

## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

AMAZED! I am amazed at the turn out for CSA winter convention. It was great. Saturday night there was close to a hundred if not more. We won't have a final on the amount made until our PayPal deposits the money. We had a lot of great auction items. We had great food. We had beer, wine and drinks. Most of all we had a great time!

I want to thank everyone involved from the bottom of my heart!! There is no way I could have done it without you! It takes a lot of time, team work, organizing and patience. I want to apologize to anyone I might have offended. It was a stressful time, if you know me, I get wound up tight. I want to make sure things happen and I get overwhelmed and don't think rationally. I am sorry. But thanks for not walking out on me. Thank you sticking by me, by us, by our club.

Snow? Did it happen right on cue or what! Poor Travis was so busy trying to plow his own stuff and still managed to groom. He was one tired dude. Thanks Travis for getting it done. Wish I could have ridden that weekend. Travis reported 91 inches at the top of Echo Basin. That is deep!

It has been brought to my attention that the club has bar b que grills on ski's, pull behind tub, and other miscellanies stuff all over out there. I would like you to take pictures of what you have stored at your garages, sheds or barns. Send me those pictures and a list of other club related items. I think it is time to do an inventory of what the club has. Then make the decision, to sell it, store it, or trash it. Thanks for your help.

February is election month. The offices of Vice President, Secretary, CSA Representative, and Club Reporter will be elected on odd numbered years, at the end of their term of office. . We will need a motion to postpone elections until March.

KNOW before you go, we have lost a few sledders already this year. If you doubt it. Stay off it. It is that easy. I don't want that phone call.

See you on the mountain, Bryan Meador, one proud president!

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### Club Officers

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



## Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- Our February meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds Tuesday the 14th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30.
- You can find the latest and greatest grooming report for our club's trails at:

[CSA Trail Grooming - COLORADO SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION \(snowmobilecolo.com\)](http://snowmobilecolo.com)

- It's that time for SJS elections. We need some new volunteers
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Rides

- Feb 4th Wolf Creek Pass
- Feb 11th Vallecito/Middle Mountain
- Feb 25th Echo Basin
- Mar 11th Beaver Creek

Call Landon Tate at 505-327-0320 for more info

The CSA Convention was a GREAT success! Work on this event started last May with planning meetings once a month until the regular meetings started again in October.

On top of the great planning and hard work put in by our members, Mother Nature came thru and provided an awesome blanket of snow for our rides! We had 4 rides each day. A trail ride, two meadow buster rides, and an advanced ride. The rides were held at West Mancos, Echo Basin, and Middle Mountain.

All non-ride activities were held at the La Plata Fairgrounds. Friday night was a pizza meet and greet. Saturday night was the banquet, and Sunday morning breakfast was provided followed by the CSA quarterly meeting.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and two local members won CSA awards!!! Congratulations to our club and thank all the volunteers and award winners so much!



'Wink' Meador, Friend of CSA



Fun Center, Snowmobile Dealer of the Year

## Winter CSA Meeting Report—Ken Hilfiker—District 9 Rep

News from the January 22, 2023 Colorado Snowmobile Association Meeting

1. CSA Treasurer Janelle wants to make sure the clubs have received their dues checks. If not, contact Janelle at kukuk@fone.net
2. CSA Membership is currently at 1,434. Last year was 1,439.
3. Beacon Checkpoint applications are due May 15. Get the application at <https://www.snowmobilecolo.com/>
4. Colorado wide, only 45% of the clubs submitted their charity reports. I believe all 3 clubs got theirs in. Good job.
5. Maybe little known is that 16 years old and younger need to take a training class to operate a snowmobile unsupervised. CSA will be working with others to offer classes by certified instructors.
6. 2024 winter convention will be in Gunnison. 2025 convention will be in Frisco.
7. Safety
  - a. CSA Created a Safety Trifold flier and copy is attached. Please share.
  - b. Avalanche season is off to a bad start. All of our snow has people wanting to get out there and recreate. Conditions are still treacherous. Please be careful out there. Here are the current stats:  
<https://avalanche.state.co.us/accidents/colorado>

### 8. Executive Director Report

- a. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) where part of gas tax money comes back to trails has a stipulation that all materials must be made in America. We have asked for a blanket exemption.
  - b. In the Rio Grande National Forest, the plan there was implemented that will continue to allow grooming on the Continental Divide Trail.
  - c. Camp Hale was initially proposed as Wilderness, but now does include summer/winter motorized use.
  - d. Wolf reintroduction planning is still evolving.
  - e. Colorado State human population growth was initially expected to be 100,000 per year. Last year it was only 12,000. This should reduce expected human impact to the forest.
9. Next CSA Board meetings will be Saturday May 20 and August 19 th in Glenwood Springs.

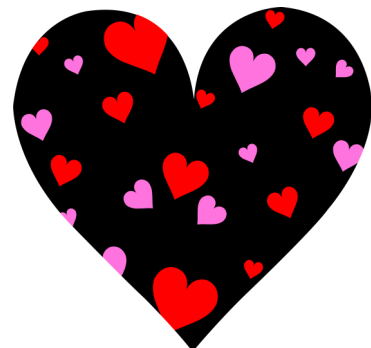
Ken Hilfiker

District 9 Representative to Colorado Snowmobile Association

Silverton Snowmobile Club

San Juan Sledders

Wolf Creek Trailblazers



## January 10th 2022 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by President Bryan Meador, Member & New guest introductions

**MOTION:** Minutes from December 13, 2022 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Curt Larsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Landon Tate

### Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$28,159
- Revenue: \$4,392: \$162 cash dep, \$1,706 conv reg, memb \$2,524, conv reg memb
- Expenses: \$3,097: \$177 Travis Leonard(parts), \$1,265 CSA Dues, \$505 Kevin Walters (parts), \$850 CSA Dues, \$300 Basin Coop
- Loan Balance: \$16,242
- Paypal account: \$190
- Paypal fund: \$218
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corey Roman

### Committee Reports –

**Club Rides** – Landon Tate

**Grooming** – Travis Leonard

Completed 28% of grooming contract

Travis will have booth loops at Mancos completed by tomorrow Jan 11, 2023

Grooming for convention (West Mancos, Echo Basin, and Middle Mtn) will be ready to go

**Membership** – Dianne Larsen 106 members

### Old/Unfinished Business –

#### **Purgatory Parking Lot**

- Geo Tech review for soil & substrate 2 to 1 so parking lot will hold
- Design completed – 8 to 10 trucks and trailers/includes snow storage
- 8-10 parking spaces acceptable/10-15 parking spaces were proposed
- Timber cleared
- Preliminary cost est. \$433,000 (\$280,000 in excavation alone)
- 16,000 cubic yards of material to be excavated out of the area
- Rock retaining wall and gates to entrance
- Only for winter use/gates and boulders to close off after winter

#### **CSA Convention**

- Permits all completed
- Start setting up Friday afternoon in exhibit area of La Plata County Fairground for Convention  
Ken Hilfiker is working on snowmobile trails in COTrex for snowmobilers to follow
- Ken is collecting information from the Forest Service
- Concept to work with Forest Service to post maps at trailheads
- Talk with Forest Service to implement these maps and place next to beacon sign on West Mancos
- First step in this process is to work with Forest Service to discuss implementation and placement of maps
- San Juan Mtn Assoc trailer did not know where motorized vs non-motorized trails were so Ken made a map with overlay to show where motorized vs non-motorized trails were so people are aware of where snowmobiles are allowed

### New Business –

Upper Pine – Matthew Riggins, Give Matthew Riggins your name and number if you are able to assist in emergency situations

Curt Larsen mentioned having a survival barrel, Place these barrels at junctions, Work with Forest Service and Search & Rescue

CSA Ballot – President – Ed Calhoun, Secretary – Dianne Larsen, CSA District 9 Rep – Ken Hilfiker



The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Hott

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

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## 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
  - Convention re-cap
- VIII. New Business
  - SJS Officer vote
- IX. Motion to Adjourn



Chris & Steph Hinds leading CSA Trail Group—West Mancos



Advanced Ride Havoc—Middle Mtn

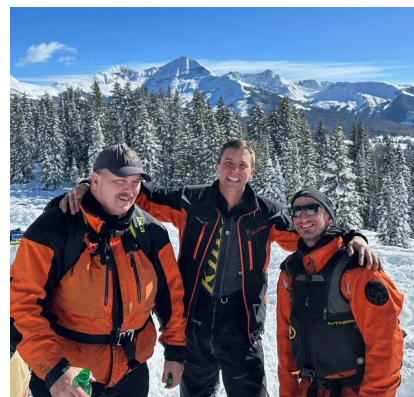


Chris & Tom Hansen, serving at the banquet



Michelle Jones, West Mancos

*CSA Convention Memories!*



CPW Randy, Luke, Josh at West Mancos



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



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



**970-946-9008**  
**BAYFIELD BUILDERS LLC**  
*Concrete to Cabinets*

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



**Blouin Brothers Construction**  
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin

**BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS**

**Boletus Creek Appraisals**  
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque



**Home Roots Hardwood Flooring**  
970-749-6821  
Jesse King



**Nic McDonald**  
970-565-7893



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



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



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



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



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



**Phantastic Screens**  
970-247-7907  
Marty & Ann Gunn



**McCormick Construction**  
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



**McDonalds**  
970-247-9391  
John Bronson



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com).