



SNO-EAGLES NEWSLETTER

September 2022

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President's Message

Greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World.

First, I want to apologize for holding up the Newsletter, I take full responsibility. Secondly, I want to take a moment to thank the many volunteers that have been working many hours on fundraising events, grants, building maintenance, equipment maintenance, trail maintenance etc. The number of volunteers that are helping, is refreshing to see and is rewarding to the club. Thank you all!

Board meetings started in August and we have two down for this season. This past Thursday we had our first membership meeting at Club Denoyer with over 40 members attending and full participation from the officers and directors, again, thanks to everyone.

We are off to a very good start; we added several new fundraising events this year and are looking into a few larger events between now and April. Stay tuned to constant contact messages that Carole Linn sends out and our Events Calendar and Membership meetings to stay current with everything that's going on in Sno-Eagle Country. There are areas we could still use some talent to help with Events.

In addition to fundraising, our membership, new and renewals, is off to a strong start, both in numbers and donations. Every little bit helps and we greatly appreciate all the support, thank you! If you have not completed yours, please get it done so you can get your trail passes ordered. Also, you do not have to have a snowmobile to be a member, and I joke about this one, but you do not have to be a certain age to be a member or volunteer to help the club. We are strong and I love meeting new members. We are also looking for younger members to join the club and bring on some fresh ideas to help grow and strengthen our club. Again, I am very pleased to say that everything is going well with that club and I look forward to meeting you soon!

Keith Nettlesheim

MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Our first member meeting for the 2022-2023 year was held on September 15 at Club DeNoyer . Mark these dates on your calendar now so you won't miss a meeting:

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| October 20 – | Erin's Pub |
| November 17 – | Kickback Grill |
| December - | No meeting |
| January 19 - | Buckshot's Downtown |
| February 16 - | Sweetwater |
| March 16- | Lumpy's |
| April 20 - | Blue Heron |

Refreshments at 6:30 with meeting starting at 7:00 sharp

UPCOMING SNO-EAGLES EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **September 24, 2022** - Saturday Night Out at The Nutty Squirrel
- **October 4, 2022** - BOD meeting World Snowmobile HQ 6PM
- **October 8, 2022 Trail Brushing** – 8-12 at Groomer Shed
- **October 15, 2022 Trail Brushing** – 8-12 at Groomer Shed
- **October 20, 2022** - Membership meeting Erin's 7PM

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

We have been very busy doing some major work on the trails this summer. Trail 1, North of Eagle Lake, we had to widen some turns so we can do a better job grooming, several stumps and a few trees were also removed so we can get all of our grooming equipment scheduled on that route. Adams Road, we have plow drivers scraping the road clean, forcing us to look for alternate routes. We reopened the swamp route that was closed a few years ago, once things freeze up you will have the option to take the swamp or Adams Road to the trail. Across from Buckshots, a few large trees were removed and stumps were ground. Thanks to Chuck Healy, Americas Best Tree Service for his professional service. Again, we will be able to access this trail with and make our trails safer by removing the stumps. We have a number of other areas where stumps will be ground, making our trails safer. Trail 10, where Katie Lake ends and you cross Highway G, there was a hairpin turn on a slight hill, trees and bushes are taking over the trail and the hill has taken on some erosion over the years. We will be widening this turn and grading it so we can do a better job with the groomer and snowmobilers will have better visibility as they come into the turn. We have a few other areas where signage and fencing will be added to slow down sleds and keep people on trails. Reminder to all. Stay on marked trails only. Respect landowners and if you see someone riding off trail, get pictures and report them. Riding on most of our trails is a privilege and if people are going to abuse those privileges, we could lose trail access. Every year we have to deal with a number of people that simply do not respect the use of trails.

Our building Maintenance Manager: James Runte has been doing a fantastic Job getting things in order. Again, many volunteers have been helping and our shop is in tip top shape along with our brushing equipment and drags. A lot of welding, replacing blades, fixing lights, hydraulic hoses and painting. Outstanding work by the team! Thanks to all that help!

Our Equipment Manager: Doug Miller just took on this responsibility this spring and has recruited a number of guys to help with Piston Bully Maintenance - fluids, filters, electric, cleaning and repairing our Bully's getting them ready for the season. In addition, we will be getting our new 2021 Piston Bully early October. Doug will be implementing some Preventative maintenance programs and training programs for the maintenance crews and operators. Again, so refreshing to see a number of people involved, the attention detail and care that is going into these machines. Thanks to all for the hours and service provided.

Temporary Trail Boss- your President, *Keith*

If you are interested in being the Trail Boss, please contact Keith@snoeagles.org

SNO-EAGLES SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2022

Sno-Eagles members don't rest or forget about the club during "the off season". They continue to volunteer for club activities and fund raising opportunities to help make us even better.

In June, we participated in Up North Beerfest 2022 and ran a Giant Beer Pong game. Despite the rain, everybody involved had a great time.

Also in June and August some club volunteers Served concert goers appetizers and beverages at events under the big tent at the Blue Heron.

In July numerous volunteers helped to assemble and dis-assemble 468 skis into one giant ski for the Schotski World Record of the longest Shotski. World Record Academy present Shotski with a certificate for the longest shotski measuring 2,454.95 feet. The Club also ran a concession stand selling corn and beverages along with 50/50 raffle.

In September we held our Sno-Eagles Party and Cash Raffle at Buckshots. Listed below are the cash raffle winners. Our volunteers ran a concession stand, cooking and selling food and beverages at the Arts and Crafts Fair Downtown Eagle River on September 4th.

So many people were involved in these events so we're not going to try to list everyone here. Needless to say, everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated. Look at more information about these events in the News section of our website.

CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

Here is the list of Cash Raffle Winners from our event at Buckshots on September 3rd. A total of \$16,500 was won by these lucky people. All 300 of the \$100 tickets were purchased prior to the drawing.

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| \$10,000 | Miller Vacation Fund (Glenn & Donna Miller) |
| \$2000 | Dan Ullsperger & Sandy Lathrop |
| \$1000 | John Check |
| \$500 | Dave Mroczynski |
| \$500 | Matt Westfall |
| \$500 | Carol Garcynski |
| \$500 | Kyle & Michelle Loftus |
| \$500 | Christopher Gorkinski |
| \$500 | Dan Ullsperger & Brianna Ullsperger |
| \$500 | Kathy Rockafellow & Pam Marion |
| 50/50 Winner | Beth Tidball \$1675 |



The Miller's get their \$10000 prize

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

Saturday Night Out events continued over the summer and will continue throughout the year. SNO is an informal social activity held at restaurants that support Sno-Eagles with a map ad or other assistance to the club. This is one way to thank them for their support. No business meeting – just an informal dinner for fun and conversation with fellow Sno-Eagles members.

Since the end of the snow season, events have been held at Agave Azul, Pine Isle, Pitliks, Eagle River Inn, and Eagle Waters. We've had lots of old members and well as some new ones attend. It's a great way to keep in touch with your Sno-Eagles family.

We'd love to have you attend the next event on September 24 at the Nutty Squirrel – one of our favorite places. Please RSVP to Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

REMINDER: The membership year for Sno-Eagles and the AWSC ends on June 31 each year. More that 100 of you have already renewed your membership and we really appreciate your promptness. If you haven't done so, go to our website: www.snoeagles.org and renew today. You can't purchase your discounted trail passes for this season until your membership is current.

Encourage your non-member friends to join and become part of the Sno-Eagles family. Our family membership dues are \$50 which includes both the Sno-Eagles and AWSC memberships.

If you know someone who would like to join Sno-Eagles, they can download an application on the club website..

We have added a new individual membership category in addition to the family membership. Both of these have an annual membership fee of \$50. This includes both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. We also have an Associate Family Membership. This is for those folks who are current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club and pay their AWSC dues though that club. In this case we won't collect dues for AWSC and only charge the \$25 Sno-Eagles Dues. On the application, you must provide the name of your other club and your AWSC number. **Associate members must buy their trail passes through your other club.**

There is a place on our application to indicate areas of interest. We encourage everyone to check at least one item. There is also a place for a groomer fund donation. NOTE: Sno-Eagles is now a 501c3 organization and donations to Sno-Eagles are now tax deductible. You have the option to make for a voluntary \$20.00 donation if you choose to get your newsletter via USPS mail to help cover the cost of postage and printing. Remember, our newsletter is posted on the club website and you will receive an email with a link to the new newsletter each month to alert you that it is now posted. So, for most people it's not necessary to receive a paper copy.

All other club mail is only sent by email

SNO-EAGLES CHAMPION DONATION CAMPAIGN

Did You Know...

- we have 3 groomers and an outstanding loan balance of \$301,000
- the groomer barn needs major improvements including installing heat and pouring a floor
- we groom 80 miles of trails
- only 67.4 miles are funded by the state in the amount of \$63,000
- we spend \$130,000 to \$150,000 - each year on equipment payments, groomer operator wages, maintenance, fuel, utilities, insurance, signage and fencing
- THAT LEAVES A \$63,000 - \$87,000GAP

[Donate Here](#)

HELP US FILL THAT GAP!!!!!!

Please consider becoming a **Sno-Eagles Champion** by including a donation with your membership. You'll receive a special gift in recognition of your support.

Championship Level Donation Recognition Gifts

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| Pit Crew | \$50 | Camo cuffed beanie |
| Heat Winner | \$100 | Carhart 6 can lunch cooler |
| Finals Qualifier | \$150 | Flannel sherpa blanket |
| Derby Champion | \$300 | Unisex 3 season classic jacket |

(Descriptions on website)

Remember, Sno-Eagles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

DISCOUNTED TRAIL PASSES

Trail Passes for 2022/23 are now available. ALL sleds (except antique sleds) need a trail pass sticker in Wisconsin. As a current member of both the AWSC and Sno-Eagles, you can purchase stickers for your personal sleds registered in Wisconsin at the discounted rate of \$10 for each sled. Go to www.awsc.org for more information. Our website also has a link to AWSC to purchase the discounted trail passes. The process is very easy and quick.

The process is very easy:

1. You do need your AWSC member number from the address label on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine or the AWSC website. Call or email Ken Storms if you can't find your number. (715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com)

2. You also need the current Wisconsin registration sticker number for each sled. (go to the garage and look at your sleds or go the DNR Go Wild page on your computer.

3. You must buy them directly from the AWSC either on line or by mail using the form on page 6 of the September Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine. On line purchases are preferred and are encouraged by AWSC.

**Discounted trail passes cost \$10 rather than the regular \$30 fee.
Take advantage of this great membership benefit**

NEW MEMBERS

Our snow season hasn't started yet, but Sno-Eagles has already acquired some new members:

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| John & Amy Cops | Eagle River |
| Kurt & Michelle Eaton | Appleton, WI |
| Marty & Jeanne Felesena | Eagle River |
| Randy & Debbie Glick | Eagle River |
| Joseph & Debbie Garcia | Council Bluffs, IA |
| Tony Brown | Eagle River |
| Richard & Rhanessa Halverson | Cambridge, WI |
| Karl & Christine Gaffron | Three Lakes, WI |
| T J & Jenni Hanson | Eagle River |
| Jim & Kathy Holprin | Eagle River |
| Jeff & Manisha Kinser | Eagle River |
| John & Nancy Lee | Hartford, WI |
| Troy & Barbara Lutz | Eagle River |
| Chad Moll | Freedom, WI |
| Jim & Deanna Perras | Neenah, WI |
| Eric & Amanda Piepenburg | Eagle River |
| Jon Racine | Conover, WI |
| Jeff Roberts and Sarah Nolan | Mattoon, IL |
| Andrew Singer | Conover, WI |
| Dean Vossekuil | Waupun, WI |
| Michael Warwick & Brandi Neri | Rhineland, WI |

Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family. Each month we will list additional new members.

In addition, about 50 Trail Map advertisers are members of Sno-Eagles. When you get your 2021/22 Trail Map be sure to visit the businesses and thank them for their involvement with our club through their ads.

Please Volunteer To Help Your Club

Please go to the website or contact Sandy Lathrop, Volunteer Coordinator, to sign up to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. We need help with trail brushing, working special events, making phone calls, groomer barn cleanup, and many other activities. Watch the Weekly email for opportunities to help. Any time you can spare to help YOUR club will be greatly appreciated. You can reach Sandy at 319-360-1274

VILAS COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, and Land Development is updating the county's Outdoor Recreation Plan. This plan sets the county's recreational direction for the next 5 years.

You can help plan outdoor recreation in Vilas County.

Take the survey by October 2, 2022.

To complete the survey [Click Here](#)

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY SCHOOL

At this time, we are planning on conducting our annual WDNR Snowmobile Safety education class on October 21 & 22

The course will be taught by Sno-Eagles volunteer WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors.

Any person who is born on or after January 1st, 1985 and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin. There is no minimum age required to attend the safety course, but certificates are not valid in Wisconsin until the student has reached 12 years of age.

The snowmobile safety course consists of eight hours of basic instruction in the principles of snowmobile safety. It will be held Friday, October 21st from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory.

The class will be held at Trees for Tomorrow in the large classroom. Trees for Tomorrow is located at 519 E. Sheridan Street in Eagle River, WI.

A Wisconsin DNR customer ID number is required before enrolling in any safety class. Students are encouraged to obtain a DNR customer ID and enroll online at Wisconsin DNR [GoWild](#). An ID number can also be obtained by calling DNR Customer Service from 7AM to 10PM at 1-888-936-7463, or by visiting a DNR Service Center during regular scheduled hours. The ID number must be provided to the instructor. In addition, once students have a WDNR customer ID number, they can enroll by contacting the lead instructor, Scott Linn, directly at 850-496-7324 or email [Scott](#).

The course fee is \$10 which covers all materials.

For more information contact Scott Linn at (850) 496-7324.

SNO-EAGLE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

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| President | Keith Nettesheim | 715-617-2898 | keith@snoeagles.org |
| Vice President | Charlie Check | 715-522-0062 | charlie@snoeagles.org |
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| Secretary | Cindy Fruhwirth | 920-213-3921 | cindy@snoeagles.org |

Board of Directors

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| Dave Mroczynski | 715-891-8584 | dave@snoeagles.org |

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, these are the people to call!

Membership Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2022

1. Open Meeting, Welcome & Announcements - Pres. Nettesheim
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
3. Welcome New Members, Introduce Officers & Director - Pres. Nettesheim
 - a. New members: Doug & Kathy Miller
4. Opening Comments: Virtual Broadcast Announcements - Pres. Nettesheim
 - a. Thank you to the meeting sponsors: Body Craft Collision Repair and refinishing, American Family Ins.-Dave Mroczynski, Duwayne Kreager Ins. Center Inc., World Snowmobile Headquarters, Eagle River. Special thanks to Dan Dumas for broadcasting and Dean at Blue Heron for hosting.
 - b. Brian Hunter won the 50/50 and all was donated back to the Backpack Program.
5. Secretary Report: A motion to approve minutes from March 17, 2022 was made by Carole Linn & seconded by Holly T. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report – Treas. Fred R.
 - a. The club ended the year financially stable. The GTR fundraiser netted \$20,000. If you would like more detailed report, please contact Fred Rockafellow. Loan was secured with a fixed rate for the 2021 Pisten Bully. Keith and Fred will close on this loan May 10th, 2022.
7. Special Announcement - Pres. Nettesheim
 - a. Charlie Check was nominated and voted in as the new Vice President.
8. Director Vacancy - Pres. Nettesheim
 - a. There is currently an opening on the board for a director with Charlie moving into the vice president position. The director is required to have their primary residence in the Eagle River area. The board would like to see the position filled in the next 30-60 days.
9. Trail Report - Pres. Nettesheim will assume trail boss role until someone is appointed. At this time duties are being divided amongst other volunteers.
 - a. Trail Brushing- Trails closed March 18th and 2 crews were out brushing while the ground was still frozen to prepare the trails to turnover to the ATV Club.
 - b. Equipment Maintenance-A schedule will be created for summer maintenance on the PB13 & PB17 as well as the drags.
 - c. Positions-If anybody is interested in holding a position with the trails, contact Keith.
 - d. PB11 was traded in on the PB21. PB21 is a new demo that will be delivered this fall.
10. Fundraising Report - Charlie Check
 - a. Groom to Ride-Record results this year. Thanks to all who helped sell tickets!
 - b. 2nd Annual Cash Raffle – We will be selling 300/\$100 tickets. First prize is \$10,000 with total payout of \$16,500. Drawing will be September 3rd at Buckshot's North.
 - c. Map sales/ads – Contact Charlie if you are able to help with the map ad sales, as he still needs 1-2 more volunteers. Sales run from May 15th-July 15th.
 - d. Brat Sale/Bake less Bake Sale- July 2nd at Trig's. Instead of baking and donating your goods, we ask that the money you would spend on the ingredients be directly donated to the club.
11. Volunteer Report – Sandy Lathrop
 - a. Blue Heron will be hosting an event on June 2nd “Dueling Pianos”. We will need 8-10 volunteers to assist with serving drinks and appetizers. Serving time will be approximately 5-10 PM.
 - b. Shotskis will be holding an event on August 20th to beat the “World Record Shotski”. The intent is to assemble a ski (out of many skis) that would hold 1400 shots and participants would then lift the ski and take the shot at the same time. The club will be

- helping with the assembling, monitoring and assisting with other duties. We will also have a 50/50 drawing that evening. Kathy and Fred Rockafellow will sell tickets throughout the day. The club will have a sweet corn booth and cook and sell corn. Many volunteers will be needed for this event. More to come as we get closer to the event.
- c. Cash Raffle that Charlie spoke of is on Sept. 3rd at Buckshot's North. Donations for the bucket raffle are needed as well as volunteers for the event.
 - d. Arts and Crafts in downtown Eagle River is Sept. 4th. The Sno-Eagles will have a food booth. Volunteers will be needed to cook (grill) and serve.
 - e. WCDC Donation for the month of January was \$2500 and February was \$1200. Donation to the club from Pond Hockey in February was \$1500.

HUGE THANKS WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE!

12. Activities Report – Carole Linn

- a. Club Store Items- Lots of new items on the website. Jackets & hats with the Sno Eagle leather patch. Leather patch will be available for purchase and can be sewn on your own clothing. Wooden coasters with bottle opener on back. Elaine Kloiber was recognized for her work in ensuring that the clothing/articles ordered are distributed to the buyer in a timely manner.
- b. There have been no applicants for the next Miss Sno-Eagle. Posters are out and advertisement continues. If you know of anyone interested, please promote this position.
- c. Saturday Night Out is scheduled for April 30th at Agave Azul in Eagle River. Cocktails are 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. Contact Cheryl Storms for reservation.

13. Other Business - President Nettessheim

- a. AWSC Highlights included:
KAOS (Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles) had good representation and would like to increase youth involvement. SnoEagles would like to promote this and get more youth involved with the club.
Conover and Arbor Vitae received "Snowmobile Friendly City" awards.
President Biden has a 30/30 plan to protect 30% of land and water. Currently 12% is protected. Would need 400 million more acres for the other 18% and this could greatly affect our trail systems.
AWCS has a calendar of events on website and SnoEagles will start posting some events to this site.
- b. Carol and Marv Radloff presented weekday Away Awards. The ride went from Eagle River to Park Falls and on to Bayfield. 5 days and 500 miles. The Most awards were given to Tom T. for "Broken Heart", "Tip Over", "Stuck on Hand warmers" and "In the Cattails". Ken Storms received an award for appreciation for hauling luggage and support vehicle. Ron Engels received a beer stein and M&Ms for his expertise in guiding. Thanks to Carol and Marv for planning the event.

14. Awards - President Nettessheim/Carole Linn

A slideshow was presented in honor of Rusty Wolf-former president, Brian Scheid-former trail boss and Deana Jansa-former secretary. Keith presented awards consisting of a jacket with SnoEagles logo and Pisten Bully logo as well as a watch with a wooden face and engraved initials for Rusty and Brian. Neither was able to attend the meeting. Carole presented a gift certificate to Chef Rene's to Deana for her years as secretary to the club. Deana was unable to be present. The SnoEagles would like to "Thank" each of them for their dedication and commitment to making the club a success.

15. Member Comments included:

A question was asked if there had been any landowner complaints. Keith responded that one landowner was unhappy with snowmobilers going off trail. Keith has been reaching out to them to resolve their concern.

Compliments to Keith for arranging the brushing that was done so quickly after trail closure.

Dick Decker thanked the club volunteers for all the work they do.

16. 50/50 Raffle - Kathy Rockafellow orchestrated event. Olivia Hunter drew Brian Hunters ticket and he donated all monies to Backpack program.

17. There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Fred Rockafellow and second by Dave Mroczynski. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Lathrop, Director