

## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

As I sit here and Ponder over what a year it has been, I think of all the Awesome people I have met. Through Zoom CSA meetings. Forest Service meetings and through our great club. I want to thank everyone in our club for joining and supporting a cause, not just snowmobiling, but our right to ride and parking areas, trail clean up and Search and Rescue support.

Just before our last meeting, literally 3 hours, I got the go ahead from the Forest Service to proceed with the Lemon Gravel pit parking area road. I announced it at the meeting and asked for confirmation from volunteers. Our club is so awesome, we put together a team of truck drivers, operators, swamper, and a feller. I made a few phone calls and had equipment lined up for the 18th of December. Our club made the final half mile of road a super highway. Its under snow now. We did it! We did it without grant money. We as a club made it happen, I am so proud to be a part of that. Dianne has a list of man hours, volunteers and supporting local businesses. Please look at the supporting businesses and people that helped, tell them thank you if you see them or send them an email or phone call. Without their help we could not have pulled this off so fast.

Watching the snow come down the past couple days gets me excited to ride. I know people have posted about wolf Creek and other places further north, But if its not white outside it's kind of hard to think about snowmobiling. With this wet heavy snow I want everyone to pay attention to where they are riding or going to ride. This is severe avalanche snow. We have already lost a couple locals to an avalanche. I don't want to loose any snowmobilers. So please check the area, check CAIC web site at <http://www.avalanche.state.co.us> before you go. Have your gear ready and know how to use it. Ride hard, ride smart, be safe and I hope to see you on the mountain.

Thank you  
Bryan Meador



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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

- The fairgrounds cancelled our January meeting space due to Covid 19 regulations. We are planning to have our January meeting on the snow either Saturday the 9th or 16th. You will receive an email once that is firmed up.
- Brady Leonard won the "name my sled" contest. Not that I chose his submissions, but he did submit

multiple options that I thought deserved recognition. Thanks everyone that submitted names. I have had positive feedback for the "Grapinator" and that may become the name.

- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).

## Awesome Volunteers—Dianne Larsen

- The weekend of December 19th was a big accomplishment for our Club. For those of you that have sledded at Lemon, you know what a pain it can be to park up there! Basically no parking lot, just turn around in a property owner's driveway and park along the road. This fall, our President Bryan Meador started working with the forest service and county to get approval for our club to improve the Lemon Rd to the gravel pit. That approval happened, and starting Friday December 18th thru Monday the 21st, our club volunteers put in 167 hours to complete the road and new parking. The following club members and businesses deserve a huge thanks for volunteering time and equipment to this project: Bryan Meador, Gilbert Meador, Glenn Pauls, Rich Hott, Curt Larsen, Dianne Larsen, Kevin Walters, Century Equipment, Honnan Equipment, Golden Equipment, Clear Creek Enterprise, Leonard & Sons, Twin Buttes, and Silverline Construction.



- Many thanks to our grooming team! In the last two days, Travis and Kevin have groomed Vallecito and Lemon. Our other groomers will soon be in action and the team will be working to get our other trails groomed.



- Trail clearing. Just before Christmas club member Joe Farmer notified the board that numerous trees were blocking the main grooming loop around Windy Gap at West Mancos. Joe and the Larsens worked Christmas Eve and December 27th getting the trees cleared from the road so that the groomer team won't have to do that their first time around.



- Many thanks to our other volunteers over the last month as well working on website updates (Ken Hilfiker), Search & Rescue (Corey Roman & Curt Larsen), SJS business (Jennifer Hawn & Dianne Larsen)

## December 30th Mancos Ride Report—Curt Larsen

We had our first midweek ride of the 2020/2021 season.

9 riders attended: Ken Hilfiker, Patti Hilfiker, Jay Stroud, Dave Sanders, Lance Blair, John Wallace, Bob Fillman, Curt Larsen and Dianne Larsen.

We met at the lower parking lot at Mancos trail head at 10am. The gate was open and the gate at Chicken Creek is closed.

Snow depth was light until the split for Jersey Jim and Windy Gap. We rode the east Mancos leg of the loop until Turkey Creek road. Snow was pretty good with enough snow to carve but all of us hit rock and snags under the

snow with a few sleds knocked over and one sore wrist. We went across to the West side of the loop and continued to Gold Run hitting every meadow on the way, there were plenty of previous tracks as everyone wants to be out in the new snow.

We lunched at Gold Run and returned the same route and came down Turkey Creek to Jersey Jim for about 20 minutes of playing.

We were all tired as it was the first outing for many of us.

