



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Eagle River, WI

NEWSLETTER – February 2021



Website: www.snoeagles.org

Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the “Snowmobile Capital of the World”, well in most years that statement is true. Mother Nature has not been kind to the snowmobile community this season. I believe that I saw on television that so far this season we have received about 20” of snow compared to last years 50” of snow. A big thank you to our Trail Boss Brian and his crew of Groomer Operators for trying their best to keep our trails as smooth as possible with very little snow. As you all know, January is a busy month in Eagle River with the Vintage races and the Derby races both held in January. We must thank the many volunteers who worked the food concession stand at both events, as this is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. Our Groom to Ride Raffle is still going on until February 27, so buy tickets or send in your check to purchase tickets. These two fundraisers along with map sales are the largest fundraisers for the club. New this year is our “Live broadcasting” on Facebook of our monthly membership meetings. The January meeting was very well received and viewed by about 200, with over 5000 shares. It was a wonderful broadcast and the video’s done by Dan were outstanding. If you have time please go to the Sno-Eagles Facebook page and watch live on Feb. 18 or take time to watch the recorded video’s on Facebook. We have received comments to do live broadcasts all year even when the COVID prevents large gatherings. That is something to think about. If you have thoughts about this please email me at hwolf48@me.com. The club has suspended the Wednesday and Thursday guided rides until we receive more snow. Let’s do the Snow Dance folks. I do hope that all members and their families remain healthy and safe in 2021. I look forward to meeting with as many members as possible throughout the year. I am so proud of the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club and our members.
Happy Valentine’s Day.

Thanking our Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

Trail Map Boards

Brian Scheid, Rusty Wolf

Map Sales Team

Steve Linn, Elmer Jensen, Brian Hunter, Chuck Bodie, Cliff Erickson, Fred Rockafellow, Jim Ayers, John Norman, Keith Nettesheim, Charlie Check, Bernie Pacanowski, Carole Linn

Concession Stand Volunteers – Vintage Weekend

Randy Buss, Scott Semling, Gary Voss, James & Jody Runte, Fred Bode, Lynn Check, Joyce Owens, Nicholas Virgilio, Steve Senf, Mark Heeren, Janet Sather, Max Rockafellow, Sheryl Piellusch, Dave, Debbie Cyrtmus, Maureen Thornborrow, Brian, Jeanne, Olivia Hunter, Austin Doll, Sandra Lathrop, Tom Navratil, Steve Franklin, Robert Tomaszewski, Jon Cook, Fred Rockafellow, Mark Balaban, John Norman, Dan O’Hagan, Bernie, Judy Pacanowski, Mike Kowalski, Rusty Wolf

Concession Stand Volunteers – Derby Weekend

Dan & Marion Hermanson, Andy & Tammy Schuetz, Scott Semling, Gary Voss, Jeff Blanck, Fred Bode, Brian, Jeanne & Olivia Hunter, Bill Weber, Lynn Check, Alex & Sherry Congleton/Gensch, Austin Doll, James & Jodie Runte, Randy Buss, Mark Heeren, Fred Rockafellow, John Prill, Sheryl Piellusch, Jeff Blanck, Brandon Dixon, Rick & Nancy Freye, Dave & Debbie Cyrtmus, Max Rockafellow, Dave Mroczynski, John Norman, Rusty Wolf

Groom to Ride – Raffle ticket sales

Charlie Check, John Norman, Chuck Bodie, George, Debbie Katich, Duane, Sally Huntz, Doug Miller, Steve Linn, Jim & Barb Domnick

Constant Contact – Weekly Email:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Lathrop

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 9-11** - Weekday getaway to White Pine, MI
- **February 18, 2021** - Live stream membership meeting - 7 pm on Facebook
- **February 20-21, 2021** - USSA World Series of Snowmobiling
- **February 27-28, 2021** - Arctic Derby Dash
- **February 27** - Groom to Ride drawing, Trackside, 1PM
- **March 2, 2021** - BOD meeting, VFW, 6PM social distancing & masks
- **March 18, 2021** - Live stream membership meeting – 7 pm on Facebook

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

IMPORTANT NOTES:

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.

STAY ON THE TRAILS: Some landowners have threatened to close trails that cross their property because riders are leaving the trail to find deeper snow to ride on to cool their machines. Don't do that. We can't afford to lose any trails because of inconsiderate riders. Riding is a privilege – not a right.

We are currently grooming trails seven days a week as needed. Low snow conditions so far this year have resulted in poor riding conditions on parts of our trail system. The snow storm that is predicted for this week along with future snow events will help to improve things immensely.

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report on our website: www.sno-eagles.org or to our Facebook page. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. Get the latest conditions at (715) 479-5185.

When were the trails groomed?



Get trail grooming info for Android and iPhone with Groomer Tracking Systems **GTS Trails** app.

GTS Trails app provides timely trail grooming statistics.

Trails are color coded.

Green - groomed within 24 hours

Blue - groomed within 48 hours

Orange - groomed within 96 hours

For more info [Click Here](#)

Brian Scheid, Trail Boss

SNO EAGLES HAS A NEW LOGO

In January, the Board of Directors voted to replace our long-term logo with an updated version. Don't worry – you will still recognize the familiar eagle on a checkered background. The change is to add the words Snowmobile Club at the bottom. This will help to identify the purpose of our organization. The new logo will be used on club clothing and print materials. A comparison of logos shows a marked improvement.



New "majestic" eagle logo - 2021



Old "friendly" eagle logo



Older "angry" eagle logo

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 18th.

The following positions will be elected:

Vice-President
Treasurer
Three (3) Directors

At this time, members seeking election are:

Keith Nettesheim - VP
Fred Rockafellow - treasurer
Carole Linn - director
Ron Engels - director
Sandy Lathrop - director

Club members who are interested in seeking election to any of the above positions should notify the nomination committee chairperson, Judy Pacanowski by email or written notice expressing their intention to seek election no later than February 15. Contact Judy at (715)479-2686 questions or more info.

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 are available by contacting Judy.

Candidates for office shall be presented at the regular meeting of the membership on February 18, 2021.

The nominative slate shall be published in the club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March.

As we are not having live meetings because of Covid-19, the election will be conducted with mail-in or electronic ballots.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Tom & Lonna Janet	Crete, IL
Josh Johnson	Eagle River, WI
Chad McQueary	Washington, IL
Raymond & Debra Navarro	Kenosha, WI
Ryan Shelton	Eagle River, WI
John & Rae Ann Thomas	Normal, IL
Anthony & Susan Williams	Cherry, IL

Help Wanted!

We're staffing the concessions at the USSA World Series and Derby Dash at the WCDC



Remember, we only have 2 fundraisers this year.
Staffing the concessions is one of them!!!

There are 54 shifts to staff

The USSA race is February 20-21
The Arctic Derby Dash is February 26-27

Shifts are 3 or 4 hours

No cooking - just serving

Masks provided. Plexiglass barrier in place

Volunteers get a parking pass, free admission,
and complimentary food tickets

Please sign-up using the buttons below

[USSA Concession Sign-Up](#)

[Derby Dash Concession Sign-Up](#)

GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER – DRAWING FEBRUARY 27

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. It's not too late to buy tickets. **BUY LOTS OF THEM!!!!!!** Drawing will be on 2/27 at 1 PM at Trackside

Get tickets at the following locations

Agave Azul American Family Insurance Boat Sport Marina Bartolutti's Cin Cin
Braywood Bay Bridgewater Inn Buckshots Downtown Buckshots North
Bucktails Bull Pen Chamber of Commerce Club Denoyer D&S Service
Eagle Waters Resort Erin's Pub and Grub Honey Bear House of Dogs
Kathan Inn Lucy's Lunchbox Lumpy's Bar & Grill Nutty Squirrel Shotskis
Smugglers Inn Sportsmen's Chalet Sweetwater Spirits and Resort
Trackside Twelve Pines Uncle Kent's White Spruce Inn Wild Eagle Lodge
World Snowmobile Headquarters

MISS SNO-EAGLE OUTDOES HERSELF AT THE DERBY

Cheyenne Warren, Miss Sno-Eagle 2020-21 did all the usual Derby Royalty tasks this year all by herself. Because of concerns about Covid-19, the Derby did not have a Derby Queen and court. So, Cheyanne stepped up and did the usual trophy presentations and other tasks all by herself. She also carried the Badger State Games torch which was a prominent part of this year's Derby.

Cheyenne has also started a Youth Snowmobile Group here in Eagle River and Vilas County. This has generated a lot of interest and she is excited about making this group grow.

Thank you Cheyanne for all you do for Sno-Eagles. We're very proud of you!



Minutes of the January General Membership Meeting

Minutes of the January 21, 2021 General Membership Meeting held at WCDC and Livestream on Facebook! Thank you to Dan Dumas and Brian Scheid for organizing the livestream of the meeting and our meeting sponsor Sweetwater Bar & Resort.

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by President Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.
2. Rusty reported the remainder of our membership meetings for this season will be held via Livestream on Facebook. Next Meeting is February 18th 7 pm on Facebook—mark your calendars! Tonight we raffled 3 Derby jackets donated by WCDC, two Men's Fly Racing and one Women's DSG. Bids were placed in the Facebook comments throughout the meeting. The Badger State Games Torch Ride happened this year but via pick up truck not snowmobile. They made all the planned stops at snowmobile clubs and sponsor business for photo ops with the final stop at the Derby Track for the cauldron lighting. State dignitaries were there for this event. Planning and hoping for another torch ride by snowmobile next year. There will be no ice castle in Eagle River this season. The ice was not thick enough for the building of the castle.
3. Secretary Report: Minutes November 20, 2020 motion to approve Deana and Second Charlie Check. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the Financial Summary noting multiple fundraisers have been cancelled due to Covid-19 and costs have been down as well due to lack of snow. Overall financial picture is stable despite the challenging year we are having. Fred made motion to approve financial report Chuck Bodie seconded. Motion carried.
5. Miss Sno Eagle—Cheyenne Warren reported that she attended the races the past 2 weekends representing the Sno-Eagles, she had the opportunity to be a part of the Badger State Games torch ride and cauldron lighting which was a highlight and honor for her. She also reported the Vilas Youth group continues to add members and is planning a group ride in the future. There was a news story on the club by Channel 12 recently that went well and one will be aired in February on Channel 9-- so watch for that.
6. Trail Boss Report: Trails are open and in fair to poor condition. We opened on January 1, 2021 which is late for us to open. The 11 Vilas County clubs decide by consensus when we open and when we close. The trails opened 100%, there are now 2 small sections closed and that information can be found on the website. We have groomed only 5 days so far due to lack of snow. Groomers are out grooming tonight because we did pick up some new snow. The trail conditions can be found on the website, they are updated daily. Carole Linn who reports for the National Weather Service also provides information on New Snowfall in the past 24 hours, Trail Base, which is an average depth of snow on the trail, and Snow Depth, which is the snow depth in the woods. Catfish and Eagle lakes have been marked. If you are riding on the lakes be sure to stay near the barrels. Please stay on the marked trails, there have been reports by landowners of people riding off trail into private property. If people can't stay on the trail, we will need to close trails. It is vital to respect our landowners who allow us the privilege of riding on their land. The two trails that we have closed last weekend are due to snowmobiles going off trail.
7. Fundraising Committee Reports: VP Chuck Bodie.
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website. Check it out. We have updated our logo to now include that we are a Snowmobile club as that was absent from the previous logo.
 - b. Groom to Ride Raffle-- Tickets are for sale 1 for \$5.00 or 3/\$10.00 The locations where tickets are available are listed on the website. This will be one of our main fundraisers this year so please support the effort. Charlie Check is the lead for Sno-Eagles so if you

are interested in volunteering to sell tickets or would like to purchase tickets contact Charlie or mail a check to Sno-Eagles.

- c. Trail Map Update- Trail maps are being distributed to the bars/restaurants. They are also available for purchase on the website. Sales have been slow due to lack of riders in the area.

8. Activities Committee Report: Pres. Rusty Wolf

- a. Volunteers will be needed for WCDC Concessions during the USAA World Series, February 20 & 21, Arctic Derby Dash UTV race February 27 & 28. Watch for sign up information in the weekly email.
- b. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the club.

9. New Business

- a. Newsletter/Weekly email – Newsletter is sent monthly and Constant Contact emails are sent weekly, Thank you to Ken Storms for his work on the newsletters.
- b. Thank you to Carole Linn for the weekly Constant Contact emails.
- c. Marv and Carol Radloff are organizing a weekday away ride February 9-10 to the Black Bear, White Pine MI.
- d. The Wednesday and Thursday weekly club rides are on hold due to lack of snow, we will announce when they start up.
- e. Rusty reported the Groomer buildings are owned by the club and we lease the land they are on from the city for \$1.00/year

10. Member Comments — If anyone has feedback on the Live Stream meeting please contact any of the Board Members or Trail Boss

Adjourn: There being no further business Charlie Check made a motion to adjourn Fred seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deana Jansa, Secretary