SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Eagle River, WI

NEWSLETTER - April 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's April and the snowmobile season is substantially over. Trail gates have been closed and locked and we are in the prepping of the trails for turnover to the UTV/ATV club. Mother nature has teased us a bit with some late snowfall, but as I chat with people around Eagle River they seem to want spring and warming trend to be here. Some restaurants have closed for spring cleaning and/or a respite before the summer season is upon us that brings fishing, boating, outdoor activities (other than snowmobiling).

I now have one year under my belt as President of the Sno-Eagles. I'd like to thank the outgoing and incoming Board members for all of their work this season. Although the snowmobiling season is nearly over, that doesn't mean we can relax. A lot of activity is planned for fund raising during the summer and we too have maintenance required on the groomers and all equipment that needs to be completed before fall and winter are upon us.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! Many of the activities that are performed during the year are mostly done by the same people. They need some help to lighten the load a bit. Please help!

Our last Board of Directors meeting for the season is under our belt. One more membership meeting on 4/17/25 at Chanticleer where Brats, Burgers, Chips, Salads, and Desserts will be served buffet style. The cost will be $15 which includes food, tax, and tip for those interested. Please RSVP to keith@snoeagles.or by Tuesday the 15th.

We're making some changes to our newsletters. The Board has elected to discontinue the Newsletter as we know it. We will be placing a "President's Message" once a month between December and March that will appear in our 'Constant Contact', and we will be removing 'printed newsletters option' from our membership page on our website moving forward after April, 2025.

Have a great summer! We'll see you in the fall!

Roger

END OF SEASON MEMBERSHIP MEETING

4/17/25 at the Chanticleer Inn. Meeting starts a 7PM. If you want to eat before the meeting, Brats, Burgers, Chips, Salads, and Desserts will be served buffet style. The cost will be $15 which includes food, tax, and tip for those interested. Please RSVP to keith@snoeagles.or by Tuesday the 15th

CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

At the March meeting, the following officers and board members were elected:

Vice President – **Doug Miller**,
Treasurer – **Dave Cyrtmus**
Directors – **Dan Dumas, Rich Halverson, Mark Hereen**

SNO-EAGLE NIGHT OUT

A group of Sno-Eagles has dinner at the Chanticleer Inn on March 29th for the latest Sno-Eagle Night Out (SNO) event. Thank you, Pam Huph, for organizing these great opportunities for our Sno-Eagle family. Watch for more SNO dinners in the future.

GROOM TO RIDE DRAWING AT TRACKSIDE

A large crowd attended the Groom to Ride raffle drawing on March 15th at Trackside.. Groom to Ride is a major fundraiser for four area snowmobile clubs

Representatives from the Sno-Eagles, Sno Buddies, Phelps Snowmobile Club, and Northern Lights Snowmobile Club were present. The funds generated from the raffle are shared between the clubs. All proceeds will be used for trail grooming programs.

Picking the winning tickets

Special thanks to the many volunteers who made the event possible!

OFF SEASON ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The riding season is over, but Sno-Eagles is still here and will be active until the snow flies again. Activities continue throughout the off season.

We hope that you can join in as a participant or volunteer to help with planning. There's more to being a member of Sno-Eagles than buying a discounted trail pass to ride our great trails. The same small group of people now plan and lead most club activities. They are getting old, tired, & cranky. The club really needs some new blood to be infused into our activity leadership. The off season is a great time to do it. Sandy Lathrop, Sno-Eagles Volunteer Coordinator, is your contact person. You may be hearing from her about jobs that need to be done to make Sno-Eagles an even better club. You can call her at 319-360-1279 to volunteer for our events. You can also sign up through the News of the Week or on our Events webpage as the event nears.

Events Sno-Eagles events for this summer will be announced on the weekly Sno-Eagles News and on the club website. Consider volunteering or patronizing.

- Sno-Eagles will be doing two Brat and Bake Sales at Trigs on July 5 and August 29. We will be asking you to bake some goodies for the bake sales. More information will be available closer to the events.
- We will have an entry in the Eagle River 4th of July parade.
- We will have a food booth at the Eagle River Car Show on August 23.

2025 CASH RAFFLE

NEWS FLASH - **Plans are being finalized for the Sno-Eagle 2025 Cash Raffle**

The drawing will be on August 30 at Buckshots. Grand Prize $10,000. Only 300 tickets available at $100 each. They will go fast. There will also be lots of raffle baskets to bid on. The last three years the Sno-Eagles Party and Cash Raffle were great events. Big crowds and lot of fun. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss it.

More details will be announced at the membership meeting on April 17th at the Chanticleer.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - YEAR ENDS ON JUNE 30TH

The membership year for Sno-Eagles and the AWSC ends of June 30, 2025. You will receive an email reminder about that time. To qualify for the $10 trail passes for your sleds for next season, you must have a current membership. You can't purchase them without renewing your membership or joining if you aren't currently a member. **You can renew or join beginning on July 1, 2025.** Please wait until July. Our membership director needs a little break in the action.

The annual Individual or Family Membership dues for 2025-26 remains at $50. This includes your membership in both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. The family membership includes a married couple and all of their children under the age of 19. Anyone 19 and older needs his or

her own membership. Benefits of membership include our club communication (Newsletter and emails), Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine, and, of course, the discounted $10 trail passes for your sleds.

We also offer an Associate Family Membership for current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club who wish to show their support for Sno-Eagles**. Reminder - This type of membership only includes Sno-Eagles.** You get your AWSC membership and benefits from your other club. The price of the Associate Membership is $25 for the year. Sno-Eagles welcomes this support from members of other clubs.

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END OF AN ERA

This is the last issue of the Sno-Eagles Newsletter (possibly forever). Since I decided to give up the newsletter editor job, the board has voted to discontinue a separate newsletter but will incorporate everything into the Sunday Sno-Eagles News of the Week. Items will also be posted items on the club website www.snoeagles.org and on the Facebook page.

I began writing the newsletter in 2010 so 15 years is long enough. I want to thank those members who have made positive comments about the Newsletter over the years. I appreciate it.

Ken Storms **– Editor**

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Membership Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2025 at Eagle Waters

1) **Open Meeting**, Welcome & Announcements – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
2) **Pledge Of Allegiance**
3) **Welcome New Members**, Introduce Officers & Directors – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
4) **Opening Comments** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
   a. 50/50 raffle for Weekend Backpack Program
   b. Meeting sponsorship - Thank you to Eagle Waters Resort for hosting us today and for offering the buffet dinner! Thank you to all of our meeting sponsors that make our Facebook livestream possible. From Eagle River: *Offgridderz (Generac), World Snowmobile Headquarters and Museum, Erica Dumas of Redman Realty Group;* From Three Lakes: *DuWayne Kreager Ins*.; From Antioch, IL: *Body Craft Inc.;* From Rockford, IL: *A-1 Lapping & Machine;* From Bristol, WI: *Illini Hardware, Corp*. *(IHC)*.
5) **Annual Elections** – Tellers Committee Chair, Pam Hupf – Pam announced the candidates for the 5 open positions and asked for a motion "to accept the candidates as presented."
   a. Vice President: Doug Miller
   b. Treasurer: Dave Cyrtmus
   c. 3 Directors: Dan Dumas, Mark Heeren, Rich Halverson

   Carol motioned to approve, Keith Seconded - motion was approved and a voice vote was taken.

6) **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
   a. Approve February 20, 2025 minutes

   Pam Hupf motioned to approve, Fred Rockefeller seconded; Motioned carried.

7) **Treasurer's Report** –Treasurer Dave Cyrtmus

   We are about $30,000 above our budget. We have added cash in the amount of $68,000 during our fiscal year to date through February.
   a. Groom to Ride – Thank you to our sponsors – Track Side, World Championship Derby Complex, Peaceful Pines and Buck Shots; along with numerous sponsors that donated gift baskets. We made right around $8,500, which was down from last year.
8) **Trail Report** – Directors Dan Dumas and Mark Heeren
   a. Mark Heeren – reported that the Wisconsin River Bridge has a hole, a crew went out and looked at it. They reported that the bridge decking is showing a lot of wear, the top layer needs to be replaced. Boones Lumber came out and dropped off the lumber; 2x8 treated pine boards. Repair will start Friday and they will work through the weekend to get the repair completed before the thaw comes.
   b. Dan Dumas – reported the trails are closed, and he thanked the fantastic group that did the grooming for the season.
   c. SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Clean Competition wrap up – Dan Dumas reported that we had 2 groomers that helped them with moving snow for the competition that tool place. Interesting fact – what they do there is showing up in the manufacture of snowmobiles and has allowed snowmobiling in Yellowstone. The club also received $3,000 from the SAE for the grooming that was done for them.
9) **Fundraising Report** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
   a. Cash Raffle Event Coordinator needed – looking for someone to head up the logistics of the event, there is someone heading up the gift baskets which take up most of the time for this event.
   b. Other fundraising ideas from members – Kathy Rockafellow mentioned that the dates for the Brat / Bake sale at Trigs will be July 5th and August 29th this year.
   c. Vertical Discount app - This is like a coupon book on steroids. It is an app with over 775,000 deals nationwide. There are several new businesses so the local list now includes discounts at Smugglers, Buckshots Saloon & Eatery, Club 45 Bar & Grill, Lindy's Hideaway & Swamp Witch Inn, Chanticleer Inn, Dublin Sports Bar & Grill, Bortolotti's Cin Cin, Days Inn, Super 8, Nettesheim's Wood Chop, AAPTIV, Beltone Hearing Care Center, and Avis Car Rental. Go to Vraise.org or use the following QR code, and **join with code: 57763075**

10) **Volunteer Report** – Debbie Cyrtmus
    a. Snow Cross – 128 hours worked, good weekend for GTR ticket sales at the event. Extra thanks to Randy and Lisa Buss for helping out, they had hot seats but came down to help with the dinner rush on Friday night.
11) **Activities Report** – Director Carole Linn
    a. SNO (Sno-Eagles Night Out) – Pam Hupf - Join us for dinner at the Chanticleer Inn Saturday, March 29th with 5 pm cocktails, 6 pm dinner. RSVP by Tuesday March 25th.
12) **Miss Sno-Eagle** Recruitment for 2025/2026 season – Carole Linn
    We have 3 applicants so far, applications close April 1st.

13) **Membership Report** – Director Carole Linn
    This year is closed; any new request will be processed next year. This year we ended with 467 members; 47 new members, 18 associates members, 2 commercial sponsors, 40 map advertisers, 6 complimentary/honorary members. We received 98 donations to Champion Campaign ($9,100 gross) and 45 Donations to the Groomer Replacement Fund ($4,385).
14) **Social Media Update** – Director Dan Dumas
    Facebook has over 16,000 followers (up from 14,000). Groomer Live feeds had 26,000 views on the highest day and 8,000 on the lowest day. This is great exposure and we may add corporate sponsors.
15) **VCSA Update** – Treasurer Dave Cyrtmus
    Meeting was canceled due to snowstorm that was to come, rescheduled on April 9th.
16) **BOD Meetings** update – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
    The board is making a decision if the meeting should stay open or if they will make them closed. They will be open, if you want something on the agenda, let Cindy now by Thursday before the meeting or you can let a board member know and they can bring it up if you can't make the meeting.
17) **Member Comments** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
    Ken Storm spoke about Bugs Matthews who recently passed away. Carol Linn also shared some stories. He was an active member of the club for many years and served as a director for 16 years. A memorial service will be held in Eagle River on a future date.
18) Adjourn 7:41 pm – Cindy Fruhwirth motioned to adjourn, Dave Cyrtmus seconded.
19) **50/50 raffle** drawing – Debbie Cyrtmus
    Rich won and donated his $53.50 winning to the backpack program.

Submitted by Debbie Bahr, Director