**PORTAGE JUNK YARD DOGS CYCLING CLUB**

**2015/2016 PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club (JYD) had another year with many events and community involvement.

The Kids of Mud Mountain Bike and Kids of Steel Triathlon Programs continued, with broad participation and success.

Well organized and attended races hosted by JYD continued in the 2015/16 year. This included one (1) Road Criterium, one (1) KOM Cup Race and one (1) Adult Mountain Bike Cup race. We also hosted several local time trials in an effort to encourage participants of all levels to track their progress and development from the beginning to the end of the season. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and efforts.

JYD was involved in the planning and implementation of the 1st Annual Portage Bike Week, hosting several rides, bike displays, and booths during the week and on Bike to Work Day. This initiative will continue to be supported and participated in by JYD in 2016.

During this year, Rhonda Kitchen, a committed tri-athlete herself, and strong organizer/coach of the KOS Program, agreed to join the JYD Executive – welcome aboard Rhonda, and thanks for your continued spirit of volunteerism.

Efforts continued involving the vast undertaking of trail development on both the north and south sides of the Assiniboine River Dyke. Through the cooperation of several land owners and the hard work of Trevor and Kailen Shackleton, Blair Geisel, Dale Cramer, and other volunteers, this trail system continues to be a prime training and play ground for many local cyclists. Thank you to all for the hard work, and continue to look for more local trail development in 2016, as the plans continue for further development!!

As well, this summer’s grooming of all of the trials at the Birch Ski area assisted in further developing this exceptional facility – a special thanks to all who volunteered for the sacrificial work.

Administratively, the Executive continues to focus on the needs and desires of both the present and past membership. The Executive has worked hard on the immediate and long term goals of the Strategic Plan. After careful consideration, the Executive continues to feel that, although we did make some big strides in addressing our goals to improve communication and further develop the recreational side of the Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club, there is still significant work to be done in these areas. Going forward, the Executive has committed to continue to focus efforts toward these goals in 2016/17. The approval of several value added elements to the JYD annual membership, including spin classes and a free Birch Pass, have also contributed to the successes this year, and these initiatives will continue for the 2016/17 season.

We are continuing to work with the Canadian Cycling Network (CCN) to computerize and streamline our entire registration and membership purchase process and continue to utilize this Network. This has been a successful endevour, for the most part, and will continue during the 2016 registration session.

I would like to thank our faithful sponsors for their continued support in advancing cycling in the Portage la Prairie and Central Plains area:

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We would not be able to enjoy the success that we have experienced without you sacrificial and continued support!!