



# SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

## Eagle River, WI



### NEWSLETTER - April 2019

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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

“Awesome, Wonderful, Outstanding, So Pretty”, these are but a few of the adjectives I heard this season describing the Sno-Eagles snowmobile trails. The trails certainly have been the best that I have ever rode on in the six years that I have lived in Eagle River. Speaking of adjectives, our monthly membership meetings have been fun, entertaining, informative and a wonderful social event each month this season. We can use these adjectives because of the efforts of the many volunteers within the club. 2018-19 will go down in our history books for having a record snowfall in February and for describing the great trails in Vilas County this season.

As your club President, I put together an application for the first ever “Snowmobile Friendly Community” Award sponsored by AWSC. We won, well the Eagle River Community composed of the City of Eagle River, the Towns of Cloverland, Lincoln and Washington have been recognized as the AWSC Snowmobile Friendly community for 2019-2023. Our community is one of eight communities throughout the state to be honored with this award.

Each month I mention how proud I am to serve the club as your President and certainly that is so true again this season. Our club is doing a great job and it comes with a cost. The cost is the monies needed to operate the groomers and the hundreds of hours that are put in by volunteers. I cannot stress how important our volunteers are within our club. Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”. How enlightening and appropriate for us all to understand. I would like to encourage more members to step up and volunteer with your club this year. I would also like to thank the club officers and directors for all their work this past season.

#### **Let's Thank some Volunteers:**

On behalf of the Sno-Eagles club, I would like to extend our thanks to the many volunteers that make our club great. I have attended most of our events and have enjoyed talking to our volunteers. I wanted to list each volunteer by name for helping our club but I do not want to miss anyone and I do not want to hurt feelings by not mentioning a name. To this end the club wants to thank the many volunteers that helped our club in the following committees:

- Trail Brushing and trail maintenance
- Trail signs
- Groomer Equipment Maintenance
- Building Maintenance
- Trail Map sales and development
- Clothing sales
- Ride with Pride raffle sales
- Club Snowmobile Safety School
- Club Christmas Party

- Weekday Away Event
- Saturday Night Out dinners
- Membership Committee
- Miss Sno-Eagle Pageant
- Wednesday and Thursday guided snowmobile rides
- Verification of trail easements, landowners
- Publicity
- Website, Facebook and Constant Contact publishing
- Newsletter publishing
- By law revision, tellers committee, 501c3 committee
- Community Partnership Campaign
- Derby Food Concession volunteers
- Brat and Bake sale committee
- Beerfest beer-pong committee
- Journey's Marathon water station
- Rearview Mirror publication
- Daily Trail Reports
- Daily SNARS reporting

Yes, the list is extensive and the volunteers are many. The club wishes to thank each and every member for all their support this past season. Without volunteers our club would not exist, our snowmobile trails would not be groomed and the economy of the area would fail.

**A Heartfelt Thank You to all of our Volunteers.**

*Howard Wolf* President

### **TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

Thank You to our Groomer Operators. Dan Towne, Grady Stoll, Tim Bogeman, Kurt Andussies, David Andussies, and Mike Gildemeister. These men were dealt a challenging season and kept our trails in the best possible condition throughout. Each one of them care about the job at hand and show for it night after night. Again...Thank You.

As I finish up my third season as Trail Boss I look back and realize I always learn something from the previous season. This year I realized most people truly don't know how much time goes into the Trail Boss position. The position starts from organizing trail brushing, signing, inspection, assisting in maintenance, budgeting, planning for the future equipment needs, training groomer drivers, scheduling groomer drivers, and talking, listening, and developing relationships with land owners. I have to take complaints from the public, and membership but I always try to work a resolution. My time spent is greatly supported and equalized by many other volunteers who also put in the same amount of time so we can keep snowmobiling alive in Eagle River and the club operating.

I knew in 2016 when Rusty asked me to be take the Trail Boss position we would be facing many challenges. The club was in a difficult financial situation along with old failing equipment. The club has completely turned around with a tremendous amount of work from many hard-working volunteers and I am proud to be one of them.

Have a great summer, I will be Muskie Fishing and NOT thinking about 60" of snow in February.

*Brian Scheid* Trail Boss

### **LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE YEAR**

Our last membership meeting until September will be Thursday April 18 at **Buckshots** at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served before the meeting about 6:15 PM. Come and raise a toast to our past season and to the hard work we did in making it a fun and safe for everyone this year. Get more details on our very busy schedule of summer activities. Sno-Eagles isn't just a winter only club anymore!

### **CLUB ELECTION RESULTS**

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

Vice-President – **Chuck Bodie**, Treasurer– **Fred Rockafellow**,

Board Members – **Ron Engels**, **Sandy Lathrop**, **Carole Linn**. Congratulations to all of them.

### **Here are the “Of the Year” awardees for 2018-19**



**Grady Stoll**  
Groomer Operator of the Year



**Jerry Lathrop**  
Volunteer of the Year:



**Dave Everett**  
Big Dumper Award

### **EAGLE RIVER NAMED AS A SNOWMOBILE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

At AWSC 2019 Spring Convention, the Sno-Eagles accepted the Snowmobile Friendly Community Award (SFC) for the Eagle River area. Only 9 SFC awards were given statewide.

This award celebrates and recognizes the clubs and communities whose safe and responsible snowmobiling practices, policies, facilities, and tourism promotion programs enhance the positive impact snowmobiling has on residents, visitors and businesses.

Snowmobile Friendly Community signs will be placed at key locations throughout the Eagle River area.



*Pictured are Dick Stoegbauer, Town of Lincoln, Carole Linn – Town of Washington, Fred Rockafellow & Rusty Wolf – Sno-Eagles, Jeff Hyslop – Eagle River*

## 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. Listed below are upcoming activities. 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, our new board member, has volunteered to be the Sno-Eagles Volunteer Coordinator. 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.

### SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Monthly Saturday Night Out get togethers will continue over the spring and summer. This is our chance to stay in touch during the off season and to thank those businesses that support Sno-Eagles with map ads and/or donations. If you have never attended a SNO event, join us for one or all of these upcoming events. No meeting – just a great dinner out with friends from Sno-Eagles. **Cheryl Storms** has REALLY been busy lining up destinations. **RSVP Cheryl at 715-479-5599 or [snoeagles@gmail.com](mailto:snoeagles@gmail.com) . As usual – cocktails at 5:30 PM & dinner at 6 PM.**

Mark these dates on your calendar now:

- ✚ April 27 - Cross Country Bar & Grill – Sugar Camp
- ✚ May 25 - Pike's Pine Isle Lodge – Three Lakes
- ✚ June 29 - Bonnie's Lakeside – Three Lakes
- ✚ July 27 - Eagle Waters Resort – Eagle River
- ✚ August 24 – Maple View Resort - Conover
- ✚ September 28 – Pitlik's Sand Beach Resort – Sugar Camp
- ✚ October 26 – Eddie B's White Spruce– Eagle River
- ✚ November 30 – Agave Cocina – Eagle River
- ✚ December – Christmas Dinner

### TRIGS FOOD STAND AND BAKE SALE

We will only have one event this year – so we need to make it a good one. This year's event will be on July 3. We need your help to be successful. We need you to do one or more of the following: work at the event, bake cookies, or become part of the calling tree to call members to remind them of the event. To schedule a time to work, call **Fred Rockafellow** 715- 891-2737. To volunteer to make calls, call **Cheryl Storms** 715- 479-5599. She will give you a short list of names to call. The more volunteers we have, the shorter the list.

### PIG ROAST AND RAFFLE

Once again, we will have a Pig Roast and Raffle at Sportsmen's Chalet thanks to the generosity of Gary & Laurel Frank. The date will be June 22. Watch for more information. As usual we will need help to collect prizes for the raffle tables. As in the past, there will be a cash raffle with \$100 tickets. Buy a ticket & win big bucks! Contact Howard Wolf if you want help sell these raffle tickets or just buy one. We also need you to come and participate in a fun event with great food.

## **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**

The day after the bake sale, Sno-Eagles will join in the Eagle River **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**. As in the past we will have two vehicles in the parade – a truck pulling a snowmobile trailer with sleds and a groomer pulling a drag. Miss Sno-Eagle, Cheyanne Warren, will be riding on the float. We need help decorating the float (right after the bake sale at Trigs). We also need some great new decorating ideas. Let's be creative this year. Time to relive your high school days of building homecoming floats. Call **Howard Wolf**: 262-442-4876 to volunteer.

## **FUNDRAISERS AT THE VFW**

We have two fundraising events scheduled at the VFW during the summer:

July 20, 2019 is a Saturday and the Sno-Eagles will have an all you can eat breakfast buffet at the VFW. Eggs, bacon, sausage pancakes, biscuits and gravy - the works. We will need a few volunteers to help out and Rusty will get out a list closer to event of volunteer needs. VFW will charge the usual \$10 per guest and they will donate the food so the club will get all monies.

August 30, 2019 is a Friday on Labor Day weekend. The Sno-Eagles will host a Fish Fry at the VFW. Again, we will need some volunteers to help and Sno-Eagles will get proceeds after food costs.

## **RIDE WITH PRIDE IS BECOMING GROOM TO RIDE**

Our big snowmobile/ATV raffle will have a new name and coordinator next year. Ride with Pride will now be called Groom to Ride. Jim Ehler will be the new event chairman. The committee is already meeting to plan for next year. Watch for some exciting changes in this big fundraiser.

