



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



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2018

Website: www.snoeagles.org Also on Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD °

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have babbled on and on in the Newsletters about my love of snowmobiling and how proud I am of our club. To tell you the truth snowmobiling has helped me by allowing me to decompress and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Northwoods. With this Newsletter, we can announce a few wonderful new things going on with the club. First, the club has had our trails inspected and passed by the County. A huge thank you goes out to our Trail Boss Brian and the many volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to get our trails ready. Thank you for a great job! Second, the Board of Director has authorized the purchase of a 2017 Pisten Bully Groomer for the club. It is nearly new with a new machine warranty. It is quite expensive at \$222,000.00 but less than new. Through some unique refinancing that our Treasurer and I did, we have received funding at the local River Valley Bank that will not hurt the club finances. The club needed to have newer equipment to maintain our trails. We can ill afford to continue to put valuable volunteer hours and valuable monies into old broken equipment. The club now has two groomers under warranty and the other groomer was rebuilt last summer by the club volunteers. The club is entering this year with better equipment for the first time in many years. Third, well with this type of purchase comes the responsibility of paying down our debt. I would like to urge all of our club members to evaluate what our safe groomed trails mean to them and see if you can provide the club with financial donations this winter. Lastly, I would like to extend to all members a very warm wish of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I do hope to see many of you out on our wonderful snowmobile trail system this year. See you at our Christmas Party Dec. 13 and start your snow dance as we need snow.

THIS MONTH'S 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 am sure I am missing a few names but the club thanks all of you that volunteer for the club. I have attended many of our events and have enjoyed talking to our volunteers. You will notice that the same people volunteer for many committees. Please contact the club to volunteer this year. The Sno-Eagles want to thank:

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Joritz, Marv Radloff

Trail Brushing: Brian Scheid, Jerry Fancher, Bugs Mathieu, Dan Lynch, Ron Engels, Marv Radloff, Jerry Lathrop, George Cavaligos, Dennis & Jason Jantz, Michelle & Evan Jenet, Jim Ayers, Fred Bode

Trail Map Sales Volunteers: Steve Linn, Bugs Mathieu, Jim Ayers, John Norman, Chuck Bodie, Fred Rockafellow, Dennis Kirby, Cliff Erickson, Elmer Jensen, Mac McCoy.

Ride with Pride Raffle Volunteers: John Norman, Rusty Wolf, Steve Linn, Bugs Mathieu, Chuck Bodie, Jerry Fancher, Jim Ehler and Glenn Dalton

We are still looking for more volunteers. Go to our website and sign up to help, or contact president@sno-eagles.org or trailboss@sno-eagles.org to volunteer.

Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 4 – Board of Directors Meeting
- ???????– Trails Open – conditions permitting
- 13 – Sno-Eagles Christmas Party – Catch 22 Supper Club

No Member Meeting in December because of the Christmas Party

January

- 8 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 17– Member meeting at VFW Post
- 25-27 – Women on Snow
- 26 – Saturday Night Out at White Stag – Sugar Camp

February

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 12-14 – Weekday Ride Away to Florence, WI
- 21 – Member Meeting at Eddie B's White Spruce
- 23 – Ride With Pride drawing at Trackside – noon
- 23 - Saturday Night Out at Twelve Pines

March

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 -Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort
- 30 – Saturday Night Out at Pine Isle – Three Lakes

April

- 2 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 – Member Meeting at Buckshots

THE SNO-EAGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 13

The reservation deadline is now past. If you've already signed up, the party is December 13 at Catch 22. Cocktails and 6 PM & German buffet at 7 PM. It will be a great time. See your December 9 Sno-Eagles News email for more details.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Trails are brushed, signed, groomed, and inspected! We are ready to open for the 2018/19 season after the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance agrees on an opening date. The weather this past November has been nearly perfect with plenty of cold and some snow. The swamps have frozen nicely and have been packed with the ARGO where needed. The lakes will remain closed until further notice and should be open mid to late December. We are in desperate need of some snow so please send it our way!

I am happy to announce the Sno-Eagles Board of Directors approved purchase of a new groomer which will arrive in middle December. The groomer, made by Kassbohrer is a 2017 Trail 100 Pisten Bully which we settled on price at \$222,000. The Pisten Bully is a German built unit with a solid reputation in the snowmobile and Nordic markets around the world. I recommended several units to the board and addressed what our need for replacement would be. This unit will be our lightest groomer with enough horsepower to groom every type of terrain and be effective in swamp areas where other units are not.

