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YOUR NOMINEES ARE

President
Bob King (two-year term)
Vice President
Bonnie Holbrook (two-year term)

Director 1
Gail Hanson (three-year term)
Director 2
Dennis Nauman (three-year term)
Director 3
DeLyle Pankratz *(three-year* term)

FROM PRESIDENT ED SKOMOROH

Dear Iron Dog Members,

I am pleased to announce vacancies for President, Vice President and three directors have been filled. Since there were no vacancies where more than one person was nominated to serve for an open position our new President will be Bob King, and Vice President Bonnie Holbrook. The three nominees for directors are, Gail Hanson, Dennis Nauman and DeLyle Pankratz. In Nova Scotia we will vote for all nominees at one time as a "White Ballot". I believe these Dogs will serve the membership and board well. In another section of this newsletter Bonnie will highlight their credentials. I appreciate Bonnie taking time to publish this newsletter before congress in Nova Scotia since not all members will be able to attend. I also appreciate the work Bob Linn put in as the Nominations Chairperson. As President I worked with Bob as ex-officio according to our bylaws.

Speaking of bylaws, as many of you know I supported past President Roger Pillman. Roger felt the membership should have more voting rights and was of the opinion the

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FROM VICE PRESIDENT KAY LLOYD

It's been a pleasure and honor to serve as Vice President of the Iron Dogs. I am looking forward to seeing more Dogs stepping up to serve in the future. Being an Iron Dog is all about having fun, laughing, snowmobiling (for those that still can) and promoting the fun of snowmobiling. So get to having some fun!

I'm proud to sponsor Stan Slack from Nova Scotia. You'll read more about him later in the Tags.

Note from the Editor:

I really enjoy the emails I receive after the Dog Tags are sent out. I'm not the only one that loves hearing what you are doing. Others like it as well! So please do not forget to let me know what you are up to! Please send me pictures or your updates. My email is:
vermontirondogs@gmail.com
Bonnie

Iron Dog Attire

The official Iron Dog Brigade dress

Navy Blue Blazer
Gray Slacks
White Shirt
Red Bolo Tie or Red Tie

It would be nice if all the male Dogs wore this uniform to the Banquet for the pictures. The female Dogs are welcome to wear their Iron Dog outfit or another outfit of their choice.

When collecting tickets, please wear your IDB Dress Suit or IDB Polo Shirts. We want to be easily identified as Iron Dog Brigade Members. See Dog Bling for more info shirts & etc.

if not wearing the "uniform" be sure you have your Iron Dog name tag and pin on.

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MEET THE NEW PUPS

Leslie "Les" Auston
Princeton, British Columbia
Sponsored by Clayton Prince

Les' first snowmobile ride was in 1968. He is married to Susanne and they have two daughters Jennifer and Stephanie. In 1989 he became President of the Houston (BC) Snowmobile Club. He has served on local, county, province and national level of CCSO boards including Executive Director for the British Columbia Snowmobile Federation (BCSF). Les began working on Caribou issues at the club level in Houston where their riding area overlapped a significant caribou habitat. Just recently a stewardship agreement was signed with the provincial Ministry of Environment that will allow access for years to come. His most memorable event is attending ISC.

Dan Gould
Tilton, New Hampshire
Sponsored by Charlie Kurtz

Dan has been snowmobiling since the 1970s. He is married to Patty and they have two sons Danny and Brent. After being President of the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts for 12 years, Dan is the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. He has also served on the Board of ACSA, Northeast Chapter Chair, Co-Chair of ISC 2012, and numerous committees. He has spearheaded multiple video projects promoting positive attributes of snowmobiling in the community which were featured on local access TV for years. Dan's most memorable snowmobile memory is snowmobiling in Russia.

Stan Slack
Lantz, Nova Scotia
Sponsored by Kay Lloyd

Stan has been snowmobiling since 1967. He is married to Rosalie and they have two children Mark and Sonya. His most memorable ride was the 1994 Rendezvous Ride from Olrilla, Ontario to Fredericton, New Brunswick. Stan has a long list of accolades for his devotion to snowmobiling and improving our sport. He has served on several boards in Nova Scotia, Canada and the international level. He is also known as a pioneer with trail groups provincially. He considers the Canada 150th Celebration Ride in Prince Edward Island his most fun-filled snowmobile event.

FROM PRESIDENT ED SKOMOROH *(Cont.)*

board at that time, had too much control. I supported Roger with this charge and unfortunately found myself somewhat as the Lone Ranger with many of the board. I am pleased with the outcome giving the membership more say in the organization. One disappointment I have in stepping down is that Jean and I were never able to attend an Iron Dog Ride in the East. Several attempts were made but unfortunately it didn't come to be. I am hopeful in the near future the Eastern Iron Dogs of the USA and Canada can accomplish this. I again would like to see a West Yellowstone ride like we had in the past. I am proud to say I have attended every exciting Midwest Ride. For 2018 Duane Sutton has graciously offered to chair a Midwest Ride in South Dakota near Lead. The Midwest Dogs had had 2 great rides hosted by Duane and speaking on behalf of many of the Dogs who attended the last two, we are anxious to ride in the South Dakota Mountains again.

