



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

April showers bring more snow to the high country? Ok, we are in the last week of March and this mother nature on PMS has got to stop. Bring on some more snow. My last ride on March 17th up Lime Creek was pretty dang good, as far as powder goes. But we sure need more. Although it has been a shallow year, we have had some really good riding days. So, I won't complain.

Travis, Kevin and I met with the Forest Service at the Beaver Meadows Trail Head site. Marked off what we thought would be a good area. They would like us to wait until 2025 to implement anything. They have informed us that the large logging contract is done, so grooming should be good to go for future years. There might be some small logging projects, but nothing that will hinder winter grooming.

As I have mentioned in previous meetings and newsletters, trails need our help. When you are out camping, hiking and enjoying the outdoors. Trim a trail back, it would greatly appreciated.

Memberships, bug your buddies, bug your family, bug people at trail heads. Grooming is not all that we do. Explain to them we are in a constant battle with someone or some group about that does not want us here. We just want to keep the great outdoors open and accessible. I am still working with Southwest Colorado Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Roundtable and Montelores Coalition to keep the forest accessible to all.

Fun Center had a WTF sale March 15th and 16th. San Juan Sledders burnt a few burgers and hot dogs. We got a few memberships. Bought way more gear than I needed, but at 75% off why not! They still have winter items on sale, so stop by, and join the way more shit that I need club, like me! Oh, you're wondering what WTF stands for? No, it's not What the #&%@. It's Where's The Flakes? Thanks Todd and Kristina and the whole Fun Center group for a great few hours!

Who would be interested in a November Basic Avalanche class? I am working with a couple different people trying to get a 2-hour class put together for our November meeting. More to come.. so stay tuned.

Could be more snow in the next few days, keep the snow dance going, Happy Easter.

See you on the mountain, Bryan Meador

President, Best dang snowmobile club in the nation!

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Club Officers

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



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- Once again the San Juan Sledders had a great and busy season:
 - September Bar D Chuckwagon membership drive.
 - 7 meetings including awesome partners letting us enjoy their shops: The Fun Center and Handlebar Motorsports
 - 5 club rides held at West Mancos, Beaver Meadows, Vallecito, Barlow, and Echo Basin.
 - 18 Grooming trips this season. March included: Lemon, Missionary, West Mancos, Echo, and Middle Mountain.
 - Many club members have been very involved and attending Forest Service meetings and recently the SCCORR meetings
- making sure the snowmobiling community is represented.
- \$3000 dollar donation to CSA to support snowmobiling rights.
- Club member attendance at all CSA meetings.
- Trail maps at all of our trail-heads.
- The April meeting will be held Tuesday April 9th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30. This will be our last meeting of the season so stop by to see your snowmobiling friends.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.

March Echo Basin Ride

- There was a club ride March 16th at Echo Basin.
- Curt and Dianne Larsen led the ride. Other attendees were Ken Hilfiker and Marc Bougart.
- There was fresh snow the night before and Travis had groomed earlier in the week, so we enjoyed pretty good conditions. Up top there was some great snow! Enough to get stuck in. On our way out there were places on the lower part of the road that melted out and we found some dirt.



March 12th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

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

Member & New guest introductions – Guest Brittany Leffal attended from the Winter Wildlands Alliance

MOTION: Minutes from February 13, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Rich Hott

Treasurer's Report – Kristina Blumenauer

- Balance: \$38,912.53
- Revenue: Total \$12,069; Dec grooming \$2,737.50; Jan grooming \$7,587.50; Poker run \$1,500; Memberships \$154; Swag \$90
- Expenses: Total \$4,472.47; Right 2 Ride donation \$3,000; Travis parts for truck & CAT \$1,098.65; CSA travel expenses \$373.82
- Paypal account: Account Balance \$889.00
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Chris Hinds; 2nd Dianne Larsen

Committee Reports –

Club Rides – Dianne Larsen

- Club ride Echo Basin on March 16

Grooming – Travis Leonard

- Travis reported that Echo Basin was dirt

Membership – Kristina Blumenauer

- 118 members



Unfinished Business –

- President Bryan continues to stress the importance of attending these meetings for the Southwest Colorado Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Roundtables regarding the areas to ride.
- Fun Center will hold an end of the winter sale WTF (Where's The Flakes) on March 15 & 16
 - Snowmobiles and gear on super sale
 - SJS will volunteer and help serve lunch
 - Donation bucket passed around for – Right 2 Ride, gas for chainsaws, bags for adopt highway, etc.
 - Dianne will give Kristina SJS swag to sell at sale
- Beaver Meadows – move cattleguard back 100 yds, move parking to north side of the road, winter/summer parking, waiting for Engineering & Forest Service

New Business –

- Dianne will order vests, hoodies, hats, and additional SJS swag in the Fall 2024
- April meeting will be held at Fun Center

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm – accepted by Stuart Allen; 2nd Roger Pennington

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary

Committee Chairs & Volunteers

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

The April meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 9th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

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



Nadine Barber—Grand Mesa



Amanda & Grady Williamson



Kevin Walters—Wolf Creek



SJS Friends ride Wolf Creek

Club Rides

- Stay tuned next season for rides!
- Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.8845 if you want to lead a ride



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



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



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Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque

BUILT TO LAST AUTOMOTIVE

Built to Last Automotive
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



Home Roots Hardwood Flooring
970-749-6821
Jesse King



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



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



DPF Alternatives
505-330-0904—Jason Groen



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



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



**** Handlebar Motorsports**
970-247-0845—Jim Updike



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



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Marty & Ann Gunn



McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson



Phillips Electric
970-259-3395



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Silverline Construction
970-759-2327
Wes Harriman



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



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

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: _____

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of Snowmobiles: _____ Sponsors' Name: _____

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