

## **Ski Birch – 2018/19 Season and Event Report to CCSAM Executive Director**

### **Trails and Grooming**

- Agreed to pay a fee of \$1000 to Keith family for use of trails and chalet this season – to be paid at end of season
- One of our groomers, Derek, personally purchased a snowmobile and some grooming devices to get grooming started
  - Jim from WP provided advice on how to groom
  - Developed other grooming tools – some worked better than others or longer than others!
- Groomed trails from late December to early March
  - Trails were groomed for each weekend through the winter for both classic and skate
  - 5k and 2.5K loops
  - Temporary signage set-up to guide skiers; need to set up permanent signage
  - Derek and Nathan worked extensively and tirelessly to have regularly groomed trails
  - Trail updates consistently posted weekly on both CCSAM trail reports and social media
- Comments from skiers:
  - “Skied a lap of the classic trail here yesterday after a visit to Pumpkin Creek. Lovely grooming – we were flying”
  - “Birch has improved their grooming to another level. The classic tracks are, indeed, excellent and the skate looked very good. No snow in the tracks so come out soon and enjoy. Saw several skiers as well as a couple of families enjoying their ski. “
  - “Thanks for the ski yesterday Birch! Trails are in great shape – keep up the good work! The kids loved the hills! Beautiful area. Having the space in the chalet for kids to change, chill (bring a board game!), snack, etc., is really great for families”

## **Membership & Fundraising**

- 23 members registered through zone4
- Large donation from Red River Nordic to support Birch

## **Events Held**

Feb 2 – Birch Kids Ski day

- Kids came from Winkler and Winnipeg to participate in fun day of skiing, tubing, and hot chocolate
- Supported and encouraged by Keith family through waiving of chalet event rental fee

Feb 3- “Birch is Back” Ski Day

- Had a fairly cold day, but went ahead with about 10 skiers out

## **Goals & Ideas for Next Season:**

- Organize a race
- Open to holding provincial team selection race
- Hold Birch Tour and/or Kids ski day
- Looking to possibly extend a classic trail towards Pumpkin Creek trails
- Continue looking for additional grooming tools
- Need to grow membership and fundraising significantly if we want to be a sustainable organization in the long-term

## **Club Executive**

President & Groomer – Nathan Weselake

Treasurer & Groomer – Derek Eidse

Event Co-ordinator & Membership/Fundraising – Steve Scoles

Keith Family representative – Ryan Keith