## **OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

President	Howard Wolf	262-442-4876
Vice President	Chuck Bodie	715-477-0507
Treasurer	Fred Rockafellow	715-891-2737
Secretary	Deana Jansa	715-891-2332
Board members	Glenn Dalton	208-830-7083
	Ron Engels	715-479-5322
	Sandy Lathrop	319-360-1274
	Carole Linn	715-479-6873
	Francis Mathieu	715-479-4132



**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2019**  
**Eagle Waters Resort, Eagle River**

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Big Thank you to Eagle Waters and staff tonight.
2. Welcome New Members/Opening Comments –
  - a. Rusty introduced the current Officers and the Board Directors
  - b. Rusty reminded everyone that the Suggestion Box is available.
3. Secretary Report: February Minutes distributed in the newsletter and constant contact. Chuck Sheffler made a motion to approve, Jim Ehler second and the motion was accepted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow gave the February 2019 financial report. Carole Linn made a motion to accept the Treas. Report, Ken Lambrecht second the motion, motion passed.
5. Election of New Officers- Judy Pacanowski presented the single candidate for each open position for this year. VP- Chuck Bodie, Treasurer- Fred Rockafellow, Directors, Sandy Lathrop, Ron Engels, Carole Linn- Voice vote confirming these candidates carried.
6. Fundraising Report: The Chair of all Fundraising Committees is our VP Chuck Bodie.
  - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website. Sales on the website have been steady, new beanie is being designed, examples on display. Thank you to Elaine Kloiber for being in charge of this program
  - b. Ride with Pride Raffle - Drawing was Feb. 23, 2019 at Trakside. Successful year with more than \$18000.00 of revenue for the 3 clubs. The Sno-Eagles share was nearly \$8,000.00. Meeting Tuesday at 6 pm for planning next year Raffle.
  - c. Trail Maps – \$21000.00 in Map ad sales. \$1600 to print and have collected \$1111 from map boxes thus far. Thank you to Steve Linn and his committee for working on this program.
7. Activities Committee Report: Club Director Carole Linn is the Chair to oversee the various Activity Committees.
  - a. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. March 30 at Log Cabin. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP. Thank you for organizing these dinners.
  - b. Trigs Brat and Bake Sale Will be July 3, the club will be looking for volunteers for the baked items and to staff the brat booth. Fred & Kathy Rockafellow will organize the event.
  - c. June 22 Pig Roast and Raffle at Sportsman's Chalet. Posters are being printed. Remember the \$100 raffle tickets will be coming for the cash raffle.
  - d. May 4<sup>th</sup> Gun Raffle at Shotski's, proceeds to benefit the club. Get your tickets at Shotski's bar.
8. New Business:
  - a. AWSC Conference is this weekend in Green Bay. 8 Sno-Eagles will be attending. We will be accepting the award of Snowmobile Friendly Community. We are expecting an AWSC dues increase and the change to the membership year to be July 1 to June 30 for all members going forward. This will result in an increase to Sno-Eagle membership dues also.
  - b. Miss Sno-Eagle – Carole reported Jessica Pollack will be helping with the recruiting and selection of the next Miss Sno Eagle. Applications will be on-line on the website and the applications will be due May 1 with interviews on May 7-9.
  - c. Cheyenne Warren- Miss Sno Eagle gave a synopsis of the events she participated in during this season and thanked the club for the opportunity.

- d. Snowmobile Safety Update- Recreation Sheriff's Deputy Jason Molle gave a report at the Alliance meeting on 3/20/19 there were 40 accidents, 6 OWI and 56 citations and 1 fatality in Vilas County this season.
  - e. The change of our corporate status to 501c3 is in Review at the IRS and we will communicate the final decision when it is received.
  - f. The Weekend Away suggestion for next year has interest and will likely be the first of second weekend of February 2020. Check your calendars and let Audrey Stearns know if you are interested in participating or planning.
  - g. Bylaws are available on the website, home page.
  - h. Thank You to all the Volunteers who make this club possible: Many, many people were recognized in the room for the events they volunteered for including: Brushing and signing- numerous people, Pond Hockey clean up, numerous people, Food Concession Stand at the WCDC during the 3 racing events- Numerous people, Miss Sno-Eagle Committee- Cheryl and Carole, Wednesday/Thursday Rides- Ron/Rusty, Newsletter-Ken, Constant Contact, Website- Carole, Safety Course- Linn Family, Trail Reports, Landowner certificates and validation, Fuel donations – Holly, Trail Boss Brian, Bylaw Revision Committee, Fred, Judy, Carole, Chuck and Rusty.
  - i. Volunteer of the Year- selected by Board and awarded to Jerry Lathrop. Congratulations!
9. Big Dumper Award – given to Dave Everett this year. Congratulations!
10. Trail Boss Report:  
Brian gave a presentation with many photos from throughout the season. Thank you to all the Maintenance Volunteers and Groomer Drivers for a very challenging and successful year.  
Groomer of the Year is Grady Stoll for 2018-19 season

11. Upcoming Events:  
SNO Log Cabin March 30

50/50 Drawing and raffle prize drawings were completed.

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 840 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deana Jansa, Secretary 3.26.19