

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador



Hello Fellow Sledders,

Now that the spooky time is over, it's gobble time. As I mentioned in my last pondering I would like to talk shop. Time to look at your sleds. I like to start on the top and work my way down. Brake fluid reservoir, should be full and clean fluid. Brake lever not bent from when you treed it on the last ride. Throttle operation, free and easy. Check the wires for the hand and thumb warmer. Blow the dust off the dash and check for broke plastics, ya from the tree incident. Pop the side panels off or open the hood, for you old school folks. Check the oil level, check the exhaust, take your can off and put the stock exhaust back on, you are not that cool. Make sure all of the springs are in place. Look at the belt or belts. Make sure they are not frayed or cracked. Do you have a spare belt? Look and where the mouse chewed on the wires this summer. Will it make it or do you need to repair the wire harness? Now start it up and look for smoke, not the exhaust smoke, the smoke where you fixed the wires. Inhale the 2 stroke, ok now time to flip the sled on its side. Grease the suspension parts. Make sure all of the rollers roll. Are all of the bolts and nuts in place. Missing a few lugs on the track from the rock? Pretend you didn't see them. Check the shocks for oil leaks, oil on the outside of the shock means it's a bad shock. Put it in time out, see if it gets better. How about the front ski's, worn out carbides, you don't need to turn on the ice anyway, Change them. Or stay in the powder. Now you can put it back upright. Check the lights, make sure they work. Headlight, high beams, tail light and brake light. While it is running, check the hand warmers.

Let's say you think you're ready, nope! You haven't put new batteries in your avalanche beacon. You didn't look at them yet. What about your wife's beacon, you're the one being dumb, she will be the one digging you out. Better make sure her stuff is ready to go. Make sure your bag is packed, first aid, flash light, extra gloves, hand warmers. Ok, now we are ready for a ride. Ok, fine, we are not ready because you didn't register your sleds yet. Get it done people, the snow is coming!

Please invite your friends to join a club. Join CSA. 30,655 registered snowmobiles in the state and only 1,700 are CSA members. Imagine what we could do if everyone was a CSA Member. They are coming after your right to ride and your riding area. Get involved or loose it. Don't believe me? Google it.

Happy Thanksgiving!

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador, President San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

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Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer—Dianne Larsen & Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary—Jennifer Hawn
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Ken Hilfiker



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- Our November meeting will be at Handlebar Motorsports Tuesday the 14th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. As always, the meetings at the local shops are the most fun so please plan to attend, and remember to bring your own chairs!
- As stated at the last meeting, state wide Colorado Search and Rescue will reserve channel 3-0-0 for active searches. This means that if you're either the party in need or helping on a search, you can put your radio on this channel to enhance communication. Curt & Dianne will plan to update club radios at the November meeting for people that bring their radios to the meeting.
- I expect those of you that snow checked sleds are getting calls about now that your sled is arriving! Just want to share with you that I am upgrading to a Ski Doo Summit X 850 Turbo 165. Here's what my wrap looks like. Be sure to commit that to memory so you will be sure to stop and dig me out when I need it!
- It's CSA Sweepstakes time! The sweepstakes are replacing the CSA Raffle, but works similarly and still has great prizes! Grand prize is a Ski-Doo 2024 Summit Neo Plus + \$2500. Other prizes similar to the Raffle will be in the drawing! Either use the following link or scan the QR code to go to the sweepstake site:

[Win a 2024 Summit Neo Plus + \\$2,500! Sweepstakes ENDS Dec 10th! Drawing 12/16/23 Just in time for the Holidays! \(tapkat.org\)](https://www.tapkat.org/sweepstakes)



- If any members want to renew by credit card, call Dianne at 970.946.3107. This was well used last year and very easy to accomplish!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



Trail Maintenance—Dianne Larsen

Travis mentioned at the last meeting that all our groomed trails need maintenance before grooming season. If you're out and about on our trails here's what to consider:

- Groomer needs 14' width.
- Summer users often leave cut trees in the ditches on the sides of the trail. Move those trees out.
- Trails can get overgrown on the sides of the road. Cut the smaller trees.
- Think about the branches above the road. Cut branches that cover the trail.
- As always used good judgment and be safe when working on trails.
- If you want to organize a trail day, contact Curt or Dianne (970.946.8845 or a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).



Trail Maintenance at Lemon

October 10th 2023 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from April 11, 2023 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd John Wallace

Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$35,093
- Revenue: \$9,500; Swag \$66, March grooming \$7,482, Memberships/Bar D \$1,785, CSA Membership \$167
- Expenses: Total \$6,832; Bryan Meador (CAT Filters)\$183, Half Price Tees \$129, Travis Leonard (fuel) \$232, CSA Memberships \$260, Basin Coop \$446, State Farm Truck Ins. \$755, Morgan & Morgan CAT Ins. \$2,955,
- Bard D \$1,314, Bar D \$72, Bryan Meador (travel exp Aug CSA Mtg) \$486
- Paypal account: \$665
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Curt Larsen; 2nd Roger Pennington

Committee Reports –

Club Rides – Landon Tate

Grooming – Travis Leonard

- Piston Bully Grooming Clinic will be November 11 at Piston Bully
- Groomer needs filter change/general maintenance
- Landon Tate will be following SPOT when groomer is out grooming

Membership – Dianne Larsen

- 121 members
- SJS needs to get younger members involved
- Silverton snowmobile club has postcards that they hand out for membership
- SJS needs to develop a marketing piece to promote membership for club

Unfinished Business –

- Purgatory Meeting October 16, 2023 @ 10am to discuss bypass trail and parking lot
- Beaver Meadows will be logged again this year
- Maps at Trailheads
 - The trail map signs that Ken Hilfiker designed have been approved. If we can get a grant from BRP for the cost of the printing/placing of signs SJS would place BRP stickers on the signs.
 - **MOTION:** San Juan Sledders will incur the cost of \$2,605 to have the signs printed/placed at trailheads – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2nd Travis Leonard
 - **AMEND Previous MOTION:** San Juan Sledders will incur the cost up to \$3,000 for the printing/placement of trail-head signs – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2nd Travis Leonard

New Business –

- CSA sweepstakes this year instead of raffle tickets/scan QR code/ half of the money raised goes to insurance and other half to college scholarship fund/drawing Dec 16, 20023
 - Curt and Dianne will be attending the Trans-Montana (NAMI) Charity ride late January 2024
 - Trans-Montana (NAMI) organization supports Childhood suicide prevention and PTSD Veterans
 - Dianne would like SJS to donate \$250 to support above mentioned groups. SJS will have their name on the signage and also on their website.
 - Dianne will handle the details for the donation.
 - **MOTION:** San Juan Sledders will make a donation of \$250 to the Trans-Montana (NAMI)Charity Ride – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2nd Ken Hilfiker
 - Dianne Larsen recommends that Kristina Blumenauer transition into the SJS Treasurer's position at this time.
 - **MOTION:** Appoint Kristina Blumenauer as interim SJS Club Treasurer – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2nd Curt Larsen
 - Ken Hilfiker suggested that the SJS adopt a trail or road. Ken will research the options and make a recommendation to the club.
 - Ken Hilfiker has an article from the Winter Wildlands Alliance. This groups is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promotion winter wildlands and a quality human powered snowsports experience on public lands. If you are interested on more information see Ken Hilfiker.
 - Curt Larsen was approached at Fun Center to have a safety avalanche class with back country skiers. Class will be in Late November/December.
 - Next months meeting possibly at Handlebar Motor Sports. December meeting will be held at Fun Center
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm – accepted by Ken Hilfiker; 2nd Roger Pennington

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary



Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Roger Pennington**, Safety Instructor
- **Landon Tate**, Rides Chairperson
- **Ron Corkish**, Search & Rescue Liaison
- **Dianne Larsen**, Newsletter Editor
- **Chris Hinds & Ken Hilfiker**, Website Administrator & Facebook Administrator

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Introduction of Guests
- III. Reading of Minutes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Dianne Larsen
- V. Committee Reports
 - Club Rides
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Dianne Larsen
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
 - Board Member Insurance
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

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October Meeting



First Snow—Nadine Barber



Curt Larsen & Bryan Meador at the Snow Show



425 Degrees Take & Bake Pizza
970-799-0425—Michael Gunn



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-884-2239
Travis & Linda Leonard



Advantage Repair Service
970-903-7340—Lynn & Lee Parks

Lucchesi Property Group

Dan Lucchesi
970-799-5354



Phantastic Screens
970-247-7907
Marty & Ann Gunn



970-946-9008 Bayfield Builders
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin

BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS

Boletus Creek Appraisals
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson

BUILT TO LAST AUTOMOTIVE

Built to Last Automotive
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Home Roots Hardwood Flooring
970-749-6821
Jesse King



Silverline Construction
970-759-2327
Wes Harriman



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



Dale R. Willbanks Agency
970-247-5828—Dale Willbanks



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



Durango Dog Ranch
970-259-0694—Greg & Gretchen Dubit



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



La Plata County Search & Rescue
970-946-4437—Ron Corkish



Welch Automotive
303-324-7185
Jack Welch



Weminuche Grill
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas

FUN CENTER

Fun Center, Inc
970-259-1070—Joe Washburn & Pete Tabor



** Handlebar Motorsports
970-247-0845—Tom Grover

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mailing Address:

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

PO Box 591

Durango, CO 81302

New Member _____ Renew Member _____ Business Member _____

Single Membership \$43/Year _____

Family Membership \$48/Year _____

Business Membership \$68/Year _____

CSA Right to Ride Donation _____ (Optional)

CSA SEEDS Donation _____ (Optional, SEEDS—Support, Education, Events, Development, and Safety)

Total: _____

Please make check payable to the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club & mail to the address above.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Snowmobiles: _____ Sponsors' Name: _____

Dues to San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club includes membership dues to the Colorado Snowmobile Association.

To join or renew online, go to www.snowmobilecolo.com.