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Twas the day after Halloween when your board met in the friendly confines of Mad Dogs Pizza conference room. There was talk of the Halloween Party they'd been to. What costumes you might ask? We did virtual costumes, that way we save money and no worries about storing for next year. So, you didn't wear a costume but you acted as if you were in one? Yup, like Catherine was the elementary school principal giving directions to teachers and not just pupils! And Boomer was Paul Bunyan with Babe the Blue Ox but he acted like he was wielding a chainsaw and moving along by 4 wheeler instead of on the back of the beast. Bob C went as Bud Kraehling the extremely genial, calm and unflappable weather prognosticator on WCCO during the times when every prediction was not an omg event. And Randy Z went as Nikola Tesla using his engineering skills not to advocate for alternating current but instead fixing all manner of stuff and also visualizing proper trail lay outs.

Course you had to use your imagination for all this stuff, something a lot of people are out of practice with. As for me I thought about doing the Emperor Without Clothes but figured that might be too close to a Halloween horror show so I decided to be a no show for the party instead. Anyways a bunch of your dedicated board members did show up for our monthly meeting and here's what we found:

Tricks

Mother nature played some tricks this year with major winds and tree falls blocking the trails-

[Doan Lake](#) was hit really hard and Carl Nordgren headed up a group that worked for several days to clear the downed timber.

[Suomi Hills](#)-also had hundreds of trees down. Randy Z worked closely with the Chippewa Forest personnel and several Club volunteers to clear them. The Spruce Island

loop still is being worked on but the rest is good. If you have time to help please get in touch with Boomer.

[Blueberry Hills](#)-Tim Skelly and Bill Sackett were a big part of the crew and got things cleaned up over there. Thanks to Mike McLynn for mowing at Blueberry Hills.

[Mt Itasca](#)-In good shape thanks to Carter Pettersen, Bob C and others including ASV inc. which did the mowing.

[Joyce Estate](#)-Many large trees went down and were cleared by the hard- working folks from the Chippewa Forest Service

[Sugar Hills](#)-Took over a week to clear multiple down trees with several volunteers including Matt Schroeder who used his equipment to repair some significant trail erosion. ASV will be doing mowing out there now that the trail is passable.

Treats

[Ski Swap](#)-**Date** Tuesday December 6 from 4-6 pm for the sale portion. Bring items in for sale or donation the day before on Monday evening from 4-6 or on Tuesday from 10-4pm. **Location**-Ardent Bicycles (951 NW 4th St and Hwy 2 West). Ardent will also have new ski packages for sale.

[Minnesota Youth Ski League](#)-If you would like to have a child get instruction in cross country-skiing please register at mycx.org. If you would like them to be fitted for equipment rental at a nominal fee you can contact Catherine at 218-326-1313 or at cat@mclynn.net. She will fit them at her home-931 North Pokegama Ave. We Definitely Need Coaches, call Catherine if you can help out.

[Trail Grooming Equipment](#)-Thanks to your generous donations and grants from the IRRRB, the Trails Task Force and the North Star Ski Touring Club we were able to purchase needed equipment for our volunteers to use for trail work and grooming.

Stay well and have fun!

Pete