



An honorary society dedicated to the fun of snowmobiling!

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FROM PRESIDENT ED SKOMOROH



Dear Iron Dog Members:

As we get older it is amazing how fast time flies, 2017 seemed to just zip by. Speaking of getting old on January 23rd I turned 80.

Unbelievable but I am now an old Dog. Hey but I still have my teeth so I can bite, but I have to admit my bark is worse than my bite. Hopefully many of our members have had the opportunity to ride their sleds. In Minnesota where Jean and I live, we got our new sleds about 2 weeks before Christmas and there they sit on the trailer. This will be our 3rd year now that we do not have enough snow to ride. We are really looking forward to going to northern Minnesota for the IDB Midwest ride. Les Ollila has planned an eventful ride for us and if you haven't reserved your room yet I suggest you do or you will be missing out on a great event.

For those of you who are not aware, the Iron Dog Memberships are now due and you will receive your renewal notice from Judy King electronically if you have email. I also understand that you may pay your membership electronically and Judy will give you the details on this.

As most of you know we have vacancies on the Board coming up this June. As President it is time for me to step down and we should be thinking of my replacement. I thank all of the board for the support they have given me these several terms. Vice President, Kay Lloyd's term also expires. Kay has also indicated that she will not run for President. Her reason is understandable, she is trying to wind down and she wants time for family.

You should talk to your fellow members and see if they would fill the vacancies and then you need to submit...(cont. pg 2)

2017 IRON DOG BANQUET



Note from the Editor:



I hope you find the larger font is easier to read.

Please keep

me updated on your happenings if you'd like to get in the next edition of the Dog Tags!!



We represent three countries!

***Canada (8)
United States (106)
Sweden (1)***

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COMMUNICATIONS



IDB Communications

I hope all of you are enjoying getting more regular communications from the Brigade. There are four of us focusing on communications at this time: President Ed Skomoroh, Director Bonnie Holbrook, Webmaster Gail Hanson and Secretary Treasurer Judy King.

In this electronic age it is easy to get information out to you. If you have pictures or stories you'd like us to post about any of our Dogs just send me an email with the details.

Remember on the webpage there is a section titled "Dog's Business" that is password protected with a listing of Members, Dog Duds,

Iron Dog Application, 2017 Bylaws, Past Iron Dog Presidents and Secretaries, 2017 Policy Manual, 2017 Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports. More importantly, if you change your email address, please let me know so our line of communication with you doesn't get broken.

Facebook: [Iron Dog Brigade](#)

Webpage:

IRONDOGBRIGADE.COM

Emails:

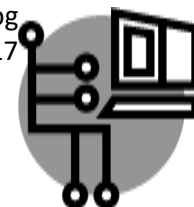
Judy King, Secretary Treasurer, bjkingmn@gmail.com

Bonnie Holbrook, Director, vermontirondogs@gmail.com

Gail Hanson, Webmaster, rtcat1@myfairpoint.net

Ed Skomoroh, President, jeanedskomoroh@gmail.com

Submitted by *Judy King*, Secretary



*"Ways we're
communi-*



IRON DOG BRIGADE NEW WEBSITE



Gail Hanson has been working very hard on the website. If you have not checked it out yet, please do!! There is a public area and a private area for Dogs only.

To access the private area the password is PUPS.

Please help us keep everyone informed! If you receive an award or if there is a write up on you, please send it to:

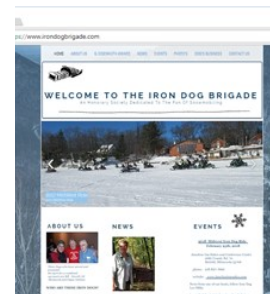
Gail (rtcat1@myfairpoint.net)

Judy King (bjkingmn@gmail.com)

Bonnie Holbrook (vermontirondogs@gmail.com).

We would LOVE to receive pictures of Iron Dogs doing fun things or just hanging out! What do you do when you are not snowmobiling? Get those cameras out and start snapping away! And don't forget to send us pictures!!

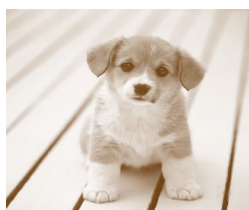
A HUGE Thanks to Gail for all of her hard work on the website. It looks awesome!



FROM PRESIDENT ED SKOMOROH *(Cont.)*

the names to Bob Linn no later than April 30th.

completed application to Judy no later than March 1st.



