



### **Board Members**

*Simon Lick, President-Elect; Pete Friedlieb, Past President; Keith Murphy, Vice President-Elect; Tom Sobolik, Treasurer; Catherine McLynn, Membership, MYSL; Boomer Moritko, Trails and Equipment; Bob Conzemius, Secretary/Meteorologist; Randy Zupan, Amen & Suomi; Jim Christmas, Joyce Estate; Paul Olson, County trails; Jeff Love, Kyle Hedlund, Rick McDonald Legion Trails; Craig Stertz, At Large; Tom Nelson County Rec.; Tom Sobolik, Tim Skelly, Catherine McLynn Blueberry Trails; Tony Carter Sugar Hills Trails*

### **Trail Bits**

Boomer and I walked out the doors of KAXE after our March meeting. Boy lots of change going on I said. “Yes says Boomer like one door closing and another opening up.” So what do you mean? I says. “Well you announce your resignation as Club president and through the door comes Simon Lick to take over-kind of like a snake shedding its, old skin for a glistening new one”. Hmmm Boomer must you always talk in metaphors and aphorisms? I’m not so sure I liked that last one. Just think over 30 years ago you and Kevin Friesen called the first organizing meeting for the Club. Tom Sobolik, Tom Saxhaug and I showed up. A couple of years later I took over for Kevin as president, continuing up until this month. “Yes even fine wine does lose some flavor after the years.” Now hold on Boomer, we’ve got a great group of volunteers and have made a lot of progress over the years. “True that says Boomer, like they say: ‘nothing worth doing ever comes easy’.” I do like that aphorism, not so much the metaphors, maybe we should be a little more concrete about what’s been going on with the Club. “Ok if you say so”. Wow that’s like the first time I ever heard you say that to me! “Probably the last” he says. Sigh.....

**Volunteer Appreciation**-Our annual appreciation event will be on Monday April 7 5pm at Zorbas. Pizza provided. Hope to see y’all there.

**Trail Work**-Some modifications of Suomi Trails to facilitate grooming and skiing were started last fall. This is being overseen by Randy Zupan. Funding is provided through a RAC grant from the USDA and Forest Service for work in the Chippewa. Hopefully the window stays open.

**Membership**-Membership levels have declined although our costs for equipment maintenance, insurance etc. have not. We hope that everyone who hasn't renewed will do so to help keep our wagon rolling. Go to our website: [northernlightsnordic.org](http://northernlightsnordic.org) for the mail address to send a check or use the option of giving your member donation via our secure PayPal link.

**Equipment**-Catherine has a lot of equipment that has been unsold at the swap, available in multiple sizes for both classic and freestyle technique. Contact her at 218-326-1313 for info to get set up for next year.

That's it. It's been a fun and fulfilling journey as your Club president. I will be staying on the board to help Simon and Keith with the transition. Hope to see you April 7.