**PORTAGE JUNK YARD DOGS CYCLING CLUB**

**2017/2018 PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Portage Junk Yard Dogs (JYD) Cycling Club had another eventful and successful season in 2017/18.

The one (1) KOM Cup Race and one (1) Adult Mountain Bike Cup race at Birch, co-hosted by JYD and Woodcock Cycle, was well attended and a huge success.

JYD was again involved in the planning and implementation of the Annual Portage Bike Week, hosting several rides, bike displays, and booths during the week, and on Bike to Work Day. JYD involvement will again occur for 2018.

The River Trail, Trevor’s Trail, and Two Tired Trail, located along both the north and south sides of the Assiniboine River Dyke, continue to attract many local riders, runners, walkers, dog walkers, snowshoers, fat bikers, etc, and require many volunteer hours. 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 and recreation lovers alike. JYD is hoping to secure the assistance of local grants in order to assist in the funding of several capital projects within the existing and developing local trails. Thank you to all for the hard work, and continue to look for more local trail development in 2018, as the plans continue for further development!!

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. As indicated in the Birch Report, there are many individuals from other clubs that are now becoming committed to maintenance and ongoing development of the Birch facility. The JYD Executive is continually working with the beneficiaries of the late Doug Keith in an effort to maintain the cyclist community’s use of this valuable piece of property.

I would again 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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