

Camrose Ski Club
Trail Director's Report
AGM May 31, 2021

The primary goal of the Camrose Ski Club's trail committee is to maintain our XC ski trail system so that the public can safely enjoy them year round. During the last year, there has been a vast increase in trail usage because of COVID limiting the use of other recreational opportunities. It has been gratifying to know that many in the Camrose community have "discovered" and enjoyed the ski trails maintained by the Camrose Ski Club. We wish to thank the following individuals who have volunteered their time in developing and maintaining our trails: Jasper Asfeldt, Kaisa Asfeldt, Morten Asfeldt, Gary Snyder, John Williams, Johan Wickers, Gerhardt Lotz, Ivar Saugen, Bob Lyon/John Nielson (golf course), Jim Ofrim.

Notable 2020-2021 Activities

- Culvert installed and water mitigation work done on trail directly north of pump house
- Gates at pump house removed by the City and replaced with a barricade west of trails to stop vehicle traffic resulting in more assessable trail work
- Trail smoothed and seeded in several spots south of pump house
- Work done on Heartbreak to control runoff water
- Regular summer trail maintenance: cutting grass, trimming, clearing deadfall
- Shelter for equipment was built onto biathlon shop
- The ski club partnered with the City and other organizations to mitigate erosion along the Camrose Creek
- Ski trails were groomed, maintained, and snow farmed regularly despite minimum snowfall between November and January. Grooming began during the first week of November and ended mid-March.
- Major repair work done on 2014 Sherpa by Camrose Bobcat
- Brush pile at top of Heartbreak was burned
- Jasper and Kaisa Asfeldt spent a great deal of time on equipment maintenance: Sherpas, groomers, and the mower. It is hoped that, at some point, the mower will be replaced because of the continuous repairs needed.
- A grant request was submitted by Morten Asfeldt to replace the Gator and mower and add a track setter and two safety sleds. The results of the submission should be heard in June/July 2021.

2021 Summer Projects

- Regular trail and equipment maintenance including mowing, seeding, trimming, and removal of deadfall when necessary. Jasper and Kaisa Asfeldt have been hired to do this work.

- The club will again partner with the City, to plant willow on banks of Camrose Creek to mitigate erosion
- Major construction work to improve water treatment will be done in the pump house area by the City. We will need to work with the City engineer to ensure that the trails are ready to be used for the winter ski season. The City has asked the club for any requests that we might have during construction. Possibilities include: increasing the height of the berms in the shooting range, building a bridge across Camrose Creek so that we can drive the mower across to cut the grass south of the pump house
- The snow fence posts at the top of Heartbreak will need to be removed so that construction dirt and clay from digging out the lagoons can be dumped in that field. This can be done by the ski club or perhaps we can ask the City if they will do this as part of the water treatment construction.
- Provide support to the bike club in work done on the bike trails

Sincerely,

Jim Ofrim and Jasper Asfeldt