



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



NEWSLETTER - March 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is here and the end of the snowmobile season for 2019-2020 is just around the corner. I must take time to reflect on a very successful 2019-2020 snowmobile season. I am so thankful for the outstanding job done by our Trail Boss Brian and his group of operators for giving us wonderful snowmobile trails again this year. I understand the club has a couple members that think we have the worst trails in the state, and they are entitled to their opinion. I work part time at the World Snowmobile HQ museum and when snowmobilers stop by, I always ask about the trail conditions. With few exceptions the overwhelming reply is the trails are very good. That does not mean we don't have room for improvement, and I will address trail grooming prior to next year. It has been also a year of great volunteerism. Our club provided hundreds of volunteers throughout the year in working the food concessions, map sales, raffle ticket sales, trail maintenance and equipment maintenance. A huge heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to the club members that have donated their time and talent for the betterment of the club. Hopefully next year more members will step up and volunteer in support of the club. March is also the end of 4 years for me being your President. I have been honored and I am so very proud to represent the Sno-Eagles as your President. I do believe that the club is stronger, better financially, better equipped with much better grooming equipment, a wonderful working environment in our groomer shed and certainly more volunteers than ever before. I am so happy to see the club growing and improving every year. I am sure we all are very proud of our club and the many volunteers that make this club strong and fun. I have decided to run for reelection as your President. If given the chance I look forward to continuing to look at club improvements, fundraising and making the club fun to be involved in. Sno-Eagles the best snowmobile club in Wisconsin and I am so proud to be a small part of this club.

Recognize some Volunteers from this month of activities

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Jortiz, Jerry Lathrop

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

Saturday Night Out: Cheryl Storms

Trail Maps: Steve Linn and his group of volunteers.

Weekly Constant Contact, Membership, Website - Carole Linn

Newsletter Editor: Ken Storms

Groomer Shed cleaning – Brian Scheid, Doug Melany

Groom to Ride ticket sales: Jim & Mary Ehler, Chuck Bodie, Jack Waskow, Jan Sather, Susan & Gary Voss, Kortnie & Kallie Volk, Mark Heeren, Glen Dalton, Louie Wyke, Barb Domnick, and Sandy Lathrop

Pond Hockey Clean-up: Charlie Check, Dan Lynch, Don Traut, Jerry & Sandy Lathrop, Eric Semling, Stewart & Pam Jackson, Deana Jansa, Jerry Fancher, Sioux Regez, Chuck Bodie, Keith Nettesheim, Gary & Linda Jacobs, Brian & Jeanine Hunter

Thank you all, Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 through March (conditions permitting). Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will determine our destination and lunch stop. All are welcome to this event. **Thursday Scenic Route rides** also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. Call Rusty Wolf with questions about our group rides. 1-262-442-4876.

>**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. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 to RSVP by Friday 10:00 am the day before the event.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

The final month of the season is here and It's been challenging in many ways. March is always hit or miss for snowstorms, rain, and temperatures. So far we have missed the rain!

Trails for the most part have been holding up fairly well due to the colder weather we've had. This season we have seen an obvious increase in snowmobile traffic around town and this is great news for the local business and difficult nights for the operators.

The snow is very granular and will not stay packed to the base because of the freezing, thawing, and high traffic. The comments at the last membership meeting were directed that we need more grooming, I can fully accept that and changes can be made. However, I will NOT put our groomers on the trail during the daylight hours under my leadership and subject this club or the operators to increased liability. What other local clubs choose to do is not my concern and nor do I care.

We are living in a wonderful Northern Wisconsin town and people from all over come to Eagle River because we are the Snowmobile Capital of the World. We are a bunch of diehard groomer operators and volunteers operating nearly one half million dollars' worth of grooming equipment and I believe that's often forgotten. We are here to support the community almost nightly.

Questions, comment and concerns I ask that you please reach out to me by email. Get out and ride, sometimes the end of the season comes quick!.

See you on the trails.

Brian Scheid, Trail Boss

MAINTENANCE MONDAYS

On **Maintenance Mondays** we clean the groomers, grease the groomers, and do general shop work as indicated. Jim Joritz, our groomer maintenance manager, coordinates this weekly effort.

Many of you have indicated an interest in helping at the groomer shed. This is your opportunity! Come whenever you can.

WHEN: Every Monday at 9 AM until end of the season

WHERE: Sno-Eagles groomer shed located at 1024 Bluebird Lane in Eagle River.

Call Brian at 715-891-2332 for questions.

SNO-EAGLES ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the bylaws, the March membership meeting is designated as our annual meeting. Officers are elected and other business is transacted. This year, the following positions will be elected: President, Secretary, and two Board Members.

The following members are candidates:

President – Howard Wolf,

Secretary – Deana Jansa,

Board Members – Charles Check, Dave Mroczynski, and Bill Weber

The meeting will be held at **Eagle Waters at 7 PM on March 19**. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY GETAWAYS

The Weekend Getaway was a trip to the Super 8 Motel in Tomahawk, WI on January 31-February 2. 20 attended. 13 traveled by sled. Led by Ron Engels, the group stopped at the 10 Point Bar & Grill in Harshaw for a Friday fish fry lunch and later had deli sandwiches at the motel. On Saturday the group rode to the Hill of Beans for lunch and later had a catered meal at the motel. Fun & games ensued throughout the weekend and Kathy Rockafellow was named as the queen of the event. Audrey Stearns and Linda Brunswick co-hosted this year's event.



Event Co-Chair Audrey & Queen Kathy

The 2020 "Valentine Ride" went to the Doll House Lakeside B&B in Florence, WI on February 11-13. 19 attended. 17 traveled by sled, with Iron Man Ron Engels leading the way for this ride also. Lunch on Tuesday was at the Whitetail Inn in Tipler, dinner Tuesday was a pizza party at Dina Mia's in Florence. Breakfasts both days were included in the B & B package, Wednesday the group rode to the Road house in Long Lake for lunch and later had an elegant dinner at Maxsell's in Florence. Games and fun with a Valentine's Day theme took place in the living room at the Doll's House. Marv & Carol Radloff hosted the event again this year.



A stop along the trail



Iron Man Ron Engels

HALL OF SHAME AWARD – WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED

Since there were two club trips this year, the Hall of Shame award will be given at the member meeting to a lucky rider from one of the events. This award has been given annually since 2004. Past winners are: Chuck Schlueter, Don Range, Roger Shadick, Bob Stencil, Sioux Regez, Bernie Packanowski, Mac McCoy, Bugs Mathieu, Ken Storms, Ron Engels, Brien Scheid, Chris Kloiber, Carol Radloff, Jerry Fancher, and Tom Tomlanovich. Let's see who this year's winner is.



GROOM TO RIDE – A BIG SUCCESS

The winners of this year's Groom to Ride raffle were chosen on February 29 at **Trackside**. Sno-Eagles, Conover, & Three Lakes sold a combined total of \$22,671 worth of tickets. Sno-Eagles received \$11,335 from the total sales for our grooming fund. Jim Ehlers chaired this year's fundraiser.

This year's prizes and the winners are:

- **FIRST PRIZE** - 2020 Ski-Doo MXZ 600ES snowmobile OR a 2020 Can-AM Outlander 570 ATV donated by Trackside – Eagle River
 - Winner: Jason Miller of Prescott, WI
- **SECOND PRIZE** - 2021 World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission and parking
 - Winner: Mary Van Handel of Freedom, WI
- **THIRD PRIZE** - guided fishing package for 2 including one day of fishing, a two-night stay at the Northernaire Resort in Three Lakes, and dinner for two at Aromas Italian Restaurant.
 - Winner: Cindy Klopstein of Hiles, WI
- **FOURTH PRIZE** - Weatherby 30-06 rifle or a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun
 - Winner: Jon Barth of Flanagan, IL

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

This month's event will be **March 28** at Sportsmen's Chalet in St. Germain. This is a fun place with great food and service. The owners, Gary & Laurel Frank are long term supporters of Sno-Eagles. The trails close at the end of March so consider riding to this event. As usual – cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Everyone has a great time at our SNO events

RSVP to Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Reminder: 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Only a few new members this month as we approach the end of our riding season. Please help welcome these folks to our Sno-Eagles family:

Jean & Bill Amdt	Eagle River, WI
Ashley & Justin Auestad	Eagle River, WI
George Katich	Lake Zurich, IL
Scott & Norma Semling	Eagle River, WI
Michael & Mary Stomski	Milwaukee, WI

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Minutes of the February 20, 2020 General Membership Meeting Held at Eddie B's White Spruce

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Thank you to Eddie for the use of the space and food for tonight's meeting. Rev. Sheffler gave an opening prayer for the meeting.
2. Rusty welcomed new members, Debbie, Dave, Mark H, Randy and Lisa Buss, Dave Martin 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 to school backpack food donations.
3. Secretary Report: January minutes distributed via email newsletter and Constant Contact; Minor typo errors have been corrected. Motion to approve Mary Ehler, second Ken Lambrecht. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow gave the January financial report. Rev. Sheffler made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Bill Weber seconded the motion and motion carried.
5. Trail Boss Report -. Rusty reported for Brain as he was out grooming. Big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped this season and thank you to the groomer operators for a job well done! Thank you to the Pond Hockey Clean Up Volunteers. \$1000.00 donation from USA Hockey.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of the 2006 Pisten Bully at the January Board meeting. It will arrive from MN next week with the brush cutter installed on it. Brian plans to begin brushing when the trails close to take advantage of the frozen ground. There was a special meeting of the BOD on Tuesday Feb. 18, to discuss an opportunity to purchase another Pisten Bully that we learned was available at the Feb. 2020 Groomer Show. The Board approved the sale of our T5 tractor and the purchase of the 2011 Pisten Bully, sale of tractor by 10/1/2020. Doing this will result in no increase in financial liability for the club.

There were several negative comments about trail conditions from the floor. Kurt Schmidgall stated the trails in Eagle River are in “terrible condition” and he looks for the fastest way out of town. Would like to see daily grooming of trails. Marv and Carol Radloff both then stated, “You are killing this town” with the terrible trail conditions in Eagle River area. Would like to see daytime grooming and grooming every single day. It was noted the trails are groomed 5 days per week and we have discussed daytime grooming in the past and Rusty did not want to discuss further at the meeting.

6. Fundraising Committee Reports:

- a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now, check it out.
- b. Groom to Ride Raffle ticket sales are underway. Drawing is being held at Trackside at Noon on February 29th. If you have tickets and money be sure they are turned in by then, you can purchase tickets up to the time of the drawing at Trackside as well.
- c. WCDC concession sign up for Feb 29 and March 1 snowmobile races, March 7 UTV races. These volunteer shifts are mostly covered at this time. Looking for one more person for March 7. For the January concessions we had 84 shifts and staffed 82 of them with 49 volunteers and 260 hours of volunteer time. Thank you all for your assistance!
- d. Trail Map Update- Maps are being sold at local establishments throughout the area. Thank you to those who are distributing them to the local establishments. If you see an empty box call the number on the back of the box to get it replenished.
- e. Shotski’s world record – Rusty has volunteered the club to assist Shotskis with attempting a world record Shotski August 15, 2020. We will have a 50/50 raffle with supporting establishments and will help to make the event happen. The shotski will be ½ mile long with 2100 shot glasses attached. Stay tuned for more details.

7. Activities Committee Report:

- a. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. Next one is February 29th Lumpy’s. March 28 Sportsmen’s. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
- b. Weekend Away—Audrey Stearns and Linda Brunswick hosted a great event. Jan. 31-Feb 2 in Tomahawk this year. Trip went very well, there were 13 riders. Kathy Rockafellow was named the queen for her never-ending volunteerism with the club! Thanks Kathy! Kathy & Fred Rockafellow and Tiffany and Chris Kloiber will organize next year’s weekend away.
- c. Weekday Away trip was held Feb. 11-13 in Florence at Dahl’s again. Marv reported they had a great trip with 17 riders. Planning to go again next year.

8. 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 Wolf, President and Deana Jansa, Secretary. Directors on the ballot will be Charlie Check, Dave Mroczynski and Bill Weber. Steve requested nominations from the floor at the meeting and no further nominees came forward. The Ballot was then closed. Judy Pacanowski will be the election teller and will run the election at the March membership meeting, 7 pm at Eagle Waters. If you are unable to attend the meeting in March and would like an absentee ballot you can request one from Deana Jansa, Secretary at secretary@snoeagles.org. Ballot needs to be returned before the date of the election.

Member Comments:

Scott Anderson – thanked the club for all the hard work at the concession stand at WCDC in January.

Dick Decker—Thanked the groomers for the great trails this season and reminded us to always talk positively about Eagle River and the trail conditions because people want to come to Eagle River.

Audrey Sterns who rode for 45 years stated “we have nothing to complain about regarding trail conditions”

50/50 Drawing was completed.

Adjourn: There being no further business Rev. Sheffler made a motion to adjourn Sonja Mroczynski seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Jansa, Secretary