There was only one lost belt and no other sled difficulties, that was a surprise for our first outing of the year.



Lance Blair



Dave Sanders & John Wallace



Ken & Patti Hilfiker



Bob Fillman



Jay Stroud

## December 8th 2020 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

This was a Zoom Meeting that was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Bryan Meador

**MOTION:** Minutes from November 10, 2020 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne; 2nd Travis

### Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$65,571
- Revenue: \$191 memberships
- Expenses: \$104 Dianne Larsen Oct & Nov mtg food, \$590 CSA memberships, \$419 American Family Groomer Insurance, \$230 Horizon Environmental Services (Stormwater), \$250 Blue Ribbon Coalition
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Travis; 2nd Glenn

**Club rides** – No rides have been scheduled at this time due to lack of snow

**Grooming** – Travis reported the Cat is ready to go

**Membership** – Dianne Larsen reported 104 members

### Old/Unfinished Business -

- Lemon parking area -
  - Bryan reported that we got approval to move forward
  - Approval included adding additional dirt, culvert, and gravel
  - Bryan will make calls tomorrow to coordinate schedules for people/equipment
  - Targeting December 19, 2020 to get started if weather permits
- Barlow parking – Kevin has not heard back from the Forest Service and doesn't expect to until Spring 2021
- Dolores Forest Service – Curt has written a letter to Tom Rice (Delores Forest Service) regarding clearing of brush for grooming
- Purgatory historical documents (for snowmobiling parking lot) –
  - Historical document mentions specific snowmobiling parking lot
  - More recent document glanced over and not real defined
- Insurance for Groomers – Dianne spoke with Ron Corkish and didn't come up with any new information
- Consolidated Membership Contact List –
  - Ken is working on a process to compile a contact list so that it is coming from a single source to be uploaded to your cell phone
  - At this time Dianne has several places from which data is compiled
  - We need more than 1 field for emails
  - Ken is going to speak with Janelle(CSA)
- Jed is going to request updated maps for grooming trails to share with Ken and Kevin
- Echo Basin – We asked for and were denied permission from the Forest Service to go in and cut down some trees to make a snowmobile bypass
- CSA Snowmobile raffle – Bryan received an email from Ed Calhoun not to proceed with the snowmobile raffle this year. **MOTION:** SJS voted not to have the snowmobile raffle this year – accepted Curt; 2nd Dianne

### New Business -

- Spot Service renewal –
  - Dianne reported that the Spot Service renewal is Jan 2 and is an online renewal. She thought groomers might be interested in a different device that includes messaging for \$250.
  - Kevin and Travis will research devices. Skip at Gardenswartz might give us a good deal
  - **MOTION:** Club to spend from \$300 to \$500 a year for New Spot Device – accepted Kevin; 2nd Curt
- Search & Rescue –
  - Members of our club that are registered with Search & Rescue will be covered by their insurance during a search
  - Curt mentioned a training session with Flight for Life
  - Curt would like to add Travis, Kevin, & Brady for Vallecito and Lemon. Contact Curt at 970.946.8845 if you want to be on the S&R snowmobile call list.
- Trail Rangers –
  - Scott Jones contacted Curt and Dianne regarding a group called the Trail Rangers that is soliciting for money to fund their services to patrol trails. Scott thinks as snowmobilers we should be against this group and encourages you write letter to the forest service to document your thoughts or concerns. Dianne sent an email to club members with a link to the grant request.
  - Bryan will review and submit letter to the forest service.
- Search & Rescue training – Bryan is working with the Sheriff's department to train them to ride so that they can assist Search & Rescue He will start with class training and then ride up at Molas.

Next meeting to be announced

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm – accepted by Kevin; 2nd Dianne, Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary



### Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- Roger Pennington, Safety Instructor
- Hope Stroud, 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 – Hope Geer
  - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
  - Membership – Dianne Larsen
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The January meeting will be on the snow! Either the 9th or 16th. Be looking for an email that will provide details!

### Want Ads

**FOR SALE:** 2014 Triton XT 12 VR-101 aluminum v-nose trailer with drive-on/drive-off ramp for 2 snowmobiles. \$3,500 new and used only a couple of times as previous owners left state. Snowmobiles not included! Asking \$2,400. On consignment at Fun Center.



**FOR SALE:** Women's Klim insulated bibs with drop seat. Size medium. \$125. Women's Klim jacket. Size medium \$75. Contact Dianne Pauls at 970.318.0105.



Dianne Larsen—Mancos



Curt Larsen—Mancos