*Get your new
Pup Applica-
tions from
Judy King*

I am also reaching out to the membership to nominate someone for the George Eisenhuth Award. This year the candidate should be someone who has done an outstanding job of volunteering. Please submit your candidate choice to Judy King.

If any member would like some change to the bylaws this needs to be submitted to Bob King no later than March 15, 2018. This year we have vacancies for 6 new pups. Please contact Judy King for an application and return your

I am hoping that many of our Dogs will be able to attend Congress in Nova Scotia. If you haven't been there before why not try to make a vacation of it. I realize it is expensive for some, so do a vacation to justify it, and you will not be disappointed.

Jean and I look forward to seeing you at **ISC—Halifax.**

Ed



Open Board Positions

President

two-year term

Vice President

two-year term

Director 1 (Bonnie Holbrook)

three-year term

Director 2 (Harold Case)

three-year term

Director 3 (Dale Vagts)

three-year term

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



Ed Skomoroh appointed Bob Linn the chair of the Nominating committee for this year. We will be voting on the President, Vice President and three Director positions.

President Ed Skomoroh and Vice President Kay Lloyd have both completed two consecutive terms in their respective positions.

If you would like to step up and be nominated for one of these positions, please contact Bob Linn to let him and his committee know. The deadline is April 30th.

Bob's email is:

boblinn41@gmail.com

His phone number is:

(507) 327-8007

The committee is also looking for nominations for the George Eisenhower Award which will go to a volunteer this year.



*is looking
for you!*



The Pres turned 80!!!!



Directions for nominations:

Active **members** of the Brigade shall submit in writing to the Nominating Committee their willingness and what they can offer as a Director of the Brigade by April 30 each year. On April 30 all nominations cease.

IRON DOG BLING (DUDS & SWAG)



*Get your
Iron Dog
Duds and Swag!*

Go to our Iron Dog clothing store and get all decked out! Be sure to check back periodically for new items. There are shirts, jackets, pants, and more! Please send me a picture of you sporting your Iron Dog duds! **FOR IRON DOGS ONLY.** We also have Iron Dog Carabiners and Window Stickers

available.

Both Judy King and Bonnie Holbrook have them available for purchase. Let one of them know how many you want! Price includes shipping!

Iron Dog Oval Window Cling Stickers - \$2.00

Iron Dog Carabiners - \$3.00





BYLAWS COMMITTEE



As most of you are aware, in 2012 at the ISC in Massachusetts there was a concerted effort to do a major rewrite of the Bylaws.

Since that time we have done more "polishing" of the Bylaws. -Anyone who has worked on Bylaws knows they need to be reviewed on a regular basis or it becomes a monumental task which it was

in 2012.

I feel we are in a good place with the Bylaws right now but if you have changes to suggest, please contact me with those changes by March 15, 2018. It takes time to get our Committee together and in some cases the President has to appoint new members.

Our Policy Manual (Standard Operating

Procedures) is handled by the Board of Directors. You may make suggestions for changes but they are discussed and voted on by the Board, not the membership.

Bylaws Committee Chairperson

Bob King,

[712-242-6299](tel:712-242-6299)

Who will get the infamous Crapper Award this year?



Can't wait to find out!

MIDWEST IRON DOG RIDE

Last check there are still 11 rooms left for the week of our scheduled ride. Seven have been reserved so far for Sunday arrival on February 25, 2018 with departure on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

The trails are really looking good and being groomed on a regular basis. Les has also scheduled an underground mine tour for Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Tower Soudan State Park.

If you haven't already made your reservations, call 218-827-7666. It will be a great time in a wonderful riding area.

Junction Inn Suites and Conference Center
2681 County Rd. 70 | Babbitt, Minnesota
website: www.junctioninnsuites.com

Questions, call Les Ollilla at [218-999-5711](tel:218-999-5711).

2018 INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE CONGRESS

50th ISC in Halifax — June 13th to 16th

The 50th Annual International Snowmobile Congress is the premier event for the organized international snowmobiling community. This year will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia and hosted by SANS (Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia).

The International Snowmobile Congress is an event dedicated to the development of strategies on our common role with respect to the environment, conservation, access, education and accountability. It is the perfect opportunity to establish relationships with key snowmobile leaders. The conference offers invaluable opportunities to share ideas with the entire snow-

mobiling community. This is accomplished in a setting that offers fun, entertainment, good food, exceptional lodging and a unique "off-site" experience while engaging in important dialog. For additional information about SANS, please visit their website at www.snowmobilers.org/isc/.

Be sure to register if you have not done so yet!

Online registration <http://www.snowmobilers.org/isc/>

We hope to see you there!

