

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador



Hello Fellow Sledders,

How was your summer? Hot, dry, and busy, best describes ours. Spent a few days on the lake with the kids and grandkids. Spent a few days with the kids having new grandkids in April, that brings our total to 8 with 4 bonus grandkids, Christmas isn't going to be cheap.

The club had a spring clean up day at Echo basin. Travis and Rich brought big mastication tractors and we wiped out a lot of the oak brush on blind corners going up the first 2 miles of road. We did such a great job, we got recognized by the Forest Services head of roads for a great job! Making the roads safer for everyone. Thank you to everyone that came up to help. We had to have traffic control so no one got hurt. We had people taking out the larger trees. We had a fire patrol watching behind everything, so nothing burned down. A very productive day for the club!

Trails.... trails,,, trails"" we got em. Help.... help,,,, help"" we need it. If you are out and about over the next couple months, check the condition of the forest service roads that the club grooms. If you see something you can do to help. Please just do it, cut a few trees out of the ways. Cut back some brush. Send in a few pictures and how much time it took, include your travel time. We can use this for in-kind contributions for grants. Every little bit helps. We groom about 300 miles of trails. It takes the whole club to monitor and maintain these miles. If you do not put the tree's in your truck, you do not need a permit to cut down a tree, so long as it is in the way of the 14 foot of the groomer.

Even though there is no snow on the mountains and you are not out sledding, the behind the scenes does not stop, from wanting to close off 1400 acres behind Wolf Creek to truck and groomer maintenance. It takes a very dedicated team to keep moving forward. Numbers speak volume, please ask a friend to join the club. Get other sledders involved. I just could not believe the number of comments about how registration went up. People, we have discussed this for 2 years, get involved. Let other sledders know, this is the first increase since 2007, all of the money stays in the winter program.

Snow, what is it and where is it? It is my drug of choice and has been spotted in the high country already. Looking at the lake levels and how low they are, we will need a lot of snow to fill them back up. Do your snow dance and get them machines tuned up. Have a great season and be safe out there.

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador, President

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Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer— Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary— Morgan Hott
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Dianne Larsen



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The October meeting will be held Tuesday the 14th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- It's time to renew your memberships! Bring your checkbooks to the October meeting and take care of your renewal for the upcoming season. Or renew online. Or call Dianne to renew via credit card. And, we already have a NEW member this season! Welcome to the club AJ Hoelke!!!
- Last year San Juan Sledders was one of the top sellers of the CSA Sweepstakes tickets! Let's do better this year and be the top seller. Not only do you get a chance to win a new Ski Doo or other great prizes, but every entry sold helps pay for groomer insurance which benefits ALL grooming clubs. Let's be the BEST! Use the following link to purchase entries and SJS will get credit for the sales: <https://www.tapkat.org/colorado-snowmobile-assoc/e5L0J5?promo=SANJUANSLEDDERS>
- The SnoMo Expo is in Denver October 24-25th. This is a really fun event to kick off snowmobile season, attend some seminars, and find some great deals: [Colorado Snomo EXPO](#)
- Our Bar D Membership Drive was a huge success! Over 60 attendees ... our biggest event ever!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.

Echo Basin Work Day April 26th

A giant shout out and thank you to our amazing club members who devoted their Saturday for trail maintenance at Echo Basin! We simply couldn't accomplish all that we do without members who are willing to give their time so we can all enjoy riding.

HUGE thanks to the following members: Travis Leonard & Amanda Williamson, Rich & Morgan Hott, Bryan & Melanie Meador, Gary Smith, Duane Meador, Chris & Stephanie Hinds, Jason & Rachel Gurr, Richard Gurr, Dan Lucchesi & family, and Kevin Walters.

Many thanks to Southwest AG and to Leonard and Sons Excavation for the equipment donation. It's a great time when we can get together and work as a team, enjoy a fantastic lunch and have a blast in the woods! Please join us next time!



April 8th, 2025 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

Motion: Minutes from March 11th, 2025 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Chris Hinds

Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 114
- Bank Balance as of today: \$31,145.02
- Expenses – \$139.80 SPOT RENEWAL/ PERIODIC,
- Revenue - \$2,450.00 GROOMING, \$687.50 GROOMING, \$908.00 MEMBERSHIPS, \$900.00 SWAG, \$50.00 DONATION
- Paypal - \$3,038.51
- Inflight Transactions – CSA, Basin Coop, Food for meeting
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Dianne Larsen; 2nd Richard Hott

Committee Reports

Grooming - Travis Leonard

- 30% completed this year, not much snow.
- We will need a new windshield for the truck this fall.
- Silverton went over their plowing contract amount this year. Bryan mentioned maybe talking to CSA and FS to see if we can help them groom Molas when this happens.

Unfinished Business

- Echo Basin Clean Up - April 26th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 - Need traffic control to hold people back.
 - Bring radios to communicate and fire extinguishers if you have them.
- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot -
 - Summer clubs will endorse us if we apply for summer grant money since we are the only club with a 501(c)(3).
 - Summer grant money is due in November and would be received in 2027.
 - Forest service has approved us to do a couple of test holes, we just need to schedule with Jordan.
- Curt is also working on a Kubota grant for 25k.
- The updated expense report was approved.

New Business

- Bar D will be set up for September
- Will check with Handlebar to see if they want to host a meeting next season.
- Clyde will teach avalanche safety training at the November meeting.
- Bryan is now the CSA District 9 Representative
- Chainsaw Training
 - May 16th and 17th in Dolores and Hesperus
 - Good for 3 years
 - Please reach out to Curt Larsen with questions
- Stuart Allen was the winner of our raffle! Congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM - accepted by Chris Hinds; 2nd Stuart Allen

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Hott, Club Secretary



Committee Chairs & Volunteers

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

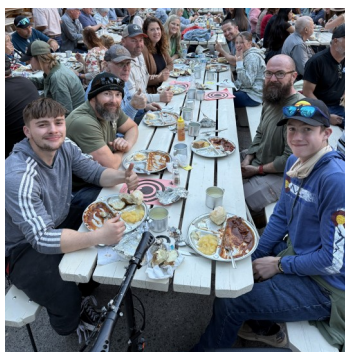
The October meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 14th. Dinner 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm

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
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn



Bar D Night!





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307-790-9953—Cameron Chimenti



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970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Silverline Properties
970-759-8882
Carli Harriman



Snowmobile Adventures
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



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



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



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



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



Wagon Wheel Liquors
972-256-6570 - James Dempsey



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)

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