



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



NEWSLETTER - February 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wait all year to go snowmobiling and here we are already in February. One-half of the snowmobile season is behind us. The first thing that comes to mind for me is to give thanks to the Trail Boss and Groomer Operators who have provided us with wonderful groomed trails this year. Mother Nature has not given us much snow, but our great group of operators have given us wonderful trails with the little snow we were given. It also was so wonderful to meet the many members who volunteered to work with me in the Food Concession at the Vintage and Derby Weekends. It was long hours and a lot of work, but it was fun meeting and talking with our members. I guess we can thank Mother Nature for some really cold temperatures. The lakes are frozen, and the trails are holding up with the extreme cold temps. Our club is doing well and at the January General Membership meeting, we enjoyed pizza at the VFW and we had 55 members in attendance. That was great to see so many members. The club also hit a milestone as we now have over 400 members. Hooray for Sno-Eagles. The members also brought with them nearly 5 large bins of food for the School Backpack program. Thank you all so much. When I retired 5+ years ago, I wanted to snowmobile and well I am trying hard to do that. I do have 1,000 miles so far this season and looking for another 1,000. I also urge the members to watch the newsletters and the weekly Constant Contact emails for all the many events and wonderful happenings in the area this year. I hope to see as many members at our February meeting at Eddie B's. Come out and support your club and enjoy your club. We are the Sno-Eagles of Eagle River and we are proud.

Sno-Eagles Volunteers

Vintage Weekend, Food Concession Stand at Derby Hall:

George & Julie Wagner	Barb Dominick	John Gapinski
Brian Gutche	Chuck Bodie	Jim & Mary Ehler
Mark Johannsen	Jack Bourgeois	Rusty & Cheryl Wolf
Carole Linn	Scott & Colleen Priesler	Mark Balaban
Deana Jansa	Bill & Joan Ploetz	Randy Buss
Lois Schlueter	Phyllis Case	Andrea Lundgren

Derby Weekend, Food Concession Stand at Derby Hall:

Rusty & Cheryl Wolf	Jack Bourgeois	Monica Donahoe
Marv Radloff	John & Chris Wilhelm	Jim Blaha
Fred & Kathy Rockafellow	Bill & Joan Ploetz	Keith Nettesheim
Gary & Linda Jacobs	Michelle & Evan Janet	Fred & Pat Bode
Rich & Nancy Freye	Scott & Cindy Fruhwirth	Jim & Mary Ehler
Chuck Bodie	Brett (Nettesheim?)	Bugs Mathieu

ALSO - 16 Sno-Eagle Volunteers staffed the Hot Seats at Derby Weekend

COMING UP – ANOTHER RACE AT THE DERBY TRACK

Sno-Eagles again is looking for volunteers for the USSA Pro-star race, **Food concession**
March 9-10

We need 4 volunteers for Saturday 9:30-1:30 4 volunteers from 12:30-4:30

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Contact Rusty via email hwolf48@me.com

Thank you all – *Howard Wolf*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to put these important activities on your calendar:

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 - Annual 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

NOTES:

>**Wednesday Rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will determine our destination and lunch stop. All are welcome to this event.

>**Thursday Scenic Route rides** also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. Call Rusty Wolf with questions about our group rides. 1-262-442-4876.

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile Headquarters at 6 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start about 6:15 PM for refreshments with the business meeting starting promptly at 7 PM.

>**Saturday Night Out (SNO)** is an informal club get together for dinner at restaurants that support our club with map ads or business support. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 to RSVP by Friday 10:00 am the day before the event.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

My monthly message is simple...get out and ride everyone!

See you on the trails!

Brian Scheid
Trail Boss

WEDDING BELLS ON THE BUCKATABON BRIDGE

On February 1, the Sno-Eagles helped organize and coordinate a wedding on the snowmobile trail at the Buckatabon Bridge.

All the activities began at Eagle Waters Resort where approximately 130 wedding guests assembled. The guests were separated into groups, and Sno-Eagles volunteers led about 74 snowmobiles with 109

riders on a trail ride to the bridge. Those guests who did not snowmobile to the bridge enjoyed a ride to the event on a groomer drag!



Sno-Eagles provided a campfire at the site in addition to a warming tent for the guests.

Bauer's Dam donated hot chocolate which was served by club volunteers.

The wedding couple, who are club members, made a generous donation to the club for our efforts. Other wedding guests were invited to join the Sno-Eagles.

Sno-Eagles volunteers who helped make this event a success are:

Rusty Wolf
Brian Scheid
Dan Towne
Grady Stoll
Tim Bogeman
Ron Engels
Steve Linn
Carole Linn
Marv Radloff
Jim Ehler
Jerry Fancher
Sioux Regez
Jerry Lathrop
Sandy Lathrop
Josh Lathrop
Deana Jansa
Chuck Bodie
Dave Mroczynski
Sonja Mroczynski
Dan Tomazoski and son

RIDE WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER – DRAWING FEBRUARY 23

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for the Sno-Eagles is approaching its end. Three clubs are benefiting from the raffle this year – Sno-Eagles, Three Lakes, and Conover. We will have tickets at our February Membership Meeting and they are available at local restaurants and taverns and snowmobile dealerships. Buy a ticket and win a new Ski-Doo MXZ 600ES or Outlander 570 ATV from Trackside, a Yellowstone Getaway at Three Bear Lodge, weekend getaways at Eagle Waters or Wild Eagle Lodge. Cheyanne Warren - Miss Sno-Eagle – will draw the winning tickets at Trackside at noon on February 23. Come, meet Cheyanne, and join us for the drawing. Following the drawing, interested members are invited to go for a club ride. Later that evening we will have our SNO event at the Twelve Pines. It will be a busy Sno-Eagle Saturday!

ANNUAL MEETING & OFFICER ELECTIONS – MARCH 21

The Sno-Eagles annual meeting will be held at Eagle Waters on March 15. At that meeting the following positions are up for election for 2-year terms: Vice-President, Treasurer, and three Board members. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Steve Linn at 715-479-6873. This is your chance to get actively involved in running our club. The board meets monthly from August to April. We welcome members to come to one of our board meetings. The meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at the World Snowmobile Headquarters.

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Twenty-One Sno-Eagles attended the January event at the White Stag. As usual this restaurant did a great job of satisfying the hunger and thirst of those attending. On **February 23** the event will be held at Twelve Pines. Earlier that day, the Ride with Pride drawing will be held at Trackside. **So: Go to the drawing, go for a sled ride, and go to dinner at Twelve Pines.** Please **RSVP** with Cheryl Storms by 10 AM on Friday if you are going to attend the dinner (715)479-5599. If you aren't familiar, Saturday Night Out is an informal monthly dinner at area restaurants that advertise on our trail map or help the club in other ways. This is our way to thank them. Come join us – no meeting – just fun.

MORE NEW MEMBERS

We have a lot of new members this month. Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family!

Stephen & Wendy Ahnen	Eagle River
James & Barbara Austad	Oshkosh, WI
Coleman Barnes	Tomahawk, WI
Michael Barnes	Tomahawk, WI
Cindy Boothe	West Burlington, IA
Patricia Bryant & Jeremy Rossi	Carpentersville, IL
Joseph Clark, Jr.	Kenosha, WI
Kyle Clary	Gilberts, IL
Mike & Sally Dunn	Coppell, TX
Tory Gerber	Salem, WI
Riley & Sonya Gillette	Slinger, WI
Michael Gildemeister	Eagle River
Kevin Lezotte	DePere, WI
Duane McCoy & Tammy Waisanen	Chassell, MI
Tim & Nicole Neubert	Nashotah, WI
Jason & Lori Rehr	Glen Carbon, IL
Steve & Laurie Skotzke	Appleton, WI

Mike & Peggy Stoller
Dan & Theresa Tomasoski
Robert & Jennifer Wagner

Gridley, IL
Eagle River
Milwaukee, WI

SPECIAL JOBS BEING DONE BY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Club Historian – Karen Engels (715)479-5322 or karon374@gmail.com
Contact Karen if you have photos (old or new) and article of current Sno-Eagles events.

We Care – Audrey Stearns (715) 479-8890 or audrey.stearns@yahoo.com
If you know of a member who is in need of encouragement, is ill or facing a difficult time in their life, or has lost a dear friend or family member, contact Audrey our We Care person. She has volunteered to extend the hand of friendship for all of us.

Officer & Board Member Phone Numbers:

President	Howard Wolf	1-262-442-4876
Vice President	Chuck Bodie	715-477-0507
Secretary	Deana Jansa	1-608-215-0464
Treasurer	Fred Rockafellow	715-891-2737
Board Members:	Glenn Dalton	1-208-830-7083
	Ron Engels	715-479-5322
	Carole Linn	715-479-6873
	Bugs Mathieu	715-479-4132
	Brien Scheid	715-891-2332
Trail Boss	Brian Scheid	715-891-2332

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS IN SNO-EAGLES HAVE NOW SURPASSED 400!!!!

To become a member of Sno-Eagles and the AWSC, download our membership application from the club website: www.sno-eagles.org and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521. Be sure to enclose your check for \$30 to cover your member dues in both organizations. – **OR-** better yet, fill out the application on line and pay on line. The majority of our new and renewal member applications are now being done on line.

Some changes are coming this spring regarding membership and dues.

Change #1: The AWSC portion of your dues is being raised from \$10 to \$12. Also, Sno-Eagles is charged a service charge for members who pay dues on line. 90% of our new member applications and renewal applications are now submitted on line rather than via paper applications. As a result, the Sno-Eagles board has voted to increase our dues from \$30 to \$35 for the 2019-20 membership year.

Change #2: The AWSC will vote on a proposal at their annual meeting in March to change the membership year for AWSC and local clubs to July 1 to June 30. If the proposal passes, we will no longer have a system where everyone may have a different membership renewal date. All Sno-Eagles membership applications and dues payments would then be due on July 1.

More information will follow as soon as we have more details.

Ken Storms Membership Chairman & Newsletter Editor - (715) 479-5599

Membership Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018
VFW
Eagle River, WI

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Big Thank you to the VFW for the pizza tonight
2. Welcome New Members/Opening Comments –
 - a. Ken Storms introduced new members Mike and Coleman Barnes, Dan T and Kevin and Mike Dunn. We now have 401 members.
 - b. Rusty reminded everyone that the Suggestion Box not at tonights meeting but he will take any suggestions after the meeting today.
3. Secretary Report: November minutes distributed in the newsletter. Ken Lambrecht made a motion to approve, Bev Dittmer second and the motion was accepted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the December 2018 financial report. Banks were changed from mBank to River Valley, \$50,000.00 was put down on the new groomer and the new combined loan payment is 3069/month. Jim Klug made a motion to accept the Treas. Report, Karen Engels second the motion, motion passed.
5. Introduce New Vilas County Rec. Officer – Jason Molle introduced himself, gave a brief bio and discussed the recent accidents and answered a few questions from the attendees. We welcomed Jason and thanked him for his efforts patrolling the trails.
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, sales on the website have been brisk.
 - b. Ride with Pride Raffle - tickets are available for sale at various locations around the area by volunteers. Sales have been a little slow
 - c. Trail Maps are printed and are being distributed around the area, sales have been a bit slow here too, due to the late start to the season.
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 January 26, at White Stag, February is at Twelve Pines and March at Pine Isle. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
 - b. 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
 - c. Pond Hockey Feb 8-10, Volunteers will be needed for garbage pick up. Club receives \$1000.00 for this effort.
8. Old Business:
 - a. ByLaw Changes: Fred read the the ByLaw change to the attendees. 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. Family membership is defined in the AWSC handbook. Bug made a motion to approve, Steve Linn seconded and the motion carried.
 - b. Thank You to all the Volunteers who make this club possible. Marv and Jim for daily maintenance checks, the groomer drivers for keeping the trails in good shape and

Carole Linn for providing an article for SnoGoer magazine, and all who are helping at the Derby track for Vintage and Derby concessions, tickets, and hot seats.

9. Trail Boss Report: Trails opened 12/17/18,

They are hard, icy and fast due to the limited amount of snow we have. Piston Bully is working well, Dan Towne has been trained on it so far. It is using about ½ the gasoline as the other 2 units. (3.2 gallons per hour)

Sno Eagles support of Michigan couple wedding Feb. 1, 2019 at Buckatobon bridge. 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

10. Upcoming Events:

SNO at White Stag 1/26

11. New Business:

- a) Honorary Members were presented with a plaque, Jim Ayers, Bev Dittmer and Audrey Stearns were recognized as Honorary Members this year. They are all long standing members and have contributed countless hours to the club over many years.
- b) Liberty Mutual Insurance- Mark Haffermann introduced himself and Liberty Mutual Insurance products available for snowmobilers and their relationship with AWSC
- c) Volunteers for the Nominating Committee for the Spring election were solicited by Rusty. Steve Linn, Chuck Bodie and Jim Eihler volunteered for this. Spring election will vote for the following positions Vice President, Treasurer and 3 Directors (Brian Scheid, Carole Linn and Ron Engels) All are planning to run again. Contact Steve Linn.

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

Adjourn: There being no further business Fred Rockafellow made a motion to adjourn Bugs Mathieu seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa* Secretary