



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

It's me again, your club President. Thanksgiving is all done and your stretchy pants are busting at the seams, let's talk snow. Yes, the white stuff that fell out of the sky a couple days after you ate all of my apple pie and didn't send me one. I know most of you had left over pie. Did I mention apple is one of my favorites? Oh, white stuff, side tracked, do a snow dance and let's hope for a lot more. For those that don't live close by and are way south, we got about 10 inches @ 7,000 ft elevation. Not enough to ride, but enough to get me fired up about snowmobiling. Did you read my last two front page ponderings? If not, you better go back and check them out, make sure your sleds and trailers are ready to go.

Sleds ready, check. Trailer ready, check. Personal equipment ready, check? I hope you have checked all of your avalanche beacons. Checked your tunnel bags and updated your first aid kits. Thrown away all of the old water bottles and Cliff bars, the ones the mouse hasn't eaten. Restocked the emergency snack pouch. Ok, snow dance is on!

Our next meeting will be at Fun Center December 12th. Please come out and bring a new member. If you have never been to a meeting stop by around 6 for dinner. Tina @ Fun Center will cook up something wonderful, I know she will! Please come join us. It is also the cookie exchange, bring me peanut butter cookies. I'll bring you an hours' worth of my voice. If you don't bring me cookies it might last two hours. Bring your club radio's for programming channel 3 to the Search and Rescue channel.

I will be hosting a BASIC snowmobile class December 6th from 5:30 to 8:30pm, @ 1365 S. Camino Del Rio, the County Fleet Maintenance Facility. This is a basic class, power point plus going over a snowmobile and what to look for before and after rides. Let me know if you or someone would like to attend. This also qualifies as your classroom session for CPW under 18 riders.



Trim A Trail. We need help, as Dianne mentioned in the last newsletter, trimming trails (roads) for the groomer to fit, 14 foot wide and tall. You can cut, trim and widen the roads that the groomer operates on without getting in trouble from the Forest Service, as long as none of the wood gets put in your truck.

I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone that helps and volunteers their time. From the Search and Rescue people to everyone in our awesome club. We need volunteers. Without them nothing gets done. So Thank you, Chris, Dianne, Kristina, Jennifer, Curt, Travis, Kevin, Ken, Landon, Roger and everyone else that volunteers your time to help the other person, THANK YOU!

See You On The Mountain,

Bryan Meador, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club President. LET IT SNOW!!!

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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

- A HUGE shout out to Handlebar Motorsports for hosting our November meeting! Great atmosphere along with Pizza, sodas, and cookies (including those awesome carrot cake cream cheese frosting cookies). As usual we had a great turnout at the shop and enjoyable evening. Thanks again Handlebar!
- We re-programmed about 20 club radios at the November meeting so that our channel 3 matches the 3-0-0 to be used by Search & Rescue thru-out Colorado on an active search. The rest of the channels on our radios stayed the same, so re-programming is optional. We will be setup at the December meeting to re-program as well or you can setup a time with Curt and Dianne if you want.
- 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! Your membership expires on December 31st if you haven't renewed by then.
- Our December meeting is being hosted by the Fun Center! They will be providing dinner and their fantastic atmosphere along with a discount to SJS members AND we will be having our yearly

cookie exchange for those interested in participating! Remember to bring your chairs!

- 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! \(tapkat.org\)](#)



- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



SJS December Meeting Deals!

Come to the December meeting for the following specials and get great deals on your Christmas shopping!

- Fun Center Specials for club members at the meeting
 - Buy a belt and a gallon of oil and receive a pair of gloves FREE.
 - 50% off select shovels.
 - Purchase an Avalanche pack, a rescue kit and a radio and get 20% off!!!
 - Flat discount of 15% off (* some exclusions including new sleds)!
- San Juan Sledders special
 - All remaining t-shirts, hoodies, caps and beanies 25% off!!!



December Word Search

- San Juan Sledders' President
- Location of the first Club Ride
- Brand of our snowcat
- Brand of the sweepstake's sled
- Model of the sweepstake's sled
- Yearly event at the December meeting
- New Treasurer
- Founding SJS Member
- Furthest east SJS riding area included in our grooming.
- Our CSA District Representative
- SJS yearly fall kickoff event
- Which business member would you call to take guests on a dog sledding adventure?
- What charity did the club donate money to?
- November meeting location
- Furthest north parking on SJS groomed trail
- Groomed trail on CR 253



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November 14th 2023 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Bryan Meador at Handlebar Motorsports
Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Travis Leonard

Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$34,846
- Revenue: \$440 memberships
- Expenses: Total \$688; Bryan Meador CSA mtg expenses \$236; NAMI donation \$250; La Plata County Truck \$202
- Paypal account: \$665
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Richard Hott; 2nd Ken Hilfiker



Committee Reports –

Club Rides – Landon Tate

- Curt & Dianne Larsen – Dec 30 will lead a ride
- Poker ride at Vallecito – Travis Leonard will confirm date

Grooming – Travis Leonard

- Travis Leonard, Kevin Walters, & Bryan Meador attended the PistenBully Grooming Clinic
- Travis Leonard bought filters and will forward invoice

Membership – Dianne Larsen

- 122 members

Unfinished Business –

- NAMI donation – Dianne Larsen informed club that we are already up on their web site for donation
- Adopt a Road – Ken Hilfiker reported back to club regarding responsibilities (ie clean up twice a year, trash clean up, vacant campsite clean up)for adopting a road. He is waiting to hear back with official requirements.

New Business –

- Officers Insurance – Dianne Larsen received a bill for \$698
- **MOTION:** Send a check for \$698 for Officers Insurance – accepted by Curt Larsen; 2nd Dianne Pauls
- SPOT – Dianne Larsen will renew SPOT subscription
- Governor Bennett is pushing programs for non-motorized vehicles
- Ken Hilfiker attended Pagosa snowmobile mtg and wanted to establish the definition of motorized. Dispute between motorized vs non-motorized because non-motorized does not pay \$35 registration fee. Falls Creek cross country ski club put up signs saying closed to motorized use!
- December meeting will be held at Fun Center

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm – accepted by Richard Hott; 2nd Darby Davis

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 – Kristina Blumenauer
- V. Committee Reports
 - Club Rides - Landon Tate
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Kristina Blumenauer
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The December meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 12th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs.



Club Rides

- Saturday December 30th—Echo Basin– 10am at the parking lot. RSVP to ride leaders Curt or Dianne at 970.946.8845 or a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com
- Mid-week rides when the snow arrives.
- Call Landon Tate at 505.327.0320 if you want to lead a ride

November Meeting Pics





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

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



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
970-884-2239
Travis & Linda Leonard



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Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354



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
Pest Control & Termite Co.
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.