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

NEW ITEMS:

- Reg Crewe has begun his role as the new SANS Manager of Finance and Administration. He can be reached at the same number and email address as in the past. info@snowmobilersns.com and phone at 902-425-5454 extension 324. Home Office 902-351-2390
- Welcome aboard Reg!
- The office received a number of complaints from landowners about trespass issues and in one case a snowmobiler was jumping the banks in a plowed driveway close to a house! We are at risk in several areas of losing trails. In particular we may lose access to the Salmon Lodge in Big Intervale in Cape Breton.
- We had logos developed for the clubs that do not have one as we are preparing our 50th anniversary planning for SANS.
- Attended the first meeting of the Community Liaison Committee for the Higgins Mountain Wind Farm planning. We have committed to be a member so we can be close to the discussions that may impact our trails in the area.
- SANS was back in the Outdoor Sport and RV Show after years of absence. Thank you to Jeremy Cromwell for heading up our presence there and it appeared there was a lot of fun had as well. I want to also thank Carole Fisher for representing women and SANS at the event as a panel member on International Women's Day.
- We had a fun SANS Snowmobile Ride for Dad even though our attendance was down from previous years. Thank you to all who attended, donated money to the cause and the groomer operators for

giving us such great trails. Lunch was awesome too as we had a wonderful turkey dinner at the Cranton Community Centre.

- Attended the *CCSO* meeting in Toronto with President Stewart. Good discussions took place and it is nice to see the *CCSO* moving national projects forward.
- We had a broken pipe flood our storage room at Sport NS. On Martha's last day she, Reg and I cleaned up the mess. We lost our latest editions of *Sno' Trails* plus many boxes of sold permits were destroyed so we are waiting to see what this means to our permit audit.
- Booked a date for an April trail committee meeting and we will also be holding a joint trail committee meeting with our OHV partners..
- I am collecting broken and mangled license plates from OHV's as I am working on a project to have the plates eliminated so the trail permit is also used as the vehicle registration. Please let me know if you have any pieces or broken plates that can be used as we move forward.
- Finalized plans for *SANS* hosting the Northeast Chapter ride and meeting in Edmundston New Brunswick on the last days of March.
- Clubs that had successful OHVIF grants approved were notified during the month. In some cases the clubs received more than the usual 50% of project funding.
- George Pugsley attended the OVVIF meeting as the rep from *SANS* due to *GM* absence. Thank you George!
- Request out to have all Zones meet during April so any agenda items identified will be brought forward to the May Board of Director's meeting..
- A Solara unit was rigged with an external antenna and it was tested by George in Big Intervale with great success. Where units have issues with hilly terrain we will be able to have the antennas added to improve tracking.

- There have been a number of clubs using the SANS Intact Insurance Trail Liability Policy as proof of groomer insurance. This is not the requirement with respect to the new policy edit. The requirement is that all groomers travelling on or cross a NS road carry "automobile" type insurance and have the groomer registered with a NS license plate.
- I would like to express my sincere thanks for the SANS vote of confidence with my employment. At this time, I would like to give a big shout out and thank you to Martha Dunlop for doing such a great job. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I am trying to complete a review of the club's requirements and organize them so all clubs will be able to see what pieces are missing or not sent. This enables the office to ensure everyone is up-to-date with their respective documents, permits and submissions. Thanks, Reg Crewe, Admin.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER to maintain your Solara units by placing them on the charger periodically through the off season so you do not have a battery issue at the start of the season!!**
- We have received further information on the Zone 2 railway crossing and hopefully we will see this matter move forward before next season.

ONGOING ITEMS:

- This is beyond tiring for me too folks! Once again this is an ongoing item! JDI agreement for trail use not yet available. Awaiting a new contact person to reach out to us.
- **NOTE: All rallies and events being held by any club that uses crown land trails must be communicated to the local DNR office. Permits are not required but the conversation must take place for each office may have certain issues they wish to see addressed.**
- 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.

- 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 They now have the trail systems from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on one download.
- **Advisory:** We have 2 SANS GPS units and they are available to any club who wishes to map their club trails. Contact Andre Wallis at wallis@eastlink.ca 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:

Zone 1 Trail Coordinator John Austin 1-902-945-2588

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

Zone 3 Trail Coordinator Errol Webber 1-902-240-0440

Zone 4 Trail Coordinator George Pugsley 1-902-545-2094

Respectfully submitted,

Mike and Reg