



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



## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2021

Website: [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org) Also on Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD<sup>®</sup>

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this short message, I find myself looking out the window on a field of white snow. Just Beautiful. But where did 2021 go? It was just yesterday that we had a warm Fall season, the day before was a wonderful summer season and now it is winter. Time flies and it seems to fly even faster now that I am well over seventy. Okay, let's get back to the snow. It is finally snowing in Eagle River and the Groomer pulling our new roller is out packing trails. It will be snowmobile season soon and I cannot wait. We all must thank our Trail Maintenance Group leaders and their group of volunteers that worked hundreds of hours to get our trails ready to be groomed. I wish I had some pearls of wisdom to share with you but all I can say is please stay safe on our snowmobile trails and please stay on the marked trails. Let's all hope for a safe and fun filled snowmobile season. I would also like to wish the Sno-Eagles a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Thanking our Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

#### Brushing Team Leaders:

Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop, Jerry Fancher, Mike Knier, Charlie Check, Gary Voss, Mark Heeren, Keith Nettesheim. As well as the thirty-three members that have helped on the trails with fences, signs, and brush clearing.

#### Trail Signs/Maintenance:

Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop and Bernie Pacanowski for all their work placing trail signs on the entire trail system.

#### Snowmobile Trail Maintenance:

We all need to thank Keith Nettesheim and Mike Knier for going out in the ARGO and packing wet areas. We also must thank our Trail Boss Brian who spent numerous hours building the city trail with snow hauled in by the City of Eagle River. The city trail goes alongside the old Railroad Depot and must be built. Brian also has spent many hours rolling trails and earlier doing brushing with our large brushing machine.

#### Groomer Shed Cleaning and Maintenance:

James Runte, Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop have done a wonderful job replacing broken overhead doors and fixing large holes in the cold storage shed.

#### Constant Contact – Constant Contact, Weekly Email, Website, Membership

Carole Linn

**Newsletter:**

Ken Storms

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Sandy Lathrop

Ready to ride!! *Howard Wolf*, President

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Our club store is experiencing delays in receiving products due to the supply chain issue.**

**This also affects recognition gifts from the Sno-Eagle Champion campaign.**

**We appreciate your understanding.**

**Be assured your items will be shipped as soon as we receive them.**

**GROOM TO RIDE TICKET SALES LOCATIONS**

Get your tickets at the following locations

Agave Azul, American Family Insurance, Blue Heron, Boat Sport Marina, Bridgewater Inn, Buckshots Downtown, Buckshots North, Bull Pen, Chamber of Commerce, D&S Service, Erin's Pub and Grub, House of Dogs, Kathan Inn, Lucy's Lunchbox, Lumpy's, MJ's Wayside, Nutty Squirrel, Shotskies, Smugglers Inn, Sportsman's Chalet, Sweet Water, Trackside, Twelve Pines, Uncle Kents, World Snowmobile Headquarters

As an option for buying tickets, you can send a check to Sno-Eagles and mark your check for GTR. We will fill out the ticket stub and send you a confirmation photo of the stubs.

Mail checks to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521

**Please support this fundraiser!**

**A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS**

Along with many other organizations, the Sno-Eagles lost most of its ability to fundraise during the Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, we must raise funds to support our grooming efforts this year.

There are a few opportunities to raise funds. The Groom to Ride raffle is one. Volunteering at area events is another. The sponsoring entities of these events make monetary donations to the Sno-Eagles in appreciation of our efforts.

The major upcoming activities we'll be helping with include working the food concessions at the six events at the Derby Track including the Vintage & Championship weekends and clean-up at Pond Hockey.

**We will need MANY VOLUNTEERS for these events.**

Each activity will be announced in our electronic News of the Week. We use an electronic sign-up service called TimeToSignUp. Just click on the link and it will take you to the sign-up form where you will see all the shifts we need help for. It also shows who has volunteered for a shift. Once you sign up, you'll receive a confirmation email. Prior to the event, you'll be notified of pertinent information. TimeToSignUp is very easy to use.

If you have never volunteered for an event, we encourage you to lend a hand. It's a fun opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and help the Sno-Eagles. If you are someone who has volunteered before, we hope you'll sign up again. We can't do it without you!

Thank you all in advance...

*Sandy Lathrop* – Volunteer Coordinator



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **December**

**12/16 - Sno-Eagles Christmas Dinner at Chef Rene's**

#### **January**

**1/4 – Board of Directors Meeting World Snowmobile HQ 6 PM**

**1/6-9 – Vintage Derby Races at Derby**

**1/13-14 – Badger State Winter Games Torch Ride from Wausau to Eagle River**

**1/13-16 – 59<sup>th</sup> Championship Derby Races at Derby**

**1/17 - 2021 Military Ride**

**1/20 - Member Meeting at Buckshots - Downtown**

**1/27-30 – Women on Snow**

#### **February**

**2/1 – Board of Directors Meeting World Snowmobile HQ 6 PM**

**2/5-6 – World Series of Snowmobile Racing at Derby**

**2/17 –Member Meeting at Eddie B's White Spruce**

**2/17 Legend Laps at Derby**

**2/14-18 – Weekday Away to Bayfield (watch for more details)**

**2/20-21 – USSA Title Race at the Derby**

**2/26-27 – Arctic Derby Dash at Derby**

#### **March**

**3/26 – Groom to Ride Raffle Drawing – Track Side 1 PM**

### **TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

Greetings!

We have Snow!!! Now lets hope it can stay! Our first sub weather cold snap is coming this week, which will start to firm the swamps. We do not monitor the ice conditions on the area lakes but I assume they are not the best with the warm weather after the first snowfall.

Sno-Eagles Club members have been very busy on the trails after hunting with last minute preparations. Crews have been going out in the Argo packing swamps and our newer Pisten Bully with new roller are out packing trails as I type. I am very excited for the good weather we are having. More snow is always needed, but we are in good shape so far.

Trails tentatively open any time after December 13th. No official date or time has been set. Thanks again to all the club members for helping get the trails brushed this fall. We look forward to grooming for you all very soon.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**See you on the trails soon.**

*Brian Scheid*

**Trail Boss**

715-891-2332 OR [snoeaglesclub@gmail.com](mailto:snoeaglesclub@gmail.com)



Getting our trails ready for opening – a never ending task. Thanks to our hardworking members!

**[WANT CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS????](#)**

Sno-Eagles Trail Conditions **Hotline** – (715) 479-5185 or our website: [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org)

**[WEEKLY CLUB RIDES](#)**

Wednesday & Thursday Club Rides will begin in January. Meet at the old train station at 9:00 am. The group will pick a destination for the day's ride & lunch. Everyone is welcome! **Ron Engels** – 715-479-5322 will lead the Wednesday rides and **Rusty Wolf** – 262-442-4876 will lead the rides on Thursday. Now you really need to start thinking cold, snow & frozen swamps

### **SATURDAY NIGHT OUT**

21 members attended the November Saturday Night Out (SNO) at Lumpy's including 5 members of the Senf family (new members). Everyone had a great time as usual. There will be no SNO event in December because of our club Christmas dinner on December 16. Cheryl Storms is planning the next event for January. Watch for more information in the weekly Club News email.



### **MORE NEW MEMBERS**

We have **lots** of new members to our Sno-Eagles family this month. **Welcome to all of you!**

Justin & Amanda Boedecker  
 Larry & Patti Boedecker  
 Jeff & Ellen Bodendorfer  
 Erik & Judi Brainard  
 Kevin Dowe  
 Terry Evraets  
 Tim & Sara Feldman  
 Troy Hermanson & Kristina Windusch  
 Alex Klein  
 Bill & Pam Koch  
 Thomas & Amy Kuhns  
 Matt & Mona Kurland  
 Jacob & Jennifer Meyer  
 Brian & Catherine Mulrooney  
 Dan & Mary Norrgran  
 Dave & Ginger Reimer  
 Mike Riedel  
 Peter & Liz Roskopf  
 Andrew & Tamera Schuetz  
 John Scott  
 Mason Scott  
 Chris Stang & Rebecca Pontarelli  
 Anthony & Jessica Vuk

Howards Grove, WI  
 Howards Grove, WI  
 Waterford, WI  
 St. Charles, IL  
 Three Lakes, WI  
 West Bend, WI  
 Howards Grove, WI  
 Hartford, WI  
 Appleton, WI  
 Lincoln, NB  
 Northfield, IL  
 Lemont, IL  
 Eagle River  
 Minnetonka, MN  
 Plover, WI  
 Eagle River, WI  
 Eagle River, WI  
 Eagle River, WI  
 West Bend, WI  
 Grafton, WI  
 Conover, WI  
 Eagle River  
 Eagle River, WI



Daniel & Ashley Vuk  
Chris Westfall & Pam Hupf

Conover, WI  
Eagle River, WI

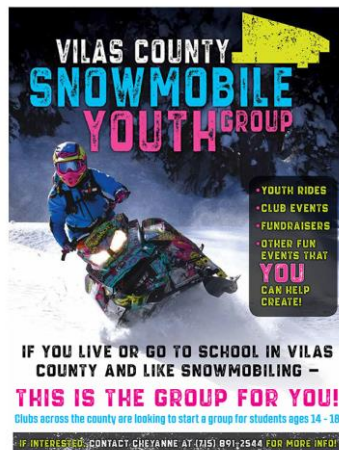
### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Sno-Eagles recently nominated Buckshots for the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year – 2021 Award. It has been announced that Buckshot has been chosen for this award. Dan Ullsperger and his hardworking crew have been very generous to our club with the time and effort they have provided to promote Sno-Eagles and snowmobiling. Recently Buckshots was the location for our cash raffle drawing. This was one of our most successful fundraising events.

### **WOMEN ON SNOW 2022**

Since 1986 a great riding event for women snowmobilers has taken place in Eagle River. This year's ride will be held on January 27-30. Many Sno-Eagle members have attended these events over the years. Just think – no men to tell you how to ride or give you directions. Registration is open until December 15. Go to [www.womenonsnow.org](http://www.womenonsnow.org) for complete details.

### **VILAS COUNTY SNOWMOBILE YOUTH GROUP**



### **REMINDER ABOUT WISCONSIN TRAIL PASSES**

All snowmobiles operating in Wisconsin are required to display a Wisconsin Trail Pass (purchased separately from your snowmobile registration). Members of the AWSC and a local club (like Sno-Eagles) will be able to purchase these annual passes for \$10 instead of \$30 for each of their personal sleds registered in Wisconsin. We have been told that no warnings will be given this year – ALL NON-COMPLIANT RIDERS WILL BE TICKETED. The fine for riding without a trail pass is \$295. Don't take a chance by not spending the \$10 for a trail pass.

If your membership is current, you are all set to buy your discounted trail passes. Do it now – the trails will open soon! Contact the AWSC at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) to purchase trail passes. Don't go to the DNR or a local gas station to purchase these discounted trail passes. They will only sell you the regular \$30 stickers. You must purchase the discounted passes through the AWSC.

It's not too late to purchase your stickers but DO IT NOW! You can ride with your emailed sales receipt if you don't get your stickers before the trails open.

# General Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting held at Kathan Inn, live Streamed on Facebook. Sponsors: Body Craft, Duwayne Kreager Insurance, American Family Insurance-Dave Mroczynski, Locally Global Real Estate and World Snowmobile Headquarters

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Vice President Keith Netteshim. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Welcome to the new members who were in attendance at the meeting, Brian Williams and Dan Voss.  
There is a bin at each meeting for non-perishable foods that will be taken to the Backpack Program. Thank you for continuing to support the Backpack Program.  
Thank you to Jim and Barb Dominick of Kathan Inn for hosting the meeting today and for all the support of the club over the years.
2. Secretary Report: Minutes October 21, 2021 motion to approve Deana and Kevin Dunn second. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Keith gave the October 2021 financial report. Club is in a good financial position. Financial report is approved at Board Meetings
4. Trail Boss Report: Brian reported trail brushing continues. Nov. 13 brushing had 32 participants! Thank you to all who are assisting with this work. 2006 Pisten Bully sold and has been picked up. New 2013 is here and we are getting it ready for use. We also purchased a Sno-Boss roller that will be used for early season trail packing and large snow falls.
5. Fundraising Committee Reports: Charlie Check.
  - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now. There have been some back orders due to supply chain issues.
  - b. Concession Stand this winter- We will be working the concession stand at the 6 events this winter at WDCD and will sell raffle tickets there. We continue to work well with the Derby Complex
  - c. Groom to Ride Raffle –Tickets available at all establishments in the area. If you are interested in volunteering to sell tickets contact Charlie at [charlie@snoeagles.org](mailto:charlie@snoeagles.org)
  - d. Trail Map Update- Trail maps are here and will be distributed.
6. Activities Committee Report:
  - a. Week Day away- Planning is underway, Carole and Marv Radloff heading this event, will be trip to Ashland – Bayfield, Feb. 14. - 18th Will be riding to Park Falls on the first day then to Ashland/Bayfield area then back to Park Falls.
  - b. Week End Away—Hunter's will be volunteering to head up the planning for a weekend away trip. More details to come in the future, watch for information in the communications.
  - c. Christmas Party- December 16<sup>th</sup> Chef Rene- German Theme, watch the communications for details for how to RSVP. We need a head count by December 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. SNO- Lumpy's November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are going let Cheryl Storm know at least a day in advance.
  - e. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the club out.
7. New Business
  - a. AWSC Update- AWSC Fall Conference was held in October, they reported the largest club in the state is St. Germain with over 1100 members, Mercer is #2 with 745 members and Sno-Eagles #3 with 524 members! They focused on Communication at the meeting emphasizing how important it is for club to work well with their communities, local forestry departments, landowners and businesses. Another area of focus was

snowmobile safety—we are involved in many aspects of safety from providing instruction at the safety school to trail grooming, brushing, signing, and equipment maintenance all play a role in having a safe snowmobile environment. Thank you to all who work to make this happen.

- b. Wisconsin Department of Tourism Stats. Comparing 2019-2021 Tourism was down 9% in the US, down 21% in IL. down 20% in MN, down 3% in MI and up 1% in Wisconsin.
8. Member Comments — Keith reported that at the Vilas Snowmobile Alliance Meeting the trails could open by 12/9/21 depending on conditions and all clubs agreeing to open. Stay tuned for communication on trail opening. Think Snow!!

Adjourn: There being no further business Keith made a motion to adjourn Deana seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary

**Happy Holidays to all of our Sno-Eagles family!**

**Covid-19 is real and is still very active in our area. Wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, avoid large groups, and get your vaccine and booster.**

**Protect yourself and others.**

**Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe on the trails**

***Ken Storms* - Newsletter Editor**

