SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Eagle River, WI

NEWSLETTER – February 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well Folks, it's February! Winters not over yet! I trust that most of you have been making the best of what little snow we have received to date or have travelled to find the elusive prize for which to put our motorized sleds on.

Last weekend, many of our Sno-Eagles gang traveled for our annual 'Weekend Away' at The Great Northern Hotel in Mercer, WI. For the most part trails were good. There are a lot of snowmobile clubs out there day and night trying to keep the trails in as good condition as possible with the cards we have been dealt! Thanks for all you folks do!

A good time was had by all. The Great Northern Hotel did a fabulous job making us feel welcome!

Speaking of going away (again)… as I'm writing my message for this month my wife and I will be traveling to 'Down Under' to enjoy kangaroos and Koala bears, maybe have some 'brekkie' in the morning and fire up the 'barbie' in the evening to enjoy some Australian faire; and a Foster's or two. Then, scoot over and enjoy a train trip in New Zealand.

Never fear!!! I will be in contact with our great group of members. I have the utmost respect and confidence in all them to carry on in my absence.

As I conclude my message for this month, we're winding down the 2025 Pond Hockey Championship hosted by USA Hockey of which our club is providing concessions. With 30 hockey ponds formed on Dollar Lake here in Eagle River, WI, there were nearly 300 teams competing from all over the U.S. and Canada. That's a lot of hockey players! There were a lot of volunteers doing all sorts of things to make this a successful event. I thought I've seen it all. The first day we were setting up for the festivities the winds were so bad coming across the lake we cancelled the set up as it was too dangerous in the tents for our volunteers. Never fear, the next morning, bright and earlier than we wanted, our members converged onto the scene, and we were up and running by the time the first teams hit the rinks. The next day was fantastic with not a cloud in the sky and the brightest sun I've seen in a while. Then, the next day it, yes, SNOWED all day but the players were out and although there were winners and losers, it appeared everyone had a great time! If any of you have the opportunity to witness this event, please do so. You will not regret it.

We have a month or two left in the season for putting some miles on your sleds. Let's get out there, enjoy the trails, be aware of the landowners, respect your fellow sledders, and above all **BE SAFE!**

Roger

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 13, 2025** - 3rd Legend Laps @ WCDC
- **February 20, 2025** - General Meeting 7 pm @ Veteran's Resource Center
- **February 21, 2025** - February 23, 2025 - World Series of Snowmobile Racing @ WCDC
- **March 4, 2025** - BOD meeting 6 pm @ World Snowmobile HQ
- **March 14, 2025** - March 15, 2025 - AMSOIL National Sno-Cross @ WCDC
- **March 15, 2025** - Groom to Ride @ Trackside - Drawing at 5 pm
- **March 20, 2025 –** Annual Sno-Eagles Meeting 7 pm @ Eagle Waters Resort
- **April 1, 2025** - BOD meeting 6 pm @ World Snowmobile HQ
- **April 17, 2025** - Membership Meeting 7 pm @ Chanticleer Inn

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

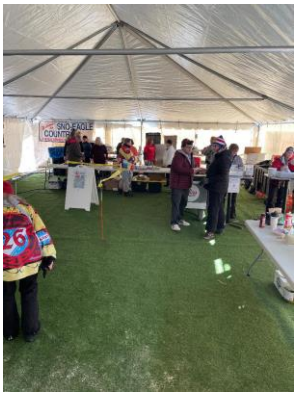
Trails are now open in both Vilas and Oneida counties. Conditions aren't optimal but we did get a substantial snowstorm on February 7th. That helped. Wednesday and Thursday rides have resumed.

WEEKEND AWAY TO MERCER

POND HOCKEY

Sno-Eagles ran concessions and clean-up at the Pond Hockey event which returned to Dollar Lake thanks to great ice conditions this year. About 300 teams from all over the county competed.

Sno-Eagle members stepped up to provide great service as they always do. Thanks to all of our volunteers. See more photos in the Feb. 9 Sno-Eagles News.



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World Series of Snowmobile Racing Concessions @ WCDC

Friday, February 21
Saturday, February 22
Sunday, February 23

Please check in at the "Will Call House" upon arrival to receive your pass for the day.

Concessions

Groom to Ride Ticket Sales

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CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

2025 Sno-Eagle Board Nominations

Nominations are open for the positions of vice president, treasurer, and for three director positions. These positions are currently held by:

Doug Miller (vice-president)
Dave Cyrtmus (treasurer)
Dan Dumas (directors)
Mark Heeren (directors)
Carole Linn (directors)

These are two-year terms which begin with the next scheduled meeting after the March election.

Candidates must be current members of the Sno-Eagles, maintain a primary residence in the Eagle River area, and not be an officer or board member of another snowmobile club.

To submit a nomination, or if you have any questions including details about the position responsibilities contact Pam Hupf. Pam@snoeagles.org You can self-nominate.

Nominations will remain open through February 20, 2025.

DISCOVER WISCONSIN MEDIA EVENT

Club members spent the brisk afternoon on February 6th with the crew from Discover Wisconsin for a Vilas County snowmobile media shoot in Eagle River! The event was hosted by Chris Westfall at his Peaceful Pines Resort

GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER

NOTE: THE DRAWING WILL BE AT TRACKSIDE – NOT AT THE DERBY COMPLEX

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CLUB. BUY LOTS OF TICKETS

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

Alexis Appleberry	Eagle River
Richard & Heidi Ewald	Kewaskum, WI
Gary & Lind Kuschub	Belleville, WI

FOR CURRENT SNO-EAGLE NEWS - WATCH YOUR INBOX FOR SNO-EAGLES NEWS. USUALLY SENT OUT WEEKLY ON SUNDAY EVENING DURING THE SNOW SEASON.
ALSO VISIT www.snoeagles.org AND CLICK ON THE NEWS TAB.

Minutes of the January General Membership Meeting

January 23, 2025 – LP's Pizza and Pasta

1. Open Meeting at 7:00 pm, Welcome & Announcements - President Roger Rosenthal
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
3. Welcome New Members, Introduce Officers & Directors - President Roger Rosenthal
4. Opening Comments: Virtual Broadcast Announcements - President Roger Rosenthal

a. 50/50 raffle for Weekend Backpack Program

b. Meeting sponsorship – Thank you to LP's Pizza and Pasta for hosting us today! 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 – Pam Hupf

a. Vice President (currently Doug Miller), Treasurer (currently Dave Cyrtmus), and three Directors (Currently Dan Dumas, Carole Linn, and Mark Heeren)

Carole does not plan to run for another term and Doug Miller is interested on staying on the BOD, but would welcome someone else to run for Vice President. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else who would be a good board member for the next two year term. Candidates must be a current member, maintain residence in the Eagle River area, and cannot be a board member of another club. Send nominations to Pam at pam@snoeagles.org, or call her at (920) 382-3716 if you have any questions.

6. Secretary's Report – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth

a. Approve November 21, 2024 minutes

Steve Linn motioned to approve; Doug Miller seconded; Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Dave Cyrtmus

Thank you to the Rotary Club for $1000 donation in December. Memberships are about even with the budget, but donations are a little behind. Fortunately, expenses are also behind, so we are about $5000 above budget.

8. Trail Report – President Roger Rosenthal

- Trails are open with some thin spots around the system. Still need more snow to smooth out the top, but the base is holding up well with the frozen ground. Use caution if you ride as corners may be icy.
- Thank you to Klessig for quickly donating their time to remove trees from the Trail 3 reroute. And thank you to 4 Seasons Rental for loaning us a stump grinder.

a. Grooming Operations update – Director Dan Dumas

Have been out on all trails and they are in better shape than expected.

9. Fundraising Report – President Roger Rosenthal

a. Groom to Ride raffle tickets, drawing on March 15

Roger will be on vacation for several weeks, so Dave Cyrtmus and Keith Nettesheim will be handling this event. Tickets are available at local establishments; buy yours from Eagle River locations to benefit our club.

b. Cash Raffle Event Coordinator needed – Tickets are being printed. Typically start selling them after GTR ticket event is over. Tammy Schmidgall and Nancy Freye are going to take over the basket raffles with Debbie Cobb's help. Charlie will still handle ticket sales. Consider volunteering to oversee the overall event planning for this important fundraiser for our club.

10. Volunteer Report – Sandy Lathrop

Thanks to everyone who worked the last 2 weekends – probably about 300 hours each weekend. Had 5 young people who helped in concessions and did a good job, and 2 more helped sell tickets. We like to

have youth involved!
a. Pond Hockey food and beer sales, Feb. 6 – 9: will need more help than any other event! On the 6th will need help setting up everything. Sheets are open on Time to sign up, so please sign up soon! We will need all the volunteers possible for this event and this will be one of our main fundraisers for the year. We'll need help with clean up, too. This will be our second time handling the food and beer sales, and will make more money on Dollar Lake than when we covered the food at the Derby track venue. The tents in which we will be serving food are heated and have carpet on the ice.
b. Other events at WCDC: World Series, Feb. 21 – 23; Snocross, March 14 – 15
11. Activities Report – Director Carole Linn
a. Trail Side Campfire, January 25, 11:00 – 3:00 at Peaceful Pines Resort at 1875 Hat Trick Trail, Eagle River. Bring your family and friends to join us for hot dogs, hot chocolate, and snacks. Can use Chain 'O Lakes Road section to get to it with special permission for this weekend.
b. Weekend Away, January 31 – February 2 – John Favorite: There are still rooms available with 16 already reserved. Contact John at ujfaves@gmail.com or (608) 212-5233 if you are attending so he will have an accurate count for food. Mercer just received 6 – 8 inches of fresh snow. Take luggage to the Groomer Shed on Thursday between 4 – 6. On Friday can rendezvous at the Train Depot around 9:15 – 9:45 to ride in groups. Check in is at 3:00 or later. Luggage will be in banquet hall.
c. Miss Sno-Eagle recruitment will begin Feb. 19 - April 1, which includes $1000 scholarship.
12. Membership Report – Director Carole Linn
456 members to date including 44 new members (with 11 being map advertisers), 17 associate members, 6 complimentary/honorary members, and 40 map advertisers, and new this year, we have 2 commercial sponsors. We received 97 donations to Champion Campaign ($9,050 gross) and 45 Donations to the Groomer Replacement Fund ($4,385).
13. Social Media Update – Director Dan Dumas
Facebook exploded with almost 700,000 views, 470 new followers, and 283,000 are being reached daily.
14. VCSA Update – President Roger Rosenthal and/or Vice President Doug Miller
- We were the only club to vote "No" to opening the trails last week. Many places have little snow, so be careful if you choose to ride.
15. Member Comments – President Roger Rosenthal
- Rusty Wolf has A Frozen Journey books to sell for $25 which is donated to the club, and they are available on our website in the Store.
16. 50/50 raffle drawing – Lisa Buss
Mark Heeren won and donated his $75 winnings to the backpack program.
17. Adjourned at 7:37 pm – Roger Rosenthal motioned to adjourn, Dave Cyrtmus seconded.
Submitted by Cindy Fruhwirth, Secretary

WE'RE ALL HOPING FOR A BIG SNOWSTORM!