Having an early bird registration desk and presenting on what to do while in Halifax and in Nova Scotia is vital to encouraging people to make the trip to the east coast from the US and Canada. We owe a Great Big THANK YOU to Dave and Ramona Randell who used their TDR Logistics business to transport a load of material to Winnipeg for us!!
- Sno' Trails should have been delivered to everyone during the month. We were pleased to have the article on Stan Slack who everybody probably knows but not as in-depth as they may after reading this. Thank you to Reg Crewe for trying to pull all the info out of Stan. Stan is still one of our greatest assets!
- We had our second planning session and collected information on the themes to be worked on going forward. An executive summary will be written and sent out to all via our distribution lists. Thank you to all who participated. The Planning Committee also met to provide more detail to what we collected and we have determined that there will be a requirement to send the themes to committees for action planning.
- The 7 members of the ISC 2018 Planning Committee continued its work to be ready for our hosting of ISC 2018. Much work and a conference call were held to finalize details. These members, President Don and GM will be attending at Winnipeg in June at ISC 2017. We have many responsibilities at the event and I can say it was busy since I am writing this after attending.

- The SANS 2017-2018 draft budget was reviewed by the Board of Directors and it will be approved at the AGM in November. There was one policy revised and changed by the BOD related to signing authority and expense approvals. This will be added to the Policy Manual and available through the SANS website. The Groomer Equalization Policy was being revised to include "Tracked Trucks". After discussion it was decided that the policy is unclear in some areas where grooming equipment is named therefore it was sent to the Trail Committee for review. The revisions will be discussed at the November BOD meeting.
- We were advised that Jarrett Crowell will be recognized with the CCSO Outstanding Youth Snowmobiler at the ISC 2017 being held in Winnipeg. Jarrett is a very active member of our youth group, NSYS and also is a member of 3 clubs, Driftclimbers, North Shore and Fundy Trail. We are all very proud of Jarrett and our NSYS!
- A land use agreement with Elmsdale Lumber was reviewed and appears fine for signing if the company wishes to move forward.
- Helped out the Sno' Dogs with their work to locate a new groomer shed for the highway twinning in Antigonish has made this a necessity.
- Filed many reports for the meetings at ISC 2017. Northeast Chapter of the ISC, Northeast Chapter of the IASA, IASA and CCSO reports.
- Attended the Trail Committee meeting. Clarifying the Groomer Equalization Policy was suggested and revisions were made to send to the Board. No change to payment is being considered just clearer language.
- Medway Lakes Stakeholder Wilderness Area Advisory Group seeking to address any outstanding issues prior to the next meeting. We are seeking approval for another snowmobile route through the area.
- Letter of support written for Cumberland SC request for funding for a groomer.

ONGOING ITEMS:

- SANS submitted a scholarship application for consideration by the Northeast ISC Chapter on behalf of an applicant. We were not successful in gaining the scholarship.
- Still awaiting word on the LOA request for a trail in the AVRR system. Word is that it will be approved.
- GM will be attending a meeting and site visit with staff from the Cape Breton Highlands National Park in late June. They want to show a site where we may be given legal access to travel through the park with snowmobiles.
- Still waiting for official word on our ACOA application seeking federal support for purchasing grooming equipment. They have said we do not qualify for SANS does not own groomers. We are aware that another application has been approved for the Margaree Club.
- The "Spy Camera" program continues. If anyone knows of sensitive areas please contact our Trail Coordinator and let him know. Those who trespass will see themselves shared across social media in an attempt to identify the culprits and embarrass them.
- Unsigned at present. Our Shared Use Agreement with ATVANS and NSORRA has expired and it has been circulated for review, edits and future signing. Still waiting to hear from both groups.
- TrakMaps are marketing GPS mapping data of all the SANS trails. Those who have the product are very impressed. These are available directly through Trak Maps at phone number 1-877-861-8725 and on the Trak Maps website, [www.trakmaps.com](http://www.trakmaps.com)
- **Still waiting for the agreement:** JD Irving has confirmed we are still moving forward to sign an agreement. The last draft agreement was edited by the GM on their request and resubmitted. Still awaiting a final decision. They are awaiting a meeting with the right people on their end. In December word was received that we can expect this to be signed!
- **Advisory:** We have 2 SANS GPS units and they are available to any club who wishes to map their club trails. Contact Stan at [trailcoordinator@trailcoordinatorns.com](mailto:trailcoordinator@trailcoordinatorns.com) to make arrangements.

- Please note that the Trail Strategy was put in place with the support of the Board of Directors and has specific rationale for adding trail or moving the route of current trails. Please make sure your club has a discussion with the Zone Trail Coordinator before any plans are made to add or move trails. Our insurance **will** also be impacted. The Zone Trail Coordinators are listed below:

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**Zone 2 Trail Coordinator Floyd Cock 1-902-759-2063**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike and Martha