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Hello all,

It's that time of year when the riding is at it's best, the days are longer, the temps are warmer and you can go just about anywhere. It is also that time of year to plan on attending the annual CRRs B-B-Q, which will be on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The location has yet to be determined but you will receive an update after we scout a location this weekend.

Also at the B-B-Q, club members vote for the next years Board Members. We currently need to fill at least two spots that will be vacant, as Bruce Brockett and I will be stepping down from our Board positions.

Bruce is a past president and is the current secretary and has also led most of the club ride for the past three years. His leadership in the club has been instrumental in the continued success of the club and I would like to extend our thanks for everything he has done. I have been the President of the club for 8 out of the 12 years since it was formed in 1996 and also been the Secretary and Vice President in other years. I feel it is time for others to have an opportunity to make decisions regarding the CRRs future as I have had my chance to lead the club, primarily in trail development.

The other three Board members are Joe Gauna-Vice President, Glenn Swan-Treasurer, and Mahlon Green, and they also have been leaders and very active in the clubs activities for many years. These guys will remain on the Board but they do need help in making both short and long-range decisions on the direction of the club. As with any volunteer effort, occasionally there needs to be replacement or additional people willing to give a little extra and help lead the organization.

Primarily this effort requires a few hours each winter month to discuss, debate and decide the details of the clubs activities and is usually accomplished through e-mail and a couple of teleconferences. Not a huge deal but does require some serious thought and commitment. One issue that we currently debating is whether to continue being involved in the trail grooming program any more. If you enjoy the trails we have built and want to continue seeing them groomed, then this is your chance to provide some insight and effort into making sure that happens. No physical labor required, just a few hours a month to understand the issues and help resolve them.

As for the rest of us that just want to kick back and squeeze the throttle, there are several basic duties we should try to do whenever we can.

1. Go to our website or call the hotline for the latest information. This is the easiest way to get the club news and relieves the brutal task of writing a newsletter such as this one. Also if you don't have an email address, please get one, as it takes some one to give up their free time to process all the paper work and snail mail you information.

2. Be an active member when you are out on the trail or even off the trail for that matter. Pick up the trash you encounter, especially the beer cans as it reflects badly on our sport. In my opinion those that toss out their beer cans aren't snowmobilers but drunks trying to ruin our fun.

3. If you see a hazard on the trail or a wand that has fallen over and you are able to correct the situation then please do so. Someone has to, so why not you? If a tree has fallen in the way or some other trail situation exists that is beyond your capability then please call the hotline or e-mail the club ASAP, so someone can get out there and take care of the problem.

4. Encourage others to join or support the CRRs. We have done some great things in the Petersville and Trapper Creek communities over the years and have the potential to do many more but it requires that people such as yourselves be involved and spread the word.

One last thing I would like to do before I leave is give thanks to all those who have been by my side over the years especially in building one of the best trail systems in Alaska. Joe Gauna and Glenn Swan have been there tirelessly from the beginning as has my wife Marita, there are also many, many more folks who have given up their time to cut and clear the way for the groomer. There are too many to mention but not too many to remember. I also want to thank those who have donated money to the grooming program this year and especially Trapper Creek Inn and Gate Creek Cabins for their continued support.

See you at the B-B-Q  
Randy Crosby