



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

NEWSLETTER - March 2021



Website: www.snoeagles.org

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Snowmobile Capital of the World ®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World. The 2021 snowmobile season will not go down as a great season but the riding in late January and all of February has been wonderful. Hat's off to our Trail Boss Brian and his crew of awesome Groomer Operators. Feb. 27 was the Groom to Ride raffle drawing and it turned into a wonderful event with three tables full of silent auction items. Our silent auction brought in another \$900 to the club. Thank you to all who participated. Shawn Frietag from Montello, WI won the 2021 Ski-Doo 600, snowmobile. Final numbers from the fundraiser are not in yet but it is fair to say that our club will again net over \$11,000 from the raffle. Thank you all. The club has a few elections of new officers and directors in March so stay tuned on line for more information or just watch the Mar. 18 meeting live 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. On a personal note, I am finishing my fifth year as your President and I am truly honored to have served the club. 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 St. Patrick's Day.

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

Concession Stand Volunteers – World Series Weekend

Randy Buss, Scott Semling, Lynn Check, Mark Heeren, James Blaha, Austin Doll, Sandra Lathrop, Fred Rockafellow, Ron Engels, Carol John Prill, Nick Petreikis, Dennis Gorges, Keith Nettesheim, Dan & Tammy Ullsperger

Concession Stand Volunteers – Arctic Derby Dash Weekend

Scott Semling, Brian, Jeanne & Olivia Hunter, Lynn Check, Mark Heeren, Ron Engels, Steve Senf, Sandra Lathrop

Constant Contact – Weekly Email:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Lathrop

Thank you all, Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2021 - BOD meeting, VFW, 6PM social distancing & masks

March 18, 2021 - Live stream membership meeting - details to follow

March 19-20 – Sno-Pro Races at WCDC

Sign up on website to work in our food concessions stand

April 6, 2021 - BOD meeting, VFW, 6PM social distancing & masks

April 15, 2021 - Live stream membership meeting - details to follow

NOTES:

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the VFW at 6 PM.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** are held at 7PM via live stream on the club's Facebook page.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Greetings from the Groomer Barn! Unfortunately, I feel this snowmobile season is going to come to a quick end but I also feel fortunate we made it this far. As always, every season comes with challenges and this year was the lack of snow. We have been hanging to a thin base all season. If we had that January or February thaw, we may have been closed long before. Luckily, we had the consistent cold temperatures.

Our equipment is in great condition and the best this club has ever had. Having the board of directors believe in my vision for equipment needs and upgrades have led our club to spending less money on maintenance during the season. "Knock on wood" we have not had one breakdown on the trail and no rescue missions digging one out from the swamp. We all know good equipment comes with a cost! Special thanks go to Josh Johnson and the grooming team for taking care of our equipment throughout the whole year. Caring for our equipment will not stop when the trails close. If you would like to help in the grooming barn with maintenance please contact me. More help is needed.

Next week we go into spring brushing. Spring trail brushing will be going into the frozen swamps to cut the branches back.

Happy Spring!

Brian Scheid, Trail Boss

SNO-EAGLES ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 18 – 7PM ON FACEBOOK

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: Vice-President, Treasurer, and three Directors.

We have one candidate for each position:

Keith Nettesheim- Vice President

Fred Rockafellow-Treasurer

Sandra Lathrop - Director

Ron Engels - Director

Carole Linn - Director

Since they are all unopposed, we will approve the slate at the March meeting and no voting will be required.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEKDAY GETAWAY

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, sixteen brave, crazy Sno-Eagles left the Eagle River Train Station at 8:30 a.m. with temp -25. Two people returned to Eagle River before we got to Conover due to side effects of Vertigo. Trail passes purchased in Land o Lakes, lunch at Erlas in Marenisco. Wednesday, we rode to Lake of the Clouds and Ontonagon. Pizza party at the Konteka followed by "Great Minds Think Alike" game. Returned to Eagle on Thursday which included a frigid ride across Lake Gogebic (I asked for it).

We rode the ribbon almost all of the time and with the exception of the vertigo incident, a couple of hiccups with sleds, and a slight parking lot fender bender the trip went smooth.

As always, this group was very congenial and flexible (which was a must this year due to Covid-19.) We had 6 new people join our group with one couple deciding to trailer up for Wed. riding only due to the cold. Might add that Dave Martin's dad, Ron, put 300+ miles on and never rode a snowmobile before.

As trip leaders we learned that it is important to check new-comers riding experience as we were unaware that someone didn't know to watch for the person behind them and therefore the group got separated on the way to LOL. While we didn't need the support trailer, it was reassuring to know that it was there. Will definitely try to incorporate this safety feature into future trips.

Happy Trails,
Marv and Carol Radloff



SNO-EAGLE CLOTHING IDEAS

If you have suggestions for new clothing items to add to our store, please contact Elaine Kloiber at 715-479-5028 or elaine@westlabs.biz. She would love to hear your ideas.

GROOM TO RIDE A BIG SUCCESS FOR LOCAL CLUBS

The Groom to Ride drawing was held at Trackside on February 27.

Representatives from the Sno-Eagles, Sno Buddies, and Northern Lights Snowmobile Club were present while the winning tickets were drawn by Miss Sno-Eagle, Cheyanne Warren.

The raffle generated **\$24,499.40 in ticket sales** of which **the Sno-Eagles received \$12,074.40**. All proceeds will be used for our trail grooming program.

The lucky first prize raffle winner, Shawn Freitag resides in Montello, WI; second prize went to Tammy Oertel from Marathon, WI; third prize to Jon Day of Eagle River, WI; and fourth prize to Calyn Wolfgram of Green Bay, WI.

We are grateful for the support of Trackside, the World Championship Derby Complex, Jason Pertiles Up North Guide Service, Aromas Italian Restaurant and Bonnie's Lakeside Restaurant who donated the prizes.

We thank all the local businesses who sold raffle tickets. We couldn't have done it without you!

Prior to the raffle, our club had a silent auction which raised \$962.00 for the Sno-Eagles! Special thanks to Sandy Lathrop for organizing the raffle, and to our generous supporters who donated the prizes.



Jim Nykolayko, Northern Lights; Chad Lederer, trail boss Conover Sno-Buddies and VP Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance; Rusty Wolf, SnoEagles



As usual, Treasurer Fred Rockafellow keeps a close watch on the ticket stubs and money

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:

Tom Formolo & Stephanie Anderson-Formolo
Dave & Barb Guenther
Kevin Kann & Dawn Leekey
Scott & Connie Schaefer

Elkhorn, WI
Pequot Lakes, MN
Esteros, FLA
Glenview, IL

THIS EVENT HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED



This event was planned for earlier in the winter but was postponed because of Covid-19. Please RSVP to Helen at 815-545-3633 if you plan to attend. This will be fun!



Minutes of the February 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting

Minutes of the February 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting held at WDCD and Livestream on Facebook! Thank you to Dan Dumas and Brian Scheid for organizing the livestream of the meeting and our meeting sponsors Sweetwater Spirits and Resort, Body Craft-Collision Repair and Finishing, Locally Global Realty Group and World Snowmobile Headquarters.

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 FB. Next Meeting is March 18th 7 pm on Facebook—mark your calendars! Tonight, we raffled 2 Jackets donated by Boat Sport. #Iwanttowin. Winners were drawn at the end of the meeting. Bikini Run Calendars are available for 20.00 and support the Pink Ribbon Riders, contact Dan Dumas if you would like one.
3. Secretary Report: Minutes January 21, 2020 motion to approve Deana and Second Ron Engels. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the 6-month Financial Summary noting multiple fundraisers have been cancelled due to Covid and costs have been down as well due to slow start to the season. Overall financial picture is stable despite the challenging year we are having. We expect to end the year in a good financial position.
5. Miss Sno Eagle—Cheyenne Warren reported the Youth Club ages have been modified for age 12-18 so that youth can sign up to be involved after attendance at a Safety Course. Please contact Cheyenne if you have interest in joining the youth group.
6. Trail Boss Report: We are grooming 7 days per week at this time. Base is limited, approximately 3-9 inches. We have snow forecasted this weekend but also a warm up which will impact conditions. The trail conditions can be found on the website, We update the trail report daily. Please stay on the marked trails, there have been numerous reports or trespassing by landowners this season. If people can't stay on the trail, we may have

to close trails. It is vital to respect our landowners who allow us the privilege of riding on their land. Please also slow down on the roads, there have been reports of speeding on the roads. The sheriff will be patrolling and will give tickets as needed.

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 location where tickets are available is listed on the website. Drawing will be held February 27th at Trakside. There will be a bucket raffle set up before the drawing with other great prizes so please come early and join the fun leading up to the drawing.
 - c. Fundraising New Ideas—Charlie Check, Director reported that a Committee is forming to finalize some new fundraising ideas, including an incentive program to encourage members to round up on their membership dues and a second raffle that would be held over the summer. Let Charlie know if you would like to participate in the Committee or if you have any other ideas, Charlie@snoeagles.org

8. Activities Committee Report:
 - a. Volunteers will be needed for WCDC Concessions USAA February 20 & 21, ATV/UTV Artic Derby Dash race February 27, Swap - August 27-28, 2021 Watch for sign up information in the weekly email. There are still open slots for this weekend and next.
 - b. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the club out.

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. Weekday Away Ride February 9-10 to the Black Bear, White Pine MI went well, all had a great time. They put on about 350 miles with great trails but a little cold.
 - d. The Wednesday and Thursday weekly club rides are being held now and the past 2 days were great rides. Please join if you would like.
 - e. March Elections –Judy Pacanowski reported the nomination window closed on February 15 and we have one candidate for each position, Keith Nettesheim- Vice President, Fred Rockafellow-Treasurer, Sandra Lathrop, Ron Engels and Carole Linn –Directors. Since they are all unopposed, we will approve the slate at the march meeting and no voting will be required.
 - f. Rusty reported the Vilas Alliance met this week and the Sheriff reported there have been 33 reported accidents, 1 fatality and 36 complaints which is similar to previous years.
 - g. AWSC reports there are 230,000 registered snowmobiles in the state of Wisconsin, and ~122,000 trail passes have been purchased which is ahead of last year.

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 Fred made a motion to adjourn Charlie seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary