



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Eagle River, WI

NEWSLETTER – February 2022



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January is always one of the busiest months for the Sno-Eagles. Members are really involved in club business. In January the club has volunteers working the concession stand at the Derby Track for two races, volunteers working on selling trail maps and Groom to Ride raffle tickets and the club held its Weekend Away to Bowler, North-star Casino. Yes, a very busy month and without the efforts of our volunteers, our club would falter. We must also thank our Trail Boss Brian and his group of groomer operators for giving us the wonderful trails that we have. With minimal snow, the trail system is still in great shape. In the future my hope is that the club will have more new volunteers to step up and help the club during events. It is also my hope to get new and younger (well under 70) members to run for positions of club officer or director. A club needs new ideas and new opinions to grow. With that said please come to a board meeting or membership meeting and ask to get involved. Our Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia was very involved in January by being part of all the Derby Royalty and being part of the Badger State Winter Games Torch Ride. She had gold glitter in her hair during the events, WOW! Our club is growing and that is also wonderful news. On a personal note, I worked on writing a book over the last 3 years. The book, A Frozen Journey, is a short history of the Sno-Eagles snowmobile club from its inception in 1965 to 2021. The book highlights how the club was formed, how the club grew and made snowmobile trails in the area. The book lists all the club Officers from 1965 to the present, as well as all the names of the Miss Sno-Eagles. The book has a chapter on the history of the Derby Track from its inception at Dollar Lake to the present day. The book is filled with photos and many interesting facts. I must thank my Editor Carole Linn and my Publisher Matt VanSkyhawk for all their time and talent to put this book together. The book will be available for purchase on our website in the near future and it is for sale now at the World Snowmobile Museum and Chamber of Commerce in Eagle River. All proceeds go to the club for grooming operations. On a very sad note, our past Vice President Chuck Bodie lost his wife to leukemia and our past President Max Rockafellow lost his wife to cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.

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.

Groomer Shed Cleaning and Maintenance:

James Runte has done a wonderful job replacing broken overhead doors and fixing large holes in the cold storage shed.

Concession Volunteers:

James & Jody Runte, Andy & Tammy Schuetz, Sandy & Jordan Lathrop, Charlie & Lynn Check, Randy Buss, Debra Cobb, John Favorite, Steve Senf, Gary & Susan Voss, Keith Nettesheim, Chris Westfall & Pam, Mark & Lori Heeren, Tom Harley, Fred Rockafellow, John & Ethan Entringer, Doug Miller, Tammy Daus, Dave & Deb Cyrtmus, John & Carol Prill, Brian & Jeanine Hunter, Scott Laszewski, Bill & Laura Weber, Fred Bode, Marv Radloff, John Norman, Joyce & Clyde Owens, Tom & Tonia Atchison, Roger & Judy Rosenthal, Steve Geilfuss and others.

Groom to Ride ticket sales:

George & Deb Katich, Joshua Gates, Sherri & Alex Gensch/Congleton, Doug Miller, Keith Nettesheim, James Klug, Charlie Check, Dave & Sonja Mroczynski, Rusty Wolf, Kathy Rockafellow, Scott Schmidt, Brian Hunter

Constant Contact – Membership, Website, & Weekly Email:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Lathrop

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 5-6, 2022** - World Series of Snowmobile Racing
- **February 11-13, 2022** - Pond Hockey
- **February 17, 2022** - membership meeting at Eddie B's 7PM
- **February 14-18, 2022** - Weekday Getaway to Washburn, WI
- **February 25-26, 2022** - Arctic Derby Dash
- **February 26, 2022** – Saturday Night Out at Twelve Pines
- **March 1, 2022** - BOD meeting at World Snowmobile HQ 6PM

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

It's that time of the season to pause, reflect, and reset!

We have been very fortunate with consistent cold, and small amounts of snow that have kept the trails in good condition. However, the base is thin and wore out! We are struggling in some areas to keep it together. The grooming team can only do so much with what we have.

We have had some unlucky mechanical breakdowns this season. This has left us using two machines for more than three weeks. The grooming team has done a great job adapting, switching machines and drags that put a twist in our scheduling.

We do an excellent job with preventative maintenance throughout the year, but wear, tear, with extreme cold will put stress on these machines and things just happen. Often times breakdowns are quick and easy to fix. Recently we had to take time and troubleshoot an electrical issue which in the end wasn't; its very frustrating. A very BIG thank you to Josh and Dan for helping make repairs when needed. We spend countless hours working with technical support, tracking parts and repairing while we work our day job.

I'd like to drop some food for thought. So much of what we do is behind the scenes when it comes to grooming, scheduling, maintenance, and yes...politics. You never knew we were operating with only one or two machines. We do make it work, but the next time you come across a stretch of trail that is bumpy or completely "UN-Rideable" most likely has a story behind the WHY? Was it a breakdown or something else?

I have enjoyed some great riding the last couple weeks. Sugar Camp has had some of the best trails in Vilas and Oneida, I complimented them.

See you on the trails,

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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**.

WEEKEND AWAY 2022

Seventeen people went to North Star Casino in Bowler, Wisconsin for the annual Weekend Away ride. It was very cold when they left and never got much warmer during the trip. They had a great time despite the weather and the trails were great. Brian and Jeanine Hunter planned this year's event and did a great job. Dave & Sonya Mroczynski helped put the ride together. **See more photos in the January 30 Sno-Eagles News email.**



WEEKDAY GETAWAY IS NEXT

Marv and Carol Radloff are finalizing plans for the Weekday Getaway to Park Falls and Washburn, Wisconsin in February. All of the rooms are spoken for. They will travel first to Park Falls and stay overnight. Then on to Washburn for two nights and back to Park Falls. Snowmobiles aren't allowed in the reservation near Washburn necessitating the jog through Park Falls. The group will get in a lot of riding. Let's hope for good weather.

IN MEMORIAM

Sno-Eagles lost 2 wonderful people this month: Josie Bodie and Jeanne Rockafellow.

Josie, wife of former V-P Chuck Bodie, shared his interest and passion for snowmobiling. They moved to Eagle River about 5 years ago from California and became involved in many activities in the community.

Jeanne, wife of former President, Max Rockafellow, was involved with many Sno-Eagles activities including the Miss Sno-Eagle pageants and fun skits at several weekend away events. Those who attended those events will always have fond memories of Jeanne performing with other members in song and dance routines.

Josie and Jeanne will be missed by those who knew them.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

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

Nominations are open for the positions of president, secretary, and two director positions. These are two-year terms beginning after the annual election meeting on March 17th.

Candidates must be current members of the Sno-Eagles, maintain a primary residence in the Eagle River area, and not be an officer or board member of another snowmobile club.

To submit a nomination or if you have any questions, contact Judy Pacanowski at

woserjudy@aol.com. Nominations will remain open through February 14. You can self-nominate.

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

More Fun at the Concessions!

**We're staffing the concessions at the World Series of
Snowmobile Racing
February 5th & 6th**

Volunteers will be taking orders, wrapping sandwiches, heating pizzas and pretzels, serving orders, and manning the cash register.

There is NO COOKING involved - just serving.
You'll receive free admission, a parking pass, and complimentary food tickets. The shifts vary in length from 3 hours to 4 hours.



Sign-up TODAY by clicking the button below

[World Series Concession SignUp](#)

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

The January SNO was held at the Log Cabin in Conover and attended by 27 people. As always, the Log Cabin has great foods and friendly service. There was a nice mixture of old and newer members. Everyone had a great time. We filled up their dining room



The Saturday Night Out dinner on February 26 will be held at Twelve Pines Restaurant
Twelve Pines is always a Sno-Eagles favorite stop. See interesting details about Twelve Pines in the January 30 Sno-Eagles News email. Cocktails at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Order off the menu. RSVP to Cheryl Storms by 10 AM on the 25th at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER – March 26

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 3/26 at 1 PM at Trackside.**

The SNO that evening will be at Buckshots North. Watch for more details

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

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

Larry & Patti Boedecker	Howards Grove, WI
Ruwan Dissanayake & Jayasundara Dhyann	Marshfield, WI
David & Vicki Foemmel	Marshfield, WI
Jamie & Denise Kerley	Lake Geneva, WI
Matt & Linda Linn	West Chicago, IL
John & Jackie Rozya	Vernon, WI
Troy & Michelle Seymour	Eagle River, WI
John Traynere & Emile Clark	Palatine, IL

FOR CURRENT SNO-EAGLE NEWS - WATCH YOUR COMPUTER INBOX FOR SNO-EAGLES NEWS. USUALLY SENT OUT WEEKLY ON SUNDAY EVENING DURING THE SNOW SEASON.

ALSO VISIT www.snoeagles.org AND CLICK ON THE NEWS TAB.

A big thanks to Carole Linn for her hard work on the emails and website

Minutes of the January General Membership Meeting

Minutes of the January 20, 2022 General Membership Meeting held at Buckshots Downtown, 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. Prayer for the group by Rev. Scheffler. Welcome to the new members who were in attendance at the meeting.
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 Dan and Tammy for hosting the meeting today and for all the support of the club over the years.

2. Secretary Report: Our Secretary Deana was not present so the President requested a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Rev. Scheffler made motion to approve VP. Keith second. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Fred and gave the December 2021 financial report. 2013 PB purchase complete and loan refinanced. Club is in a good financial position. Financial report is approved at Board Meetings.
4. Trail Boss Report: The Trail Boss Brian was not in attendance at the meeting so VP Keith read a report provided and added a few items. Trails Report: Base is thin under 7" average across the whole trail system. Daily Trail reports are found on our club web page. We are the only club producing a daily snowmobile trail and snowfall report in Vilas County. Our report is mirrored on the Eagle River Chamber website.
 - Corners are becoming icy in some areas as we are grooming down to the base in many areas.
 - Grooming Schedule is as follows. 5:30Pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
 - We assisted the Derby Complex with 6 hours of donated Snowcat time helping push the infield flat for Vintage and World Championship weekends. The track was very thankful.
 - Oak Lane Re-Route is complete. Gates will be installed in Summer 2022 for the Landowner on both ends.
 - Grooming equipment overall is in good shape. After much diagnosis and going back and forth with Techs from Pisten Bully, Trail Bully 11 will need a new Right side drive motor. This motor is the driving force for the right side track coming from the hydraulic pump to make it move. The costing is about \$3,600.00 to replace. The motor will be installed within the week. The unit is operating but with a single gear and slower speed.
 - Small snowfalls and consistent cold weather have kept the trails in good condition recently.
 - All swamps and waterways have been safe to cross since Jan. 5th
 - We are monitoring our Trail Maintenance dollars in order to reach our cap.
5. Fundraising Committee Reports: Charlie Check
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now. We are switching supplier. There have been some back orders due to supply chain issues. Some items are changing as well.
 - b. Concession Stand WCDC - Vintage and Derby weekends are in the books, over 200 hours each weekend. Next event is Feb. 5-6, World Series sign-up on Time to Sign up from Constant Contact.
 - c. Groom to Ride Raffle –Ticket sales great at the WCDC last 2 weekend. Tickets available at all establishments in the area. If you are interested in volunteering to sell tickets contact Charlie at charlie@snoeagles.org
 - d. Map Ads. Looking for 2 account managers for map sales from May to July each year.
 - e. Frozen Journey by Howard Wolf. –History of Sno-Eagles, snowmobiling in the Northwoods and Eagle River and the start of the Eagle River Derby. Book available for sale at museums in Eagle River and St. Germain, the Eagle River Chamber and Visitors Center and will be sold on our website. Proceeds go to grooming fund and the club. Carole Linn, Editor, Matt Vanskyhawk, Publisher, Hahn Printing printed the book. We purchased 1000 copies. We are selling the books for \$25.00 each.
 - f. Pond Hockey Feb. 11-13. Will need volunteers for trash pick up. Need a lead for this event. VP Keith volunteered to be the lead. Volunteers needed Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and we will have a sign up on Constant Contact now.
6. Activities Committee Report:

- a. Week Day away- Carole and Marv Radloff heading this up 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. 17 people attending.
 - b. Weekend Away—Hunter's leading trip tomorrow morning to Bowler, WI, NorthStar Casino. All rooms booked. 16 attendees, 11 riding. Pres. Rusty and Cheryl will be taking the support vehicle with luggage and trailer.
 - c. SNO- Next SNO is January 29 Log Cabin Conover, February 26th Twelve Pines, March Buckshots North. If you are going let Cheryl Storm know at least a day in advance.
7. New Business
- a. Torch Ride- Well attended ride, watch for details for next year. Riders at the Torch Ride commented on the great condition of trails in Eagle River. Thank you to Trail Boss and groomers.
 - b. Military Ride: The Military Ride was held on Mon. Jan. 17. They had 102 riders and went out in 9 groups. About 30 riders never rode a snowmobile before. Riders from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania were in attendance. Riders complimented the club for having wonderful trails. Again thank you to Brian and groomers.
 - c. March Elections -- Nominations are open for the positions of president, secretary, and for two director positions. These are two-year terms beginning after the annual election meeting on March 17th. Candidates must be current members of the Sno-Eagles, maintain a primary residence in the Eagle River area, and not be an officer or board member of another snowmobile club. To submit a nomination or if you have any questions, contact Judy Pacanowski at woserjudy@aol.com. Nominations will remain open through February 14. You can self-nominate.
 - d. Erica Dumas– Bikini Racers, St. Germain – Pink Ribbon Riders Calendar for sale – Money goes to support people affected by breast cancer and proceeds stay local. Hiller's Radar Run. February 4 and 5. Calendars are \$25.00 if you are interested let us know.
8. Member Comments — Keith brought up article in newspaper about plowing on snowmobile routes—please give any comments to Keith, Brian, Rusty-Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping out the club.

Adjourn: There being no further business Rusty made a motion to adjourn Fred seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary