



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



### NEWSLETTER – February 2020

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*Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®*

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It cannot be February already. I have only been out riding twice, but that is my fault by being involved in too much. I see the trails have been very good, again this year. A big “Thank you to Trail Boss Brian and the entire Grooming Crew”. January was a very busy month for the Sno-Eagles. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked our Food Concession booth at the two weekends of Derby Racing. They contributed over 260 hours of volunteer help. The club raised over \$3000 from the two weekends of work. Assisting with the Wisconsin Military Ride, January 20 was again a huge success. Approximately 39 Military Veterans rode in the ride to Three Lakes. Eight or nine were people who had not snowmobiled before. How wonderful and again thank you to our volunteers. It seems like all I do is say thank you, but that is a vital part of a club. Volunteers make the club what it is. **Thank you** to the many members that continually volunteer for fundraising, brushing and maintaining the trail system. If you are a member and you can give some time to the club, please help when you can. Mother Nature has been good to the snowmobilers this year with snow however it has been unseasonably warm. I cannot believe what I am saying, it is NOT cold enough in Vilas County this year. So, continue your snow dance but add a prayer for colder weather as well. I would like to wish all Sno-Eagles a Happy Valentine’s Day and Blessed 2020.

#### Recognize some Volunteers from this month of activities

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Jortiz, Marv Radloff, Brien Scheid

Trail signs, gates, fences: Jerry Lathrop, Ron Engels, Bernie Pacanowski, Brian Scheid

Saturday Night Out: Cheryl Storms

Trail Maps: Steve Linn and his group of volunteers.

Trail Brushing: Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop, Brian Scheid, Deana Jansa, Chuck Bodie, Scott Priesler, Marv Radloff, Charlie Check, Dan Lynch, Gary Jacobs, Dan Towne, Mike Gildemeister, Keith Nettesheim, Grady Stoll, Doug Melany

Weekly Constant Contact, Membership, Website - Carole Linn

Daily/Weekly Hot Line message, Tourism update – Holly Tomlanovich

Newsletter Publisher: Ken Storms

Groomer Shed cleaning – Brian Scheid, Doug Melany, Grady Stoll, Dan Towne

Derby Concessions: Steve & Carole Linn, Fred Rockafellow, Chuck Bodie, Marv Radloff, Charlie & Lynn Check, Sandy Lathrop, Brian, Jessie, Olivia Hunter, Michelle, Jim & Evan Janet, Dennis & Sandy Kirby, Deana Jansa, Kolleen Fisher, Gary & Linda Jacobs, Scott & Cindy Fruhwirth, Steve Senf, Barb Domnick, Rick & Nancy Freye, Jerry Fancher, Sioux Regez, Keith Nettesheim, Danielle Steinhorst, Clyde & Joyce Owens, Mark Heeren, Gary & Sue Voss, Charlie, Kari & Kortnie Volk, Randy Buss, Jon, Angie, Hope Rothmeier, Dave & Debbie Cyrtmus, Keith Kentala, Scott Priesler, Jason Linn, Jan Sather, Jack Waskow

Groom To Ride ticket sales: Jim & Mary Ehler, Glenn & Louie Dalton, Gary & Susan Voss, Kortnie & Kari Volk, Chuck Bodie, Jack Waskow, Jan Sather, Mark Heeren, Barb Domnick, Sandy Lathrop

Weekend Away: Audrey Stearns, Linda Brunswick, Ron Engels

*Howard Wolf* - President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Check the calendar on our website for additional activities*

#### February

7- 9 – Pond hockey Tournament – Derby Track

11 -12 – Weekday Getaway to Florence, WI

20 – Member Meeting – Eddie B's White Spruce

29 – Groom to Ride Raffle Drawing – Track Side

29 – Saturday night Out at Lumpy's

29 - 3/1 – World Series Snowmobile Championship Plus – 100 Lap MIRA Endurance Race

#### March

3 – Board of Directors Meeting

19 - Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort

28 – Saturday Night Out – Sportsmen's Chalet

#### April

7 - Board of Directors Meeting

16 – Member Meeting at Chef Rene's Eagle River Inn

25 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

#### NOTES:

>**Wednesday rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will pick a ride leader and destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group. The Thursday Scenic Route rides also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. **Rusty Wolf** will lead the group. (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. You are welcome to bring family and friends to SNO events. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at (715) 479-5599 to RSVP by 10:00 am the day before the event.

## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

We just returned home from a wonderful weekend away trip to Tomahawk. The trails were outstanding and we all shared some great laughs within good company. It was nice to get away!

This season so far has been very weather challenging. The frustrating part is when the warm weather happens during the weekends. Now add heavy snowmobile traffic and the trails end up being a mess mid to late afternoon. The grooming operators have done a terrific job repairing the trails almost nightly.

Still plenty of time to get out and ride. See you on the trails.

*Brian Scheid* - Trial Boss

## CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report on our website: [www.sno-eagles.org](http://www.sno-eagles.org) or to our Facebook page. Our Trail Boss, **Brian Scheid** posts that information. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. **Holly Tomlanovich** records a message daily. Get the latest conditions at **(715) 479-5185**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT RIDE on lakes that have not been marked with barrels or other snowmobile markers. Always ride close to those markers or barrels. Conditions may not be safe for riding elsewhere.**

## CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 19th. The following positions will be elected at that time:

President

Secretary

Two (2) Directors

At this time, incumbents seeking re-election are:

President – Rusty Wolf

Secretary - Deanna Jansa

Club members who are interested in seeking election to any of the above positions should notify the nomination committee chairperson, Steve Linn, by email or written notice expressing their intention to seek election.

Per club bylaws, all officers and directors shall maintain their primary residence in the Eagle River area. Please refer to the Bylaws for complete details. The Duties of Officers, Directors and Committees is available by contacting Steve.

Candidates for office shall be presented at the regular meeting of the membership on February 20, 2020. Additional nominations, including self-nomination, of candidates may be made from the floor at that time, and all nominations are then closed for this election. The nominative slate shall be published in the March club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March.

If you are interested in running for any position, contact Steve Linn at (715) 928-1017 or [Email Steve](#)

### **GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER – DRAWING FEBRUARY 29**

Groom to Ride, 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.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT OUT**

Fifteen Sno-Eagles attended the January event at the Kickback Grill including some new members. This restaurant did a great job of satisfying the hunger and thirst of those attending. On **February 29** the event will be held at Lumpy's. Earlier that day, the Groom to Ride drawing will be held at Trackside. **So: Go to the drawing, go for a sled ride, and go to dinner at Lumpy's.** 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.

### **MEMBERSHIP PAGE**

**PLEASE NOTE: 2020 is a transition year for membership in Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. The membership year now ends on July 1 for everyone. So, you will get your renewal notice in mid-June for the 2020-21 year.**

### **MORE NEW MEMBERS**

We have these new members this month. Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family!

Joe & Sandra Clouser	Elgin, IL
Bryan Nodorf & Sarah LeGore	Middleton, WI
Ben & Kelly Schloemer	West Bend, WI
Brian Schramm	Verona, WI
Eric Semling	Eagle River, WI
Tom & Mary Stawicki	Hartland, WI

### **Vilas County Snowmobile Youth Group now forming**

A brand-new youth snowmobile group is being formed! It's the brainchild of Cheyanne Warren, Miss Sno-Eagle 2018-2019.

Being a strong advocate for snowmobiling, Cheyanne approached and gained the support of both the Sno-Eagles and the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance in this endeavor.

Cheyenne has already networked with area high schools to promote the Youth Group, and flyers have been distributed. She is the coordinator and

advisor for the group. According to Cheyanne, she is excited and proud to be part of this group.

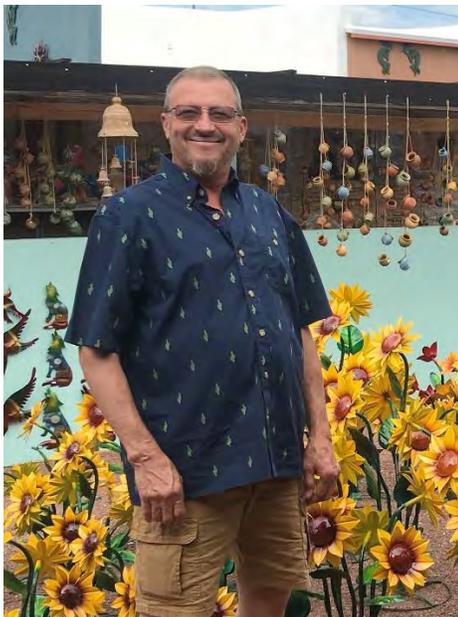
Cheyenne says "We will be doing youth rides and will organize fundraisers and events for the group and for clubs across Vilas County. If you know anyone who is between the ages of 14-18 and they love snowmobiling, call me at 715-891-2544 or [email me!](mailto:cheyanne@snoeagles.com) I would love to give more information and include more youth in this amazing sport."

## Honorary Membership awarded

The Board of Directors may confer honorary membership to the Sno-Eagles to any individual who has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the Sno-Eagles.

At our January meeting, Dick Decker and Bob Stencil were granted this award. In addition, Bugs Mathieu was recognized with a special plaque for serving on the board of directors for 15 years.

The honorary membership plaque will be delivered to Bob who now resides in Arizona.



Bob Stencil



Dick Decker



Bugs Mathieu

**Thank you, Bob, Dick & Bugs for all your years of service to Sno-Eagles**

**If you have any questions regarding the newsletter,  
contact me at (715) 479-5599 or [snoeagles@gmail.com](mailto:snoeagles@gmail.com)**

*Ken Storms*, Newsletter Editor

## Minutes of the January 16, 2020 General Membership Meeting held at VFW.

1. Meeting was opened at 6:58 by Rusty. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Thank you to Denny, VFW commander for the use of the facility and donation of food for tonight's meeting
2. Rusty welcomed new members, Debbie, Dave and Mike. Rusty announced there is a Suggestion Box at every meeting so if you have any suggestions they can be put in the box and they will be taken to the next Board meeting to review and discuss. Backpack donations were collected and will be collected at every meeting for donation.
3. Secretary Report: November minutes distributed via email. Motion to approve Bugs M. second Carole Linn. Motion carried
4. Lifetime Memberships- Dick Decker and Bob Stencil were presented plaques and lifetime memberships at the meeting and Bugs Mathieu received a plaque to thank him for serving on the Board of Directors for 15 years. Bugs will deliver Bob Stencil plaque to Arizona in February. Thank you for your contributions to the Sno-Eagles over the years. We appreciate you.
5. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow gave the December 2019 financial report. We sold the Tucker and the oldest drag and have purchased a new Sno-Boss drag which we have made one payment on and will pay the second at the end of the season. We will be looking for a new groomer. Funds from the sale of the Tucker and drag will be used for the new equipment. Chuck made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Steve Linn seconded the motion and motion carried.
6. Trail Boss Report -. Big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped this season and thank you to the groomer operators for a job well done! Swamps are being groomed at this point.
7. Fundraising Committee Reports:
  - a. Silent Auction held tonight of 6 jackets, 3 men's, 3 women's and some Diva snow gear accessories donated by the WCDC, net after auction \$1031.00. Thanks to all who participated
  - b. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now, check it out.
  - c. Groom To Ride Raffle ticket sales are underway. If you are interested in helping with sales at Trackside, Trigs, Pick and Save or at the WCDC during the races you can sign up from the link in your weekly email. Or contact Sandy Lathrop or Rusty.
  - d. WCDC concession sign up- some spots still left for this weekend, great turn out of volunteers for Vintage and this weekend. Thank you all for your assistance!
  - e. Trail Map Update- Maps are being distributed for sales at local establishments. The proceeds from the map sales cover the cost of printing the maps. Thank you to those who are distributing them to the local establishments.
8. Activities Committee Report:
  - a. Pond Hockey February 7, 8, 9 we need 4-6 volunteers each day for garbage pick-up. The venue for this event is undetermined at this time. More details to come, please sign up from the link in Constant Contact.
  - b. Military Ride 2020, Being held on Monday 1.2.2020- 4 volunteers to be lead and tails were taken at the meeting. Thank you for your support.
  - c. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. Next one is in January, Kickback Grill. February will be announced in the weekly email. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
  - d. Weekend Away—Audrey Stearns and Linda Brunswick are organizing, Jan. 31-Feb 2 in Tomahawk this year. Please contact Audrey for details and instructions right away if

you are attending. We have 66 signed up. Ron will lead the group with planned stops along the way.

- e. Weekday Away trip will be held Feb. 11-13 in Florence at Dahl's again. Marve and Carol Radloff are the contact for this trip.
- f. Vilas County Youth Group- Cheyenne Warren presented information on a youth group she is putting together. She has distributing information around the county and is contacting the schools. So far has 2 interested people. Planning to do youth rides and youth generated fundraisers.
- g. Torch Light Ride – The torch light ride started in Wausau today and will end at the WCDC to serve as Opening Ceremony for Badger State Games this year. Clubs from multiple counties are participating. They went from Wausau to Merrill, Tomahawk, Minocqua and Arbor Vitae today and will go to Sayner, St. Germain tomorrow. The final leg of the ride will be completed by Sno-Eagles. Meet at Dairy Queen Friday at 3 pm to ride to the museum and track. Miss Sno-Eagle, Kortnie, will be carrying the torch to the track.
- h. Weekly Rides- Wednesday's and Thursday's have begun and are well attended. If you are around stop by the Railroad station and join the groups they meet at 9 am.

#### 9. New Business

- a. Newsletter/Weekly email – watch for both of these in your InBox.
- b. Elections will be held in March for President, Secretary and 2 Board Member seats. Incumbents are Rusty, President and Deana, Secretary. If you would like to be on the ballot for any of the positions contact Steve Linn. He would like the information in writing. Ballots will close after the February membership meeting and Election will be held at the March membership meeting at Eagle Waters. Judy P. will preside of the election

#### Member Comments:

Carole Linn reported website statistics: In the past 7 days we have had 2353 page views, 770 unique users, most visited page the trail report 1030, trail map 127, the top 3 pages after trail report and map are events, membership and news. Constant Contact emails have a 62% open rate with industry average 19% and average click rate 24%, industry average 7%.

50/50 Drawing was completed.

Adjourn: There being no further business Debbie Dunn, made a motion to adjourn Bugs. seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8: 25 pm

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary