

Dean's Groomer Report for October 23, 2020 **AGM**

The following are some of the projects that have been completed or are still in the works for this coming ski season;

Snowshoe/Fatbike Trail has been leveled and upgraded to facilitate easier/better packing with the skidoo.

The Lone Wolf now has a connector between the two sides that we can pack with a skidoo making traversing much easier. There is also a new outhouse installed on the connector. We are in the process of high pruning with a machine to make grooming with the SnowKitty easier and should result in less tree-wells and longer lasting snow on the trail.

The Bonsai By-Pass is ribboned and ready to go, just waiting on approval from Community Forests.

The big mower has been fixed so we can mow the tall grass so we don't need as much snow down to start packing the Stadium and we have yet to try it on the other trails.

The Stadium has been graded and packed more level.

The main parking lot has been rehabbed with fresh gravel, grading and packing.

The Front gate has had a 'No Parking' sign added so hopefully the groomers can get to the machines when needed.

We still need a couple of volunteers with chainsaws etc. to make a round of all the trails and cut back/remove chunks and log ends sticking out into the trail from all the blowdown that happened last winter. These pieces could impact the Windshield and Tiller on the SnowKitty and we need this done ASAP.

A very important project we are working on is to bring a former long time groomer Cliff Dorian in to train up as many people as possible that would be interested in running/grooming with the SnowKitty. This would happen in the new year and would entail several hours of hands-on work reviewing what needs to be done pre-trip and post-trip plus the actual running of the machine. If we could get enough well trained and safe operators able to help out the grooming load would be reduced considerably on the crew we already have.

We are also interested in training up anybody that would be interested in grooming/packing JUST the Snowshoe/Fatbike Trail and the Lone Wolf Connector with the skidoos.

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