Every fall we spend hundreds of hours of volunteer time to open the trails. The volunteer list is long. Thank you to all that have volunteered, your time spent on the trails is appreciated by everyone in the community that couldn't participate.



See you on the trails soon and look for RED just in time for Christmas.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Brian Scheid- Trial Boss / Board Member

GO FUND ME GROOMER REPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

The Sno-Eagles Board of Directors has established a Go Fund Me campaign to generate funds for groomer replacement. Replacing a grooming unit is extremely costly ranging from \$175,000 for a used unit to upwards of \$230,000 for a new unit.

Grooming is the largest expense to our club. We operate with an annual budget just over \$150,000. One-third of the budget comes from the state. The remaining two-thirds comes from fundraising.

From mid-December through mid-March we groom the trails up to five nights a week with three groomers each night. We are very fortunate to have skilled volunteers who maintain the groomers and grooming drags. Their efforts save the club thousands of dollars and we thank them for their dedicated service to the Sno-Eagles.

We recognize snowmobiling is important to you, and riding on well-groomed trails is key to your enjoyment of the sport. Therefore, we are asking for your financial support to help us continue to provide the finest trails here the "Snowmobile Capital of the World®."

Please consider donating to our groomer replacement fund. Your support is much appreciated. You can donate the following ways: Write a check to the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club indicating Groomer Replacement Fund in the memo field, and mail to PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521

-OR-

Visit our [**Go Fund Me**](#) campaign

Many thanks from the Board of Directors and your Trail Boss, Brian Scheid.

NEW MISS SNO-EAGLE CROWNED

Cheyenne Warren of Eagle River, a Northland Pined High School senior, has been selected as Miss Sno-Eagle 2018-2019. She was crowned at our meeting on Thursday evening.

After graduation Cheyanne will attend UW Green Bay to study music and the performing arts.

Cheyenne has been riding snowmobiles since she was 5 years old. As a child she rode with her dad – a groomer for the Three Lakes Trails. Over the years she’s helped with many fundraisers for the trails including sandwich sales, grass drags, oval races and the gun raffle.

Since childhood she hoped to become part of Derby Royalty, and last year Cheyanne was a Derby Princess. According to Cheyanne, she is excited to have been selected as Miss Sno-Eagle and is anxious to show her love and passion for snowmobiling and to become part of the snowmobiling community.

As Miss Sno-Eagle, Cheyanne will represent the Sno-Eagles at events throughout 2018-2019 some of which include the World Championship Snowmobile Derby, Derby Vintage Weekend, Ride with Pride Raffle, the 4th of July Parade, and membership meetings.

Cheyenne is featured on the Sno-Eagles 2018-2019 trail map cover.

A \$500 scholarship donated by Boat S’Port will be awarded upon completion of Miss Sno-Eagle responsibilities. In addition, she will receive a custom embroidered snowmobile suit donated by Boat S’Port. Hair and make-up for the trail map photo was donated by Synergy Salon and Spa. TJ Gaffney Photography donated the map cover photo shoot.



President Howard Wolf & Miss Sno-Eagle Cheyanne Warren

WEEKLY CLUB RIDES

Wednesday & Thursday Club Rides will begin soon after the trails open. Meet at the old train station at 9:00 am The group will pick a destination for the day’s ride & lunch. Everyone is welcome! **Ron Engels** – 715-479-5322 will lead the Wednesday rides and **Rusty Wolf** – 262-442-4876 will lead the rides on Thursday. Now you really need to start thinking cold & snow!

WOMEN ON SNOW 2019

Since 1986 a great riding event for women snowmobilers has taken place in Eagle River. This year's ride will be held on January 26-28. Many Sno-Eagle members have attended these events over the years. Just think – no men to tell you how to ride or give you directions.

Go to www.womenonsnow.org for complete details. - or contact member and organization director Judy Pacanowski at woserjudy@aol.com.

WEEK-DAY RIDE AWAY 2019

ONLY LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE but it's not too late to make your reservations for our Week-Day Ride Away trip to Dolls Lakeside B&B in Florence, WI. **Ron Engels** is planning the rides for the weekend. Call the resort at 715-528-3259 to reserve your room. Also - call **Marv** or **Carol Radloff** at 715-479-5153 to let her know that you are planning to attend. They will give you more information about the event. Dates –Feb. 12-14

RIDE WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for Sno-Eagles, is underway. As in the past, the beneficiaries of the raffle will be Sno-Eagles, and the clubs in Conover and Three Lakes. Tickets will be available at the Derby and at many area businesses. Because of postal regulations, we will not be sending tickets out to members, but we urge you to stop at Trakside to buy your tickets. Thanks to **John Norman** for his hard work organizing the raffle program this year. The prize drawing will be at Trakside on February 23 at noon. Miss Sno-Eagle will be there to draw the winning tickets

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DERBY COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE

You are invited!

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to an **Open House** and the
56TH Annual
Derby Queen Pageant
Saturday, Dec. 15 — 1-5 p.m.
at the World Championship Derby Complex
Derby volunteer appreciation and recruitment/signup

Meet & get to know the new owners.

Meet members of the press & dignitaries.

FREE REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS
HOT DOGS AND BRATS sponsored by... **TRIG'S SMOKEHOUSE**

Watch as the 2019 Derby Queen is crowned; pageant to begin at 3:30 p.m.
Interested in becoming the next Derby Queen? Scholarships awarded to the queen & the two princesses.
REGISTER ONLINE AT www.derbycomplex.com

VINTAGE World Championship Snowmobile Derby Jan. 11-13, 2019	CALL FOR TICKETS	56 TH World Championship Snowmobile Derby Jan. 17-20, 2019	USSA World Series March 9 & 10, 2019
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World Championship Derby Complex • Office: 715.479.4424
P.O. Box 1808 • 1311 N. Railroad St. • Eagle River, WI 54521
www.derbycomplex.com

WANT CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS????

Trail Boss – **Brian Scheid** (715) 891-2332

Sno-Eagles Trail Conditions **Hotline** – (715) 479-5185 or www.snoeagles.org

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

MORE NEW MEMBERS

Here are the latest new members of our Sno-Eagles family. Welcome to all of you!

Harry & Debbie Clayton	- Eagle river
Greg Cook	- Eagle river
Mike & Teri Dorfman	- Arlington Heights, IL
Kevin & Lauri Potter	- Ixonia, WI
John & Deanne Rizleris	- Marengo, IL
David & Sharon Rindfleisch	- Asbury, Iowa
Brian & Romell Ross	- Eagle River
Jeff & Morgan Salvatore	- Trevor, WI
Robert Schwietert & Roselyn Fagiano	-Eagle River
Jerry & Myrna Williams	- Reedsburg, WI

YELLOW AWSC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Sno-Eagles Board of Directors has decided to stop sending out the yellow membership cards for two reasons:

#1 – The main reason for having the card was proof of membership for filing a claim for the accidental death insurance policy. The insurance policy is no longer a club benefit.

#2 – It is now possible for you to check your membership status on www.awsc.com. On the home page click on Membership Inquiry under the Quick Links. You will find your demographic information, member #, expiration date, a list of trail passes you ordered this year and the sticker numbers of your sleds, AND the opportunity to print your yellow card if you really want one.

REMINDER ABOUT WISCONSIN TRAIL PASSES

All snowmobiles operating in Wisconsin are required to display a Wisconsin Trail Pass (purchased separately from your snowmobile registration). Members of the AWSC and a local club (like Sno-Eagles) will be able to purchase these annual passes for \$10 instead of \$30 for each of their personal sleds registered in Wisconsin. We have been told that no warnings will be given this year – ALL NON-COMPLIANT RIDERS WILL BE TICKETED. Don't take a chance by not spending the \$10 for a trail pass

If your membership is current, you are all set to buy your discounted trail passes. Do it now – the trails will open soon! Contact the AWSC at www.awsc.org to purchase trail passes. Don't go to the DNR or a local gas station to purchase these discounted trail passes. They will only sell you the regular \$30 stickers. You must purchase them through the AWSC.

**Happy Holidays to all of our Sno-Eagles family!
Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe on the trails**

Ken Storms - Editor & Membership Coordinator

General Membership Meeting Minutes **November 15, 2018 at Riverstone Restaurant**

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.
2. Welcome New Members/Opening Comments –
 - a. Rusty introduced all Board members. Members: John Dawson along with Clint, Diane and Cheyanne Warren were welcomed to the meeting.
 - b. Rusty reminded everyone that the Suggestion Box is at every meeting so if you have any suggestions they can be put in the box and they will be taken to the next Board meeting to review and discuss. The previous suggestions were discussed by Board in November and have been implemented; they include a safety reminder at each meeting and a community donation at the Christmas Party.
 - c. Sno-Eagles were granted by the City of Eagle River the ability to use the Trademarked statement: “Snowmobile Capital of the World”, at no cost. We can use on our clothing items and other items going forward.
3. Secretary Report: October minutes distributed in the newsletter. Fred Rockafellow made a motion to approve, Ken Lambrecht second and the motion was accepted.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the October 2018 financial report. Bugs Mathieu made a motion to accept the Treas. Report, Ken Lambrecht second the motion, motion passed.
5. Crown 2018-19 Miss Sno-Eagle- Cheyanne Warren was crowned as Miss Sno-Eagle for the 2018-19 Year. Congratulations to Cheyanne!!
6. Fundraising Committee Reports: The Chair of all Fundraising Committees is our VP Chuck Bodie.
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website. Samples were at the meeting
 - b. Ride with Pride Raffle - tickets are available for sale at various locations around the area by volunteers.
 - c. Trail Maps are printed and are being distributed around the area.
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. Next one is November 24 at Eagle Lanes, January will be on the 26th location TBD, please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
 - b. Christmas Party – December 13, 6pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, German Buffet, and theme. Send your reservations to Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521. Enclose your name/names along with your check made out to Sno-Eagles for \$25 per person. Please bring donations for the School Food Backpack Program to the meeting, see list of suggested items in the Constant contact emails.
 - c. Weekday Away Update—Dates are Feb. 12-14th in Florence, at Dolls B& B. Space is limited. Contact Marv Radloff for more information. 715-479-5153
 - d. Women on Snow- Information sent in newsletter, paper registrations available at the meeting. January 26, 2019
8. Trail Boss Report: Johnny Skeptical Video presented.
 - a. Brian reviewed some pictures of the work that has been done over the past 2 years including the renovation of the Groomer Barn, installation of a new furnace and Point Well along with the transitions of multiple pieces of grooming equipment to bring the club to a position with newer equipment that will require less maintenance costs in the upcoming years.
 - b. Brian reported trail brushing is winding down, no more will be done during the gun hunt. They have been in the swamps breaking up ice and re-signing all the swamp areas. We will have our trail inspection the end of November or first week of December, The

Alliance meets next week and will discuss club readiness for trail opening because we open as a whole county in Vilas every year.

- c. The BR180 has sold to a club in New York and has been picked up. The Board has approved the purchase of a 2017 Piston Bully, cost of \$222,750.00 with a 5r. warranty. Will arrive in mid-December.

9. Upcoming Events:

SNO Eagle Lanes 11/24

Christmas Party – December 13th Catch 22- German Theme

10. Old Business: Bylaw Changes: Fred gave a brief report on the family membership votes issue raised at the September meeting after the Bylaws were approved. The Bylaws Committee has met and have drafted an amendment to Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws to allow 2 votes for a family membership in the elections of club officers and directors at the general membership meetings. The amended language was be distributed to all members in the November newsletter and a vote on this amendment will occur at the January 17, 2019 membership meeting.

Thank You to all the Volunteers who make this club possible.

11. New Business:

- a) Monthly Snowmobile Safety - Carole Linn presented this month, she reviewed how to handle meeting a groomer on the trail either from the front or behind. Be cautious, slow down and wait for guidance from the groomer driver. The groomer will always stop and pull over to allow snowmobiles to move around them. You may need to follow the groomer to a safe location to pass.
Snowmobile Hand signal video was presented showing the proper use of hand signals for right turn, left turn, slowing down, stopping, sleds behind you and last sled in a group.
- b) Sno Eagles support of Michigan couple wedding Feb. 1, 2019 at Buckatobon bridge. We will be working with them to assist this event. We will be assisting with a bonfire and hot chocolate at the shelter as well as guiding the group of snowmobiles and getting people to the shelter from Bauer's Dam. More details to come on volunteer opportunities.
- c) Fred reported on the status of the 501c3, the application was put together by Carole Linn and Fred and has been submitted to the CPA organization who will submit to IRS for approval. Can be up to 6 month wait for approval.
- d) Ken Storms- handed out name tags to board members and other members who had not received them in the past. If you are interested in getting a name tag to have when you attend meeting please contact Ken Storms and he will make one for you.

50/50 Drawing and raffle prize drawings were completed. Cheyanne won the 50/50 drawing.

Adjourn: There being no further business Ken Lambrecht made a motion to adjourn Bugs Mathieu seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary