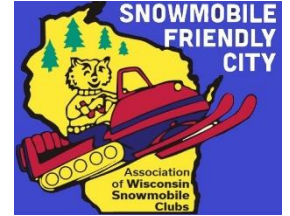




SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB Eagle River, WI



NEWSLETTER - April 2022

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SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World. As I write this message there is still a lot of snow on the ground and more in the forecast later in the week. We love snow but it can stop now.

Overall, we had a great season! In December we had a lot of snow prior to trails opening. Sno-Eagles made an investment in a roller that we used for packing the entire trail system. Mid December we had a warm spell and most of the snow melted, however the packed trails actually held up fairly well. Then the cold and snow came which allowed us to open trails on December 27th. From then, we groomed five to seven nights a week to keep up with the heavy traffic (Even though we exceeded our grooming cap) until March 18th when trails officially closed for the season. This was one of the busiest seasons that I can remember.

Over the last couple of weeks, we had two storms, creating a lot of downed trees and branches. The cold weather has allowed us to access the trails with the Piston Bully's so we could clean up the storm damage prior to turning the trails over to the ATV Clubs on April 19th. Huge thanks to the many volunteers that are working on the trails. This was no small task and some routes will have to wait until trails dry up a bit, but the majority has been completed. In addition, volunteers will organize the shop, clean equipment and then we will service the Groomers for summer storage. We will be looking for others to help in the coming weeks.

Mid-March, the Board of Directors met to discuss repairs needed on our oldest Piston Bully. Cost for repairs was higher than we expected, The Board voted to trade in the PB11 for a brand-new machine that will be available in September. This purchase will put the club in a very good position for several years to come.

As the warm weather comes, so do many fundraising events that we will need to participate in to help raise money to fund our club. I won't get into all the events on this message; however, we will be posting information in our weekly Sunday evening electronic newsletter, website and our Facebook page as more details become available.

Reminder that April 21st is our last Membership meeting of the season that will be held at The Blue Heron and we hope to see you there. Stay tuned as we have a lot going on this summer and we need help supporting our community with a number of events.

I am also very blessed that the transition of President from Rusty to myself has been going very well, there has been a lot of help and support from Rusty, the Officers and Directors. Thank you all for your support and smooth transition.

Thanking our March Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

Constant Contact , Membership, Website, Weekly Email:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Lathrop

2021 – 2022 Volunteer Recognition

We want to recognize all the member volunteers that helped the club in the following areas:

- WCDC Food Concession Booth
- Trail Brushing, Maintenance and Signs
- Groomer Equipment Maintenance
- Building Maintenance
- Trail Map Sales
- Clothing sales
- Groom to Ride sales
- Snowmobile Safety Course
- Weekday Away
- Weekend Away
- Miss Sno-Eagle
- Trail Easements
- Publicity and Marketing
- Facebook and Constant Contact
- Daily Trail Reports and SNARS reporting
- Pond Hockey cleanup

The list is extensive and the volunteers are many. The club wishes to thank all who gave their time and talent in support of the club. I hope other members will join us and volunteer!

***Keith Nettesheim*, President**

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TRAIL BOSS REPORT

After six years of loyal and dedicated service, Trail Boss Brian Scheid has resigned from that position. We are grateful to Brian for his six years of service, generous commitment of time, and outstanding accomplishments while serving as trail boss.

Until the trail boss's responsibilities are assigned to other club members, the President, Keith Nettesheim, will assume those responsibilities.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Keith at 715-617-2898 or email Keith [here](#)

LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE YEAR

Our last membership meeting until September will be Thursday April 21 at the Blue Herron Restaurant. Come early for some refreshments and social time with other members. As usual there will be a live stream broadcast of meeting beginning at 7 PM on the Sno-Eagles Facebook page.

CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

At the March meeting, the following officers and board members were elected:

President – **Keith Nettesheim**,

Secretary – **Cindy Fruhwirth**,

Directors – **Charlie Check & Dave Mroczynski**



Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia and Past President Rusty – after the officer election.
Why is this man smiling?

"OF THE YEAR" AWARD WINNERS FOR 2021-22



Mike Gildemeister
Groomer Operator of the Year



Lynn Check
Volunteer of the Year

GROOM TO RIDE DRAWING AT TRACKSIDE – MARCH 26

With a large crowd in attendance, the Groom to Ride raffle drawing was held on March 26th at Trackside. Groom to Ride is a major fundraiser for three area snowmobile clubs

Representatives from the Sno-Eagles, Sno Buddies, and Northern Lights Snowmobile Club were present while the winning tickets were drawn by youth snowmobiler Natalie Jastrow.