I would also like to thank the many Dogs I had close association with in my two terms of office. Bonnie Holbrook, Bob Linn, Bruno Andreini, Judy King, Kay Lloyd, Tom Anderson, Wayne Mohler, Dale Vagts, John Mitchell, Bob King, Bill Howell, Gail Hanson, Duane Sutton and my good friend, the late Dave Carmichael.

I have to go in record, this is the most informative, interesting and well laid out Dog Tag newsletter that has been published during my tenure. This is not to take anything away from other editors. I say this because we had so many more Dogs' contribute news worthy articles. Thanks to all that took part in this issue.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Nova Scotia.

Ed

FROM THE TREASURER

Over the past couple of years Ed & I have discussed the possibility of changing our Fiscal Year dates. It is currently June 1 through May 31. We'd like to see it be July 1 through June 30. Most of our money comes in March, April, May so it shows us looking pretty flush at the time of the ISC. Then all our expenses for the ISC (banquet & Eisenhuth award) come in during the month of June. We currently do the budget year the same as the tax/fiscal year – June 1 through May 31.

It would also be in what I would consider more "normal" 3 month quarters.

July, August, September
October, November, December
January, February, March
April, May, June

This would not require a Bylaws change but will be discussed and voted on in Halifax.

From *Judy King*, Secretary Treasurer

How Do You Quantify 50 years of Dedication to Snowmobiling?

By Jack Welch
National Snowmobile Ambassador
Sharetrails.org/BlueRibbon

First, how did this 50-year journey start? I got involved in snowmobiling when I purchased my first snowmobile, a 1968 Sears 18 HP Snow Cruiser. I was working as Winter Sport Manager at a Sears Store in Lakewood, Colorado. Now it is 2018 and I, Jack Welch a veteran of snowmobiling, will celebrate 50 years of dedication to preserving access to public lands for snowmobiling.

The question is how can I quantify 50 years of involvement in organizing and maintaining access for recreational snowmobiling? Is it the number of miles traveled by vehicle? *For the "Rest of the Story", please go to the IDB Website or Facebook page!!*

NEW WEBSITE REMINDER

Webpage: IRONDOGBRIGADE.COM

Did you know that your fellow Dogs love hearing about you? Please help us share news about you!

Did someone get a picture of you having fun with your family, doing something silly, celebrating milestones, etc. please send them to us! If you receive an award or if there is a write up on you, please send it to:

Gail Hanson (rtcat1@myfairpoint.net)
Judy King (bjkingmn@gmail.com)
Bonnie Holbrook (vermontirondogs@gmail.com)

DOGS GO TO WASHINGTON!

Larry Shepherd discussing snowmobiling legislation needed in Minnesota with his local Senator.

DOGS ON THE MIDWEST RIDE

2018 MIDWEST CRAPPER AWARD

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

President Elect Bob King
Council Bluffs, Ia.

Bob has been snowmobiling since 1974. This last year he did not get a chance to ride. He was inducted into the Iron Dogs in 1992 at Madison, Wisconsin. Bob's 3 largest accomplishments are:

1. Being the trail administer for 150 miles of trail in a major metropolitan area.
2. Serving as President of the Minnesota United Snowmobile Assoc.
3. Going to Washington DC to talk to Legislators to promote snowmobiling.

Vice President Elect: Bonnie Holbrook
Thetford Center, Vermont

Inducted into the Iron Dogs in 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bonnie has been snowmobiling since 1987 although as a child she had aunts and uncles who would give her and her sisters rides. Unfortunately she was not able to ride any this past year. When asked for her top three accomplishments,

1. Vermont State Police Certified Safety Instructor for about 15 years and certified hundreds of young folks and some adults that wished to take the 6+ hour course.
2. Held the elected position of Recording Secretary for the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) for over 12 years. I was very active on the Board and was on numerous committees throughout my tenure. I was also the 2006 ISC Chair.
3. I was also appointed by the Governor of Vermont to Vermont Governor's Snowmobile Council.

Director Elect Gail Hanson
Colebrook, New Hampshire

Gail was inducted into the Iron Dogs in 2013 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She has been snowmobiling since 1987 and this past year rode 800 miles. Her top 3 picks.

1. My biggest and most honorable accomplishment was to serve as the Executive Director of The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, not only as the first woman to serve but also to be involved in all aspects of the sport.
2. With the title of Executive Director it gave me the opportunity to work and promote snowmobiling with the New Hampshire's Division of Parks & Recreation, the state's Fish & Game Bureau, coordinating the association's conferences, fundraisers, workshops, plus maintaining a role as the sport's advocate in the state legislative arena. Under my leadership, New Hampshire law was changed to give a registration discount to riders if they were members of a local club, which dramatically increased membership rates. During my tenure as Executive Director, New Hampshire's snowmobile community had an economic impact of more than half a billion dollars annually, representing three percent of New Hampshire's gross product.
3. Since being retired I have continued to promote snowmobiling in New Hampshire by stepping forward and becoming the secretary and membership person for the 2nd largest club in the state. This club was in desperate need of new blood and organization to continue forward. Since taking over these positions I have added 900+ members to the club. The club has organized several large fund raising events, is now interacting with our Fish & Game Department and NH Bureau of Trails and has become involved in the local town events. One of the biggest steps forwarded for this club was to host an annual Land Owner Dinner in October. With approximately 220 landowners this gave the club the opportunity to meet, thank and be available to answer questions and concerns from our most important resource.

Director Elect Dennis Nauman
Rudd, Iowa

Dennis began snowmobiling when he was 13 years old on an AMF SkiDaddler and he hasn't stopped since. His most memorable event was when, with the help of Bruno Adreini, organized the first Spina Bifida ride for youth. The smiles on their faces were priceless.

Dennis is a family man and enjoys nothing more when riding with his wife Carol and sons Scott and Brent. He was President of the Iowa State Snowmobile Association in 2000-2002 and has remained very active at the state level. Prior to his tenure as ISSA President, he was very active on the club and regional levels. He has served on nearly every committee ISSA has and has worked closely with the Iowa DNR on grooming and funding issues. Dennis has participated in nearly all of the Midwest IDB rides. Dennis will serve the IDB well as a Director and hopefully an officer in the future.

Director Elect DeLyle Pankratz
Eveleth, Minnesota

DeLyle has been snowmobiling since 1970 and rode approximately 1,000 miles this past Winter. He was inducted into the Iron Dog Brigade in 1986 in Calgary Alberta. Snowmobiling has been an integral part of his life and his family since 1970.

In 1973 DeLyle recognized the need for a groomed snowmobile trail which would connect several Iron Range communities to the proposed State of Minnesota Taconite Trail. He brought together 9 area snowmobile clubs who joined forces to form the Range Trail Committee. They embarked on the development of a 48-mile Grant-In-Aid trail system which was

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COMMUNICATIONS

It's hard to believe the 50th International Snowmobile Congress will be happening in just over a month. It's even harder to believe I've had the position of Brigade Secretary Treasurer for nearly a year. I've learned a lot, some good and some bad.

One of my goals when I ran for this position was to increase the communication to the Dogs. I think with the help of Bonnie Holbrook and Gail Hanson that has definitely been accomplished. It is encouraging when I get notes from people thanking me for letting them know what is happening in the IDB world.

I am surprised with the number of people who don't respond to either electronic or snail mail communications. I hope you are getting the communications! As of this writing (5-2-18), we still have 13 people who have not yet paid their dues. I'm not going to embarrass them by listing their names. They know who they are, I'm sure.

We also have 12 members who, I'm fairly sure, are going to be attending the IDB Banquet but have not responded with their meal choice or when they are willing to help with ticket taking. I know there is still time but it is slipping by quickly. Please get that in to me asap. We are short folks to collect tickets and we need to let the hotel know the meal choices.

I look forward to seeing those of you who are able to attend, at the ISC in Nova Scotia. It is great to renew old friendships and also to meet new people.

Judy

MEET YOUR NOMINEES *(Cont.)*

one of the earliest, if not the first such trail in this area.

DeLyle has served in various capacities in several organizations including being a Director of the International Snowmobile Association, current Director of MnUSA, member of Minnesota Snowmobile Advisory committee and the Minnesota Recreation Trail Users Association, Director of International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, and is on the Governor's Trail Advisory Committee.

DeLyle was hired by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, a State of Minnesota Economic Development Engine, to develop a Trails program concentrating on Winter recreational trails. Directly and indirectly DeLyle was involved in the development of 3000 miles of recreational snowmobile trails on the Cuyuna and Mesabi Iron Ranges which are located in Central and Northeastern Minnesota respectively. This area is known for its expansive units of government holdings including the BWCA, a National park and several State Parks. His level of involvement varied depending upon the needs of the organization developing the trail. Further, at one point in his 20-year career, he was the sole management person responsible for their fleet of 8 Tucker Sno-Cats providing grooming services to 9 clubs plus their own trail mileage located in Northeastern Minnesota. These trails traverse and/or are adjacent to active iron ore mining operations, lands managed for timber production purposes, the BWCA, a National Park several State Parks and privately held residential/recreational properties.

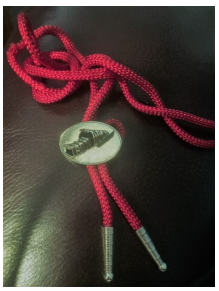
IRON DOG BLING (DUDS & SWAG)

FOR IRON DOGS ONLY

Go to our Iron Dog clothing store and get all decked out! Be sure to check back periodically for new items. There are shirts, jackets, pants, and more! Please send me a picture of you sporting your Iron Dog duds! We also have Iron Dog Carabiners and Window Stickers available.

Both Judy King and Bonnie Holbrook have them available for purchase. Let one of them know how many you want! Price includes shipping!

Bolo Tie—$10
Oval Window Cling Stickers—$2
Carabiners—$3



DOG GALLERY

DOG FUN IN THE SUN!

Get your Dog Duds and Swag on! See Page 5