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

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024

Website: www.snoeagles.org also on facebook: sno-eagles snowmobile club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's November! One month closer to snow (whenever that will be).

Lots of progress is happening this month. The official shared trail UTV season is over. Now begins the transition of trails from UTV to snowmobile usage.

Brushing has taken place. The UTV clubs have been working on bringing the trails back to a neutral condition for official 'handoff' to the snowmobile clubs. After that we must have final inspection on trail condition, signage, and to make sure all systems are 'go' for the snowmobile season. This takes countless hours for many people to accomplish this task. Many people don't realize that this much work is involved in providing snowmobilers with safe and smooth trails. Thanks to all of you folks that have come out to assist in brushing our trails.

Grooming equipment is ready to go!

We have had our first groomer operator meeting. There are returning operators along with new groomer operators all getting trained and checked off for the season. Since the old guys didn't have a chance to use the groomers that much last season, they, too, need a refresher course to get up to par.

We have also been feverishly working on a new section of trail that we are confident will be 'in-service' before accumulating snowfall.

We will be honoring the transfer of duties from our current Miss Snow Eagle, Olivia Hunter, to our new Miss Snow Eagle, Taya Bolte, who is currently attending Nicolet College. This will happen during our next membership meeting being held at Last Cast Bar and Grill on November 21, 2024. Would love to have you visit us there or join us on our Facebook live stream. Don't forget to RSVP to Keith at keith@snoeagles.org if you plan on enjoying the Italian dinner buffet for $15 per person.

Finally, November brings about the season of giving. We hope that all of you have the chance to enjoy Thanksgiving where you'll be spending time with family and friends. Don't be afraid to offer a hand to a fellow in need. Help where you can. Remember, there are many folks that aren't quite as fortunate as we are.

Here's to getting snow!

Roger

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 21, 2024** - General Meeting 7 pm @ last Cast Bar and Grill
- **December 3, 2024** - BOD Meeting 6 pm @ World Snowmobile HQ
- **December 5, 2024** - Christmas Party 5 - PM @ Eagle Waters
- **January 7, 2025** - BOD meeting 6 pm @ World snowmobile HQ
- **January 9 - 12, 2025** - 24th Vintage World Championship Snowmobile Races @ WCDC

- **January 16 - 19, 2025** - 62nd World Championship Snowmobile Derby @ WCDC
- **January 23, 2025** - General Meeting 7 pm @ LP Pizza & Pasta (Buckshots Downtown)
- **January 31, 2025** - February 2, 2025 - Weekend Away - Mercer WI
- **February 7, 2025 - February 9, 2025** - USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championships
- **February 13, 2025** - 3rd Legend Laps @ WCDC
- **February 21, 2025 - February 23, 2025** - World Series of Snowmobile Racing @ WCDC
- **February 20, 2025** - General Meeting 7 pm @ Chanticleer Inn
- **March 4, 2025** - BOD meeting 6 pm @ World snowmobile HQ
- **March 14, 2025 - March 15, 2025** - AMSIOL National Sno-Cross @ WCDC
- **March 15, 2025** - Groom to Ride @ Trackside - Drawing at 5pm

Fall Brushing was a great success this year

We had over 70 people that helped between brushing and helped served all them after the work was completed.

Thanks to everyone that helped out this year.

SNO-EAGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is no membership meeting in December because of the annual Christmas party on December 5th at Eagle Waters. Information shown below. The cost is $35 per person payable on the Sno-Eagles website. Come join us for a great time with your Sno-Eagles family.

LET'S GET OUT OF TOWN 2024 Weekend Away

The 2025 weekend away is scheduled for Jan 31 to Feb 2 in Mercer WI.

A block of 30 rooms has been reserved at the Great Northern Hotel until December 15th for $139-$149/night. To reserve your room you must call the hotel (715.476.2440) and mention you are with the Sno-Eagles club. (do not book online). This 2 story hotel does not have an elevator, so if stairs are a non-issue please request a second floor room ($139) if available. Your room booking has a non-refundable $25 charge in the event there is cancellation for any reason. It will be credited to your payment if attending.

In the event our block is sold out, consider Northern Exposure Nites Inn Motel (715.476.3586) directly across the street. They have 8 rooms available and begin taking winter reservations November 1. They do not offer a block of rooms, so if considering this option, book it separately (not as a Sno-Eagles member) and join the rest across the street. Pricing is approximately $109/night and details are available on their website.

When you sign up, or if you are unable to secure a room please contact John below so he can track attendance and plan details.

An overview of the weekend thus far consists of:

Depart ER Friday am with lunch in Boulder Junction

Happy hour, buffet dinner and entertainment Friday evening at the Great Northern Hotel

Saturday local group rides planned with meals on your own

Sunday return trip to ER

*Great Northern Hotel will have live music Friday and Saturday evening, restaurant, and a large public space with various amenities
and tables to BYO drink and socialize.

Details to follow. Event organizer is John Favorite (608.212.5233, ujfaves@gmail.com).

If anyone has interest in planning next year's event, please him know

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club recently conducted a Wisconsin DNR snowmobile safety class in Eagle River. Instruction was provided by WDNR-certified instructors Carole Linn and John Wilhelm. Chris Wilhelm organized and coordinated the class.

The students learned the basics of snowmobiling. They received instruction on snowmobile parts and function, protective gear, environmental protection, being respectful and courteous, riding positions, responsible riding, group riding, trail etiquette, emergencies and survival, ice safety, and what to do when encountering a groomer on the trail. WDNR Conservation Warden, Tim Price, discussed Wisconsin Snowmobile Laws with the students.

Two snowmobiles were utilized as training aids during the one-and-a-half-day course. This “hands-on” approach has been one of the successes of the class, allowing the students to work closely with instructors in small groups while learning about snowmobile parts and operation. John Wilhelm and Jim Gribble provided the hands-on activities.

The Town of Lincoln donated use of their community room for the class venue.

Eagle Baking donated Kringles, and several local restaurants—Buckshot’s Saloon and Eatery, Sweetwater Spirits and Resort, and JJ’s House of Dogs—provided lunch. Each establishment donated pizzas for the class. Kwik Trip donated soda, Trig’s donated water, and Leif’s Cafe donated ice.

All students earned their snowmobile safety certificates.

GET YOUR NEW TRAIL MAP

The 2023/2024 trail maps are printed & available. A huge thank you goes to Charlie Check for putting the map together and to his crew of map ad sales people. Our trail map is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is vital to the financial health of the club

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTES

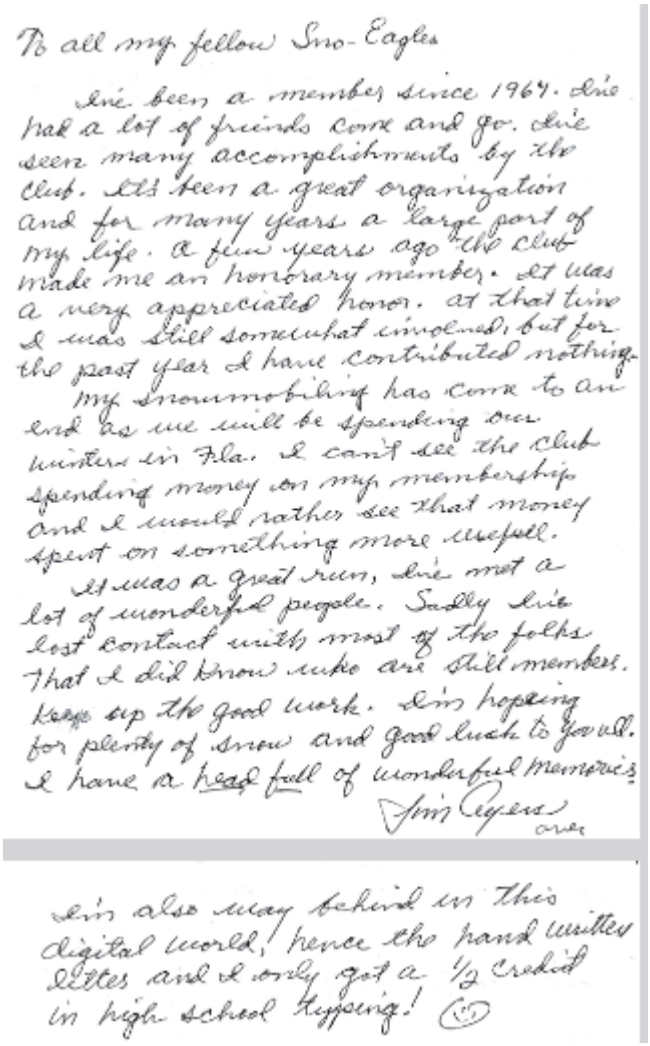
When you join Sno-Eagles or renew your membership by mail or on line, Carole Linn submits your AWSC dues to them. If your dues & sled registrations are current, you can purchase your trail passes. Buy them on-line at www.awsc.com. Have your member number and sled registration numbers handy before you begin. Your member number is on the label of your AWSC Wisconsin Snowmobile news magazine. Also, you can look up your member number on the home page of the AWSC website. Click on Member Inquiry. It can take up to 21 days to receive your trail passes in the mail but you can ride on your trail pass receipt – so print a copy when you order on line. The online order takes about 5 minutes if you have your member & registration numbers ready.

Snow is coming soon so don’t delay!

JIM AYERS LETTER TO SNO-EAGLES

Many members know Jim Ayers. After all he has been a “fixture” in Sno-Eagles for more than 60 years. His activity and accomplishments in Sno-Eagles cannot be summarized in a short

paragraph or two. We have been privileged to have him be a member of our club. We received this letter from Jim and are sharing it with you.



To all my fellow Sno-Eagles

I've been a member since 1964. I've had a lot of friends come and go. I've seen many accomplishments by the club. It's been a great organization and for many years a large part of my life. A few years ago the club made me an honorary member. It was a very appreciated honor. At that time I was still somewhat involved, but for the past year I have contributed nothing.

My snowmobiling has come to an end as we will be spending our winters in Fla. I can't see the club spending money on my membership and I would rather see that money spent on something more useful.

It was a great run, I've met a lot of wonderful people. Sadly I've lost contact with most of the folks that I did know. I'm also one of the old members. Keep up the good work. I'm hopeing for plenty of snow and good luck to you all. I have a head full of wonderful memories.

Jim Ayers

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I'm also way behind in this digital world, hence the hand written letter and I only got a ½ credit in high school typeing! ☺

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We had many new members join our Sno-Eagles family this month. We want to welcome them to our club and look forward to meeting them at our events and on the trails. We'll list additional new members in future newsletters:

Vincent Ashworth	Arlington Heights, IL
Tim Backis	Conover
David Camp	Naperville, IL
Chuck & Barbara Ditter	Neenah, WI
Jeff & Rebecca Doepke	Eagle River
Chuck & Deeanna Pace	Eagle River
William Schefte & Monica Peterlinz	Eagle River
Randy Schmitt	Cedar Rapids, IA
Jeremiah & Kari Statler	Wellman, IA
Julie VonBerghy	St. Germain

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Minutes of the October 17, 2024 General Membership Meeting
Sweetwater Spirits & Resort

1. **Open Meeting** at 7:03 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 - Special thanks to Sweetwater Spirits & Resort for hosting this meeting. 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 Antioch IL: *Body Craft Inc.;* From Rockford, IL: *A-1 Lapping & Machine;* From Bristol, WI: *Illini Hardware, Corp. (IHC)*. Please support them and our map advertisers!
   c. Board of Director meeting change of date or location protocol – changes will be posted on the Events Calendar on our website: https://snoeagles.org/events/
5. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
   a. Approve September 19, 2024 minutes
   Jody Rosenthal motioned to approve, Russ Radowicz seconded; Motion carried.
   Also please RSVP to Keith Nettesheim at Keith@snoeagles.org for future meetings as a buffet or $10 - $15 food options will be offered.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Vice President Doug Miller
   For not having snow which resulted in many of our fundraising opportunities being cancelled, we survived very well this year. If we get snow this year we should be in good shape.
   From Dave Cyrtmus: "Revenue for the first three months of the fiscal year is right on budget. Operating expenses right now are trending down, so net income is better than budget. After deducting principal payments on the groomer loan, cash has increased in the three month period by nearly $65,000."
7. **Possible building needs** – Vice President Doug Miller
   The ceiling is not high enough to raise the hoods to work on the groomers. Workers have to crawl over the machines to reach in to do the work since it is so tight in the building which is not safe. Looking into remodeling or rebuilding. Might be asking for help from members to complete some work in the future. Rotary Club gave some insight into fundraising that we might be able to use going forward as well.
8. **Trail Report** – President Roger Rosenthal
   a. Trail updates
   b. Brushing – October 19 – Director Mark Heeren
   26 members helped with brushing and 4 helped serve lunch. More work for this Saturday; show up at 8:00 and lunch will be served. Thank you to Don McKain and James Runte for having all of the equipment ready, and to everyone who contributed desserts and lunch items. Thanks to Denny and the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) for donating 2 cases of hamburgers for lunch. Jeff Burbach has offered and used his machine to cut the trail to save a great deal of manual labor!
9. **Fundraising Report** – President Roger Rosenthal
   a. Groom to Ride tickets
   Handing out the tickets to businesses to sell. 1st prize is a snowmobile from Track Side. Other prizes include hot seats at the Derby track, overnight accommodations and meals, etc.
10. **Volunteer Report** – Debbie Bahr for Sandy Lathrop
    Thanks to all of the Cranberry Fest volunteers! The club receives a $500 donation for our efforts. Will have four events to cover this winter, but waiting for confirmations before using Time to Sign Up.
11. **Junior Sno-Eagles** – Brian Hunter
    a. Youth help with brushing and volunteer hours for NPHS students – Carole mentioned that we should try to have these events included in their daily email blast in addition to the announcements.
    b. NPHS *Future in Forest* event at Northland Pines School Forest, October 23 – Our club will be donating a helmet light as a prize for this event. County trails and safety are going to be promoted.

12. **Activities Report** – Director Carole Linn
    a. Saturday Night Out Coordinator needed
       Volunteer to coordinate a monthly fun night out to get to know other members and welcome new members! Cheryl did an awesome job meeting with the restaurants and retelling their history, but that is not expected. Contact Carole at carole@snoeagles.org for more information.
    b. Snowmobile Safety School – October 25 – 26 at Lincoln Town Hall.
       15 students enrolled. Register on the DNR's GoWild website or contact Chris Wilhelm at (715) 891-6995 or cjwilhelm@yahoo.com. Forest Riders are sending 2 new instructors to observe our class.
    c. Christmas Party, December 5 at Eagle Waters – Chris Westfall and Pam Hupf
       A guitarist previously heard at Andy's Pontoon Saloon will be playing. Similar menu to last year with turkey, dressing, ham, etc. More details will follow with an electronic sign up closer to the event.
    d. Weekend Away, January 31 – February 2 – John Favorite
       Same plans as last year at the Great Northern Hotel in Mercer. Hotels reserved in a block. Look for details in the weekly emails and monthly newsletter.
13. **Membership Report** – Director Carole Linn
    Slowest year for membership and donations at this time that Carole has seen. 286 members to date including 9 Associate members, 6 Complimentary/honorary members, 14 New members, and 37 map advertisers. We received 62 Donations to SE Champion Campaign ($6,300) and 29 Donations to the Groomer Replacement Fund ($3,585).
14. **Open Teller position** – President Roger Rosenthal
    This person conducts our annual elections, basically making the votes that are cast official. Limited time involvement from January to March. Contact Cindy at cindy@snoeagles.org for more information.
15. **Social Media Update** – Director Dan Dumas
    Starting to pick up as people are putting boats away and looking towards at snowmobiling.
16. **VCSA Update** – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
    - Discussed the possibility of opening zones within the county. All agree opening as a county is the best choice, but will re-visit the idea of zones after we start to have snow if necessary. Clubs on the northern border want to open if they have snow so businesses can prosper as riders head up to the UP. However, it would be very difficult for other clubs to enforce trails that are still closed and keep riders off of landowner's property.
    - AWSC has 15,360 members to date. They will begin accepting scholarship applications in November.
    - Snowmobile rentals are on board to show our Ride Right safety video before allowing a rental.
17. **Member Comments** – President Roger Rosenthal
    - Hiawatha trail from McKinley to Sweetwater is now officially open as a dual purpose trail.
18. **50/50 raffle drawing** – Olivia Hunter
    Scott Fruhwirth donated his $73 winnings to the backpack program.
19. **Adjourn** at 7:43 pm – Keith Nettesheim motioned to adjourn, Debbie Bahr seconded.

Submitted by Cindy Fruhwirth, Secretary

SNO-EAGLES WISHES ALL OF IT'S MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS A HEALTHY AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!