The raffle generated \$44,565 in profit which was shared between the three clubs. All proceeds will be used for trail grooming programs. The Sno-Eagles portion of the earnings was \$19,034.

Trackside donated first prize, a 2022 Ski-Doo 600 snowmobile.

Second prize, 2023 World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission and parking was donated by the owners of the World Championship Derby Complex.

Third prize was a two-night stay at the Northernaire Resort donated by the Northernaire Resort Condo Association, dinner for two at Aromas Italian Restaurant donated by Bill and Karen Hren, and dinner for two at Spirit Lakeside Restaurant donated by Laura Forsyth-Madl and Jessica Czaplinski.

Fourth prize was \$300 cash.

The Sno-Eagles had bucket raffles prior to the drawing with prizes donated by local supporters.

The lucky winners of Groom to Ride are:

- 1st Prize - Kevin Muir
- 2nd Prize - Scott Radford
- 3rd Prize - Karen Reed
- 4th Prize - Mike Houdek

Special thanks to the many volunteers who made the event possible!



Three Club Representatives



Sno-Eagle Pres. Keith Nettesheim



Trackside Crew



Dan Dumas preparing to broadcast



Kathy Rockafellow selling tickets



Club and Trackside reps with the Ski-Doo

MARCH SATURDAY NIGHT OUT DRAWS BIG CROWD

Following the tremendous Groom to Ride Drawing at Trackside earlier in the day, the March Saturday Night Out was held at Buckshots Saloon and Eatery. Twenty-eight members enjoyed great food and fun and fellowship with members of their Sno-Eagles family. Dan & Tammy Ullsberger, as usual, were welcoming and supportive of Sno-Eagles. Watch for announcements of future SNO events coming soon!



OFF SEASON ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The riding season is over, but Sno-Eagles is still here and will be active until the snow flies again. Activities continue throughout the off season.

We hope that you can join in as a participant or volunteer to help with planning. There's more to being a member of Sno-Eagles than buying a discounted trail pass to ride our great trails. The same small group of people now plan and lead most club activities. They are getting old, tired, & cranky. The club really needs some new blood to be infused into our activity leadership. The off season is a great time to do it. Sandy Lathrop, board member and Sno-Eagles Volunteer Coordinator is your contact person. You may be hearing from her about jobs that need to be done to make Sno-Eagles an even better club. You can call her at 319-360-1279 to volunteer for our events.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - YEAR ENDS ON JUNE 30TH

The membership year for Sno-Eagles and the AWSC ends of June 30, 2022. You will receive an email reminder about that time. To qualify for the \$10 trail passes for your sleds for next season, you must have a current membership. You can't purchase them without renewing your membership or joining if you aren't currently a member. **You can renew or join beginning on July 1, 2022.** Please wait until July. The membership committee needs a little break in the action.

The annual Individual or Family Membership dues for 2022-23 remains at \$50. This includes your membership in both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. The family membership includes a married couple and all of their children under the age of 19. Anyone 19 and older needs his or her own membership. Benefits of membership include our club communication (Newsletter and emails), Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine, and, of course, the discounted \$10 trail passes for your sleds.

We also offer an Associate Family Membership for current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club who wish to show their support for Sno-Eagles. **Reminder - This type of membership only includes Sno-Eagles.** You get your AWSC membership and benefits from your other club. The price of the Associate Membership is \$25 for the year.

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During the summer we don't publish our newsletter. This is the last issue until fall. Sno-Eagles will, however, continue to notify members of upcoming events and important news via Sunday evening electronic newsletters. We will also post items on the calendar on our website. I want to thank those members who have made positive comments about the Newsletter this year. I appreciate it.

Ken Storms – Editor

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2022

Minutes of the March 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting held at Eagle River Inn, Chef Rene's, live Streamed on Facebook. Thank you, Dan Dumas, for live streaming and Sponsors: Body Craft, Duwayne Kreager Insurance, American Family Insurance-Dave Mroczynski, Locally Global Real Estate and World Snowmobile Headquarters and Museum

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by President Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.
Future Backpack Program donations will be monetary. We will have a jar for donations at each meeting and the Board voted to give the clubs half of the 50/50 to the Backpack Program. Thank you for your continued support of the program.
Thank you to Chef Rene for hosting the meeting today and for all the support of the club over the years.
2. Secretary Report: Deana requested a motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes. Fred second. Motion carried. No changes, minutes are distributed in the Newsletter and weekly email.
3. Treasurer's Report: Fred and gave the February 2022 financial report. Club is in a good financial position, fundraisers have been doing well this year, Groom to Ride is ahead of

last year, \$1500 from USA Hockey for Pond Hockey, \$2500 from WCDC for main events this year. Financial report is approved at Board Meetings.

4. Trail Boss Report – Trails close tomorrow 8 am. It has been a great season. We have exceeded the cap of \$900.00. We are at 1123/mile. Gate closures and brushing will occur over the next few days, shop/equipment clean-up will occur as well in preparation for beginning maintenance on the equipment in May. Brian will be stepping down from Trail Boss position due to other commitments. Trail Boss job responsibilities will be divided up similar to how we have divided the trails system into quadrants with leaders for brushing. Keith and Brian will work through the transition this off-season. 4/19/22 there will be a meeting with ATV/Snomo clubs to turn over the trails for the ATV/UTV season.

5. Fundraising Committee Reports: Charlie Check
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website. We have made the switch in vendor. There continues to be back orders due to supply chain issues.

 - b. Groom to Ride Raffle –Ticket sales continue, drawing is 3/26/2022 at Trackside with free food/drink and basket raffle. Join us if you are in town. Tickets available at all establishments in the area. If you are interested in volunteering to sell tickets contact Charlie at charlie@snoeagles.org

 - c. Upcoming Fundraising -- Summer Cash raffle planning underway will be 300 \$100 tickets sold, drawing will be Sno-eagles Day September 1 at Buckshot's. Map sales will also occur this spring/summer.

6. Activities Committee Report:
 - a. SNO- Next SNO is March 26 Buckshot's North. If you are going, let Cheryl Storm know at least a day in advance.

 - b. Miss Sno-Eagle- We will begin recruitment of the next Miss Sno-Eagle soon. Miss Sno-Eagle has been a part of our club since 1973. Cheryl Wolf has been the committee chair for the past 6 years and will be stepping down. Janine Hunter and Sonja Mroczynski will take over as co-leads along with Carole Linn and Jessica Pollack. Thank you to Cheryl for her leadership in this committee over the past 6 years. Thank you also goes out to Matt Van Skyhawk, the graphic artist who assist the club for multiple projects including; Miss Sno-eagle recruitment poster, map cover, gear graphics and the Frozen Journey book.

7. Membership Report – 492 members, 91 new members this year, 35 complimentary for map ads and 7 honorary/complimentary members. The membership year ends 6/30/22. You can submit renewal memberships again on 7/1/22. Thanks to all our members

8. New Business
 - a. March Elections – Slate approved. These are two-year terms beginning at the next scheduled meeting; board, membership or special meeting after the annual election. President, Keith Nettesheim, Secretary, Cindy Fruhwirth, Board members, Dave Mroczynski and Charlie Check. Keith's election as president creates a vacancy in the vice-president position. This vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The person selected shall serve the remainder of Keith's term as vice-president, one year. Congratulations to the new officers and board members. Thank you to Rusty and Deana for the time they have been on the board.

- b. Frozen Journey – Book is for sale on website, at the museums and from Rusty. This is a fundraiser for the club with all profits from sale going to the club.
 - c. Awards- Groomer of the Year—Mike Gildemeister and Club Volunteer of the Year -- Lynn Check. Thank you for all you have done for the club this year.
9. Miss Sno-Eagle- Olivia Hunter gave a few comments remarking that she enjoyed the snowmobile season, out riding our trails with family and members of the club.
10. Member Comments —
Rusty-Reported that at the Vilas County Alliance meeting that he learned that more than ½ of the 11 clubs in the county do not have memberships meetings monthly like we do. Also, he reported that the Vilas County recreation officer reported that 80 citations and 70 warnings were issued this season with the most common tickets were non-registration and loud pipes. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped for the 2021-2022 season. Dick Decker commented on how great the trails were this season

Adjourn: There being no further business Rusty made a motion to adjourn Fred seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary

