SNO-EAGLES, INC.
SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Eagle River, WI
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

PROUD GROOMERS OF THE SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD©

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's October and one month closer to SNOW!!!

The leaves are starting to fall and the temperatures are moving downwards. Come on winter!

Last weekend some of our volunteers manned the Bakery Tent at Cranberry Fest. Wow, there were a lot of fritters, breads, donuts, kringles, danishes, and cookie that were sold.

It will be a busy month getting trails brushed, inspected, and ready to groom. Thank you to all our fantastic members and volunteers that organized and helped on the trails last weekend and for those that will be volunteering for the same on the 19th. Thank you to our signing people! Thank you to our people working to provide refreshments and food for all the volunteers!

Groom To Ride tickets have been distributed and now it's all about selling them. Please support the club while visiting your favorite places in Eagle River to dine, etc. First prize is a new snowmobile!!! There are many other great prizes as well *and* there will be a bucket raffle on the day of the event which will be March 15, 2025. Mark your calendars!!!

This year let's be the *best* stewards to all of the landowners that allow us the privilege to use their property during the snowmobile season. Without them, many of our trails, or connections to trails would NOT be possible. We urge each of you to **stay on the trails and between the markers**! **Failure to do so may result in loss of land usage and in turn part of the trail system**!

Remember to get your machines tuned-up, tracks adjusted, and helmets inspected so that you're riding safe; and, remember to **"RIDE RIGHT"!**

For our younger people, there is a WDNR Snowmobile Safety Class being conducted on October 25th and 26th. Any person born on or after January 1, 1985, and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin. Visit our website Events webpage for more information.

Thanks to our new members who joined the Sno-Eagles. Thanks to all the members who have renewed their membership with the club. We will continue to strive to keep Eagle River as the Snowmobile Capital of the World!

We always need volunteers to help at many of the fund-raising events we have throughout the year. Refer to our newsletter, Constant Contact (which comes out on Sundays), and our website for up-to-date information. We have openings for someone interested in being our SNO (Saturday Night Out) director. We also are looking for a new Teller Committee Chair.

Until next month, THINK SNOW!!!

Roger

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 17, 2024 -** General Meeting 7 pm @ Sweetwater Spirits & Resort
- **October 19, 2024** - Trail Brushing from 8 am - 12 pm
- **October 25, 2024** - WDNR Snowmobile Safety Class from 6 pm - 9 pm
- **October 26, 2024** - WDNR Snowmobile Safety Class from 8:30 am - 3 pm
- **November 5, 2024 -** BOD Meeting 6 pm @ World Snowmobile HQ
- **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 23, 2025 -** General Meeting 7 pm @ LP Pizza & Pasta (Buckshots Downtown)
- **January 31, 2025 - February 2, 2025** - Weekend Away - Mercer WI

These events and activities are also listed on our website calendar

Join us at our October Membership Meeting!

Thursday, October 17th
7 PM

Sweetwater Spirits & Resort
2010 US-45, Eagle River, WI 54521

Sweetwater's is offering a Mexican appetizers and buffet
$15 per person
Please RSVP by Tuesday Oct 15th
Keith@snoeagles.org

FALL BRUSHING DATE

October 19th
8am till 12 noon

Please use the Sign-Up button if you are planning to attend so we have a count for lunch, thanks

Sign up

Please lend a hand to help get our trails ready!

Bring your kids and grandkids!

Meet at the groomer barn located at 1024 Bluebird Rd.

Last brushing date for this year!

We'll divide up into 4 work teams.

At 12 noon, volunteers will meet for lunch provided by the club.

If you need more information, please contact Mark

Parents and Grandparents time to plan ahead

A WDNR Snowmobile Safety education class, sponsored by the Sno-Eagles, will be held in Eagle River on October 25 and 26. The course will be taught by WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors.

Any person who is born on or after January 1st, 1985, and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin.

