**PORTAGE JUNK YARD DOGS CYCLING CLUB**

**2016/2017 PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club (JYD) was again involved with many events and community involvement in the 2016/17 season.

The Kids of Steel Triathlon Program continued again this year, with many increasing their skills and development in this challenging discipline.

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. There are again plans for JYD involvement during the 2017.

The trail systems along both the north and south sides of the Assiniboine River Dyke continue to attract many local riders, 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. Thank you to all for the hard work, and continue to look for more local trail development in 2017, 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 hopeful and deeply committed, to working toward the relationship that was previously shared with the late Doug Keith to be continued with his beneficiaries, and that the lease of this valuable piece of property can continue to be used by cyclist and skiers.

The Executive has worked hard on the immediate and long term goals of the Strategic Plan, and continue to focus efforts toward these goals in 2017/18. The value added elements to the JYD annual membership, including a free Birch Pass, will continue for the 2016/17 season.

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