

## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

How has your riding been? The first of the year was awesome, then it went to spring "hero snow" fast. We went all over and didn't get stuck. Kind of nice not digging out, but man we need some powder! So keep on shuffling your snow dance feet and let's hope in February it just dumps!

Don't forget to sign up for CSA annual winter convention. Being held in Walden, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of convention, I had a wild thought, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club has never held a convention here in Durango. What if we hold the convention here in 2023? I can't do it alone, it will take a lot of us to pull it off. Hold the dinner and meeting at the Double tree (centrally located). They have a banquet room. Get with the train for large area parking across the street. Friday, Saturday and some Sunday rides out of our trail heads. I think we could make a few bucks on it to help pay for our new groomer. Email, text or call me with your thoughts, yes or no. If yes, are you willing to help, lead a ride, get door prizes, organize? [Bkmeador70@yahoo.com](mailto:Bkmeador70@yahoo.com) or 970-946-5775

February meeting is the meeting to vote out your SJSSC president, treasurer and grooming foreman. The meeting is at the fairgrounds February 8<sup>th</sup> pizza at 6, meeting starts at 6:30. Come make your voice heard. Or just listen to me, which ever.

Every trail but beaver meadows, has been groomed at some point in January. So, thank a groomer when you see them. Our new groomer just had it's 100-hour service done. Thanks Travis, Brady and Kevin for getting that done. It only took 6 hours. By the way, if you see Linda Leonard out there, tell her thanks for sharing her husband. He does a lot of grooming time.

Be safe out there, do your snow dance, and I hope to see you on the mountain.

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

- Our February meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds on Tuesday the 8th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. Hope we see you there.
- Many thanks to our club volunteers! Landon Tate is off to an awesome start organizing club rides! Please contact him if you are interested in leading or attending a ride. Also, our groomers are killing it so far this year. Curt and I have been on 4 different groomed trails courtesy of our groomers over the past month and have had a very smooth ride!
- I am still trying to get everything sorted out for new SWAG this winter! Nothing is ordered yet. We do still have a selection of beanies, t-shirts, and stickers available. We've also purchased and programmed 10 more radios that will be available for \$20 apiece at the February club meeting.
- **Riding Tip:** When riding with a group, be aware of the folks both in front and behind you. If the leader veers of the main trail, verify the person behind you sees where you are going before following the path of the person in front of you. This will help the group stay together!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Rides

- Vallecito Poker Run Feb. 5th. Meet at the Weminuche Grill in Vallecito at 9:30am. RSVP to Landon Tate at 505-327-0320 or [jameslandontate@gmail.com](mailto:jameslandontate@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. *Always an AWESOME event!*
- CSA Convention Feb. 11-13th at Walden. Contact Randy Miller – 970-218-4974
- Chama Poker Run Feb 26th. Snowmobile Poker Run - Chama is Calling! ([chamavalley.com](http://chamavalley.com))
- Pagosa Snodeo Feb 26th. 970-219-7523.



Hope Stroud—Barlow





## January Rides

There were two weekend club rides in January.

We started the new year off with a bang January 1st with a ride at West Mancos with some awesome conditions! The West Mancos parking overflowed there were so many sledders out to enjoy our fresh snow! Plenty of powder and a beautiful sunny day. There were 11 attendees led by Landon Tate. There were many stucks with a lot of support from the team. Including stuck on fence posts (Bryan) and snuggling up with trees (Richard). Attendees were Landon Tate, Jay Stroud, Brett and Wendy Craig, Curt and Dianne Larsen, Bryan Meador, Richard Hott, new member Terry Vitrano, and 2 friends of Landon. Additionally, Joe Farmer joined us off and on throughout the ride!

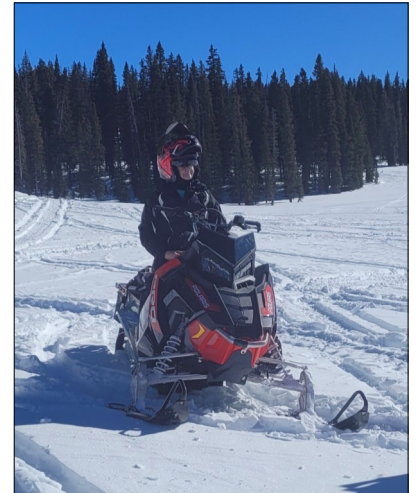
Four weeks later we enjoyed an awesome club ride organized by Landon Tate from our newly improved Barlow Parking. The snow conditions had gone from "glorious powder" on January 1st to "no powder" on January 29th. Fortune was with us though as Travis had recently groomed from Purg to Barlow so the road was great. No whoops at all! Second, Jay Stroud led us and we found plenty of "better than expected snow" off the beaten path. We enjoyed riding thru the trees to the back country meadows and returned back to the parking lot about 3:30pm. We had 10 attendees: DeAunn Dodson, Landon Tate, new members Joel and Josh Jonas, Jay and Hope Stroud, Dave Sanders, Lance Blair, and Curt and Dianne Larsen.



Jay Stroud, West Mancos



Brian Meador, West Mancos



DeAunn Dodson—Barlow



Joe Farmer, West Mancos



Richard Hott—West Mancos

## January 11th 2022 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was held at the La Plata Fairgrounds and was called to order at 6:29pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

**MOTION:** Minutes from December 14, 2021 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger

### Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$22,281
- Revenue: \$5,543, \$5,000 Ski Doo groomer grant, \$543 membership/swag/radios
- Expenses: \$2,869 truck insurance
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Roger; 2<sup>nd</sup> Landon

### Committee Reports -

#### **Club Rides** – Landon Tate

- Last 2021 club ride on December 29 at Echo Basin had 5 riders
- Club ride at Mancos had 11 riders
- Landon would like to have a ride Friday or Saturday this week
- Vallecito Ride will probably be February 4 or 5, Landon will reach out to Travis and confirm details for Vallecito ride and confirm date

#### **Grooming** – Travis Leonard (Bryan reported for Travis)

- Grooming hours for December 39.5hrs
- We have 73.1hrs remaining for the year
- Roger requested that everyone be added back to the SPOT account
- Ron Corkish has new radio for the groomer/Bryan will get the radio from Ron and give to Travis
- Curt is going to look into the cost of a new green works pole saw for the groomer and report back next meeting

#### **Membership** – Dianne Larsen

- 106 Members
- We need to get snowmobilers from New Mexico to become members
- Chris is going to see if we can advertise on public radio
- Dianne didn't send out membership postcards this year/ she emailed and called

### Old/Unfinished Business –

**Barlow Parking Area** - Barlow parking area will be completed this spring with seed and gravel after being delayed due to snow.

#### **Purgatory Parking**

- Bryan had not heard anything regarding the parking lot at Purgatory
- In response to the last go around no due date was in the letter so an additional letter was sent with a completion date of January 2023 for the parking lot
- The Forest Service had cut trees for the parking lot in 2008

### New Business –

**Chama Chamber of Commerce** – is hosting a benefit for the Northern New Mexico Welcome Center in Chama with a fee of \$75

**SJS Officer Election**—The positions up for election are President, Treasurer, and Grooming Foreman

#### **CSA Convention**

- Will be held February 11-13, 2022 in Walden, CO
- Bryan Meador & Ken Hilfiker will be attending on behalf of the SJS Club
- Bryan would like to consider holding the CSA Convention in Durango for 2023

**February 8, 2022 Meeting**—Will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm – accepted by Ken; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary





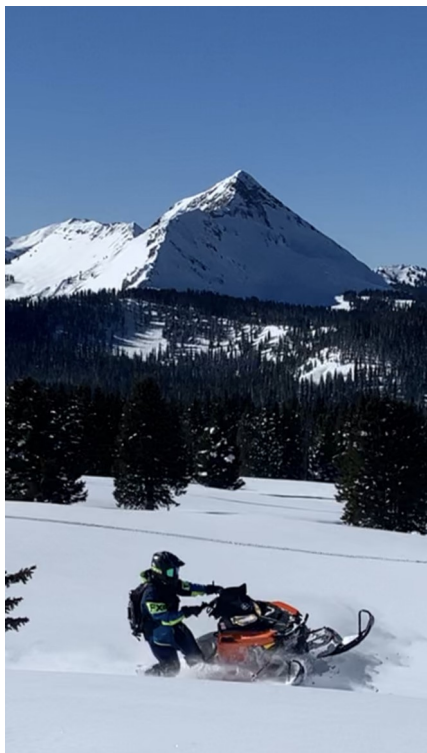
## Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **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

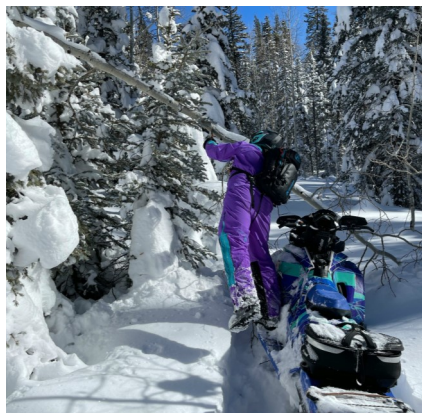
- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Introduction of Guests
- III. Reading of Minutes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Dianne Larsen
- V. Committee Reports
  - Club Rides
  - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
  - Membership – Dianne Larsen
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII.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



Brady Leonard—Bolam Pass



January Meeting @ La Plata Fairgrounds



Dianne Larsen—sawing —Hay Camp



Landon Tate, Terry Vitano, Andy McNeill, Curt Larsen—Beaver



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



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



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



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



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



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

**BOLETUS CREEK  
APPRAISALS**

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



**Built to Last Automotive**  
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



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



**Nic McDonald**  
970-565-7893



**Durango Adventure Rentals**  
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



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



**Silverline Construction**  
970-759-2327  
Wes Harriman



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



**Spellbring Construction**  
505-325-5600  
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



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



**Twin Buttes**  
970-259-3883  
Glen & Dianne Pauls



**Welch Automotive**  
303-324-7185  
Jack Welch



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



**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 \$35/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$40/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Business Membership \$60/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: \_\_\_\_\_

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