Click here for more Information

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Sno-Eagles is still looking for a volunteer to coordinate our Saturday Night Out events. When Cheryl Storms was doing this, she planned monthly dinners at restaurants that supported our club with a map ad or some other contribution. After 13 years she decided to step down. She will help the new coordinator to get started. Contact Cindy Fruhwirth: cindy@snoeagles.org or Carole Linn: carole@snoeagles.org to get more information.

2025 Women on Snow

An Eagle River tradition since 1986.

Our next event will be January 25-28,2024. Registration is open October 15 through December 15.

Register Now

For more information – email somenonsnowwi1@gmail.com check out our website www.womenonsnow.org or like us on Facebook.

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 you attend.

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

To submit contributions for the Newsletter, contact **Ken Storms, Editor** at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com The Newsletter is published monthly from September to April

We frequently receive questions about membership and trail passes. Please read the information below as it will answer many of your questions.

Membership in the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club **INCUDES** your membership to AWSC.

We enter Sno-Eagles memberships every few days as a batch. We do not process memberships on an individual basis. This is because the club pays a fee to AWSC for processing memberships - whether it be for a single membership or for multiple memberships.

As soon as the membership is entered, you can order trail passes. New members will need to wait until AWSC processes the new member application. This happens within 24-48 hours of being submitted to AWSC. The actual trail passes are mailed from the WDNR, and it can take up to 21 days for delivery. Renew your membership and order your passes early!!

We no longer mail the yellow AWSC membership cards. Mailing the cards is an additional cost to the club and takes a significant amount of precious volunteer time. The cards are printable from the AWSC website.

Ordering passes online through the AWSC website is the fastest and easiest method.

Your AWSC membership number is required for purchasing trail passes.

Your WDNR Registration number is required to order trail passes. If you do not have the registration number you can call the WDNR at 888-936-7463 or visit the WDNR website GoWild for that information.

Please remember, your name and address must match exactly with what the WDNR has in their system (for example, "Bobby" and "Robert" do not match). If you have a new address, remember to update it with the WDNR.

In order to receive the $10 trail pass, the snowmobile must be registered in Wisconsin.

You can register a new snowmobile yourself through your WDNR GoWild account. Tell the dealer you will register the snowmobile yourself, so you don't have to wait to order the trail pass. Sales tax will need to be paid to the dealer. Get a receipt.

Your AWSC number is on the address label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine. You can also find it on the AWSC website. AWSC number does not change from year to year.

Simply click on Membership Inquiry on the home page, enter your name, zip code, and snowmobile club.

This gives you not only your AWSC number but also your membership expiration date, club membership chair contact information (for any questions you may have), and the ability to print your membership card.

Also listed is the date you ordered your trail pass and the ability to print the Temporary Trail Use Receipt for the Wisconsin Snowmobile Trail Pass which can be used as proof of purchase until you receive your trail pass.

Remember, you can always print the Temporary Trail Use Receipt if you have not yet received your trail pass in the mail.

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Sno-Eagles, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
5030 Hwy 70 W, Eagle River, WI

50+ Years of Great Trails

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
   a. Introduction of new Director, Mark Heeren
4. Opening Comments: Virtual Broadcast Announcements - President Roger Rosenthal
   a. 50/50 and door prize raffle – Proceeds are donated to the Weekend Backpack Program administered by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Today members packed approximately 200 bags which will cover two weeks. Sandy Bishop explained that the program started in 2015 with one student who was coming to school hungry on Monday. At the end of last year, they served 112 students which was down from over 130 as several families moved due to lack of work. K4 – 6th graders are identified by the schools and bags are delivered confidentially to each student's locker.
   b. Meeting sponsorship - Special thanks to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 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;* 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!
5. Secretary's Report – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
   a. Approve April 18, 2024 minutes
      Roger motioned to approve, Sioux Regez seconded; Motion carried
6. Treasurer's Report – Dave Cyrtmus
   Income is a little lower than budgeted, but expenses are also down, so we are basically on track to date. Brat and Bake sales netted about $1200 and $650. Food booth sales netted about $2000 at the Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, and about $1600 at the Labor Day Craft Show.
   a. Cash Raffle results: Income of $39,000 with net profit around $26,000.
7. Trail Report – President Roger Rosenthal
   a. Changes to "Trail Boss" role and responsibilities

Moving to have 3 people split the responsibilities with Roger as the overall contact for landowners and the leaders. More to come as details are worked out.

b. Brushing dates - October 12 and 19 – Mark and Lori Heeren: show up at 8:00 and lunch will be served… bring family, friends, kids, grandkids, etc.! The hours spent brushing help the club get reimbursed funds for trail maintenance from the state.

8. Fundraising Report – Roger Rosenthal
   a. Summer fundraising outcomes (see Treasurer's Report above) – Need someone to take over leading the Cash Raffle next year. Contact Roger at roger@snoeagles.org for information.
   b. Groom to Ride tickets – starting to disburse them to local establishments.
9. Volunteer Report from Sandy Lathrop
   a. Thanks to all the summer volunteers who made the Brat and Bakes sales, booth at Beer Fest, food sales at the Eagle River Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show and the Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show, and the Sno-Eagles Party and Cash Raffle Drawing event successful! We couldn't do all of this without awesome volunteers!
   b. Volunteer opportunity – Cranberry Fest Oct. 5 – 6 in the Bakery sales tent. Help is still needed!
10. Junior Sno-Eagles – from Brian Hunter: Cindy is going to send information to NPHS to encourage students to fill some of their required volunteer hours with us at our brushing and fundraising activities.
11. Activities Report from Director Carole Linn
    a. Open Saturday Night Out coordinator position – consider taking the lead on coordinating a monthly fun night out to get to know other members and welcome new members! Contact Carole at carole@snoeagles.org for more information.
    b. Snowmobile Safety School - October 25 – 26: location changed to Town of Lincoln Town Hall. 10 students enrolled at this time. Register on the DNR's GoWild website.
12. Membership Report from Director Carole Linn
    230 members to date including 7 Associate members, 6 Complimentary/honorary members, 14 New members (includes 10 new map advertisers), and 35 map advertisers. We have received 56 Donations to SE Champion Campaign ($5,550) and 25 Donations to the Groomer Replacement Fund ($3,440). Remember that we wait until several memberships have been completed before submitting them as a batch to AWSC since we are charged a fee for each submission.
13. Open Teller position – President Roger Rosenthal
    This person conducts our annual elections. Limited time involvement from January to March. Contact Cindy at cindy@snoeagles.org for more information.
14. VCSA Update – Secretary Cindy Fruhwirth
    a. Vilas County Parks & Rec report by Todd Bierman:
       - The government is trying to pass new legislation that would preserve 30% of public land by 2030 which would limit trail development and use. Stay informed and learn about your legislators' views before you vote.
       - Todd is working on AWSC Snowmobile Friendly County Award. He also reminded us to help everyone understand that most of our trails are on private land so ride respectfully.
    b. Governor's Council Update by Holly Tomlanovich: Since trail pass sales were down significantly, only a fraction of the trail improvement grant requests could be approved.
    c. AWSC Report by Fred Suchy: Fall Workshop in Wisconsin Dells Oct. 25 – 27 if interested. AWSC is selling raffle calendars for $20 with winners drawn for every day. See their website for details.
    d. Next meeting will be discussing the possibility of opening and closing trails by zone rather than the entire county at one time.
15. Member Comments – President Roger Rosenthal
    - Dan Dumas said we are looking for more groomers this year. Reach out to him at Dan@snoeagles.org If you are interested.
    - Holly reported that the VCSA Safety Committee will be meeting in October and there are funds in escrow for projects that promote safety. We are thinking about printing coasters with safety messages.
16. 50/50 and door prize raffle – Debbie Cyrtmus: Jody Rosenthal won and donated her $50 to the Weekend Backpack Program. Dan Dumas and Debbie Bahr won door prizes.
17. Adjourn at 7:33 pm – Fred Rockafellow motioned to adjourn, Bugs Mathieu seconded.

Submitted by Cindy Fruhwirth, Secretary