



## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

Here we are once again, getting closer to seeing some of that awesome white powder that we all live for!!! I hope everyone had a good summer. Did you get to go camping? Enjoy some lake time fishing or boating with the family? Spend a weekend out riding dirt bikes or quads? Sometimes I think summer is too short, but then I remember we live in this amazing place where winter time is as much fun as summer time!

It's time to get out them snowmobiles and make sure they are ready for action. Check your tracks for rips and tears, grease your rollers and pivot points. Check shocks for leaks. Check A arms for bends or missing hardware. Make sure your carbides aren't bent and good thickness to them. Change gear box oil. Install new batteries in your avalanche beacons, flashlights and radio's. Avalanche bag? You do have one, right? Make sure the canister is full, check the straps for tears, clean out the cliff bar and granola wrappers from last year.

Purgatory parking area....a sore subject with a few, but I think we are making headway with a parking area. Not as originally planned, but sometimes you just gotta suck it up and do what you need to do. Some of us met with the Forest service at Purgatory to review an alternate place, well that didn't work, because there isn't one. The acting Forest "person" (I don't want to get a title wrong) did promise us that the Forest Service will have an engineered draft of the lay out and costs to build the parking area. I believe we need to look at summer grant money for a trail head. There is not enough in winter grant dollars to do this project. Just a brief update, more to come later.

Board members and volunteers have been gathering all summer, working on CSA winter convention 2023. Almost everything has been figured out. A few finishing touches and then it's go time, January 20th, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> of '23. I am working on a volunteer sign up sheet with specific duties during the activi

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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 October meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds on Tuesday the 11th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. Hope we see you there.
- Some of the crew did the final cleanup of the Barlow Parking lot improvements a couple of weeks ago on September 18th. Was a beautiful day to be out and about and to accomplish something! Many thanks to Brian & Melanie Meador, Chris Hinds, Travis Leonard, Kevin Walters, and Curt & Dianne Larsen.
- There will be some new swag at the upcoming meeting. New hoodies and caps as well as remaining t-shirts and beanies from last year. There will also be 10 new radios.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).



### Bar D Night

Thursday September 15th we enjoyed our annual Bar D Night! We had a great turnout of 40 members/families/friends. It was a beautiful evening and the show was so enjoyable! Everyone really seems to enjoy catching up with their "winter" friends as well!



## CSA Summer Meeting 8/20/22—Curt Larsen

- The meeting was held in Salida
- The minutes from the May meeting were accepted.
- The financial report was presented by Janelle Kukuk and accepted.
- Groomer insurance discussed. CSA pays the premium for one groomer per club for liability insurance. If a club has multiple groomers, they must pay the additional premium.
- CSA membership was increased by \$8 to \$30, \$40, \$50 and \$70. CSA membership dues have not increased since the early 2000's.
- Member benefit cards have went out for the free accidental death and dismemberment policies. Only send in card if your interested in additional coverage.
- District Repots:
  - District 1, trail work session in October.
  - District 2, summer picnic sept 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - District 4 Veterans ride in January.
  - District 5, had a summer picnic.
  - District 7, Highway cleanup at Creede.
  - District 8 Maintenance on cat.
  - District 9 Pagosa Springs groomer is to arrive in next few months.
- Rich Jankino Charity Chairman—report due at the end of the year and you can provide accumulated volunteer hours.
- Raffle tickets—The drawing will be Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Extreme Power Sports. Tickets must be returned by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Artic Blast is the 1st prize, 2nd prize is \$3500 cash, 3rd prize is \$1000 KLIM gift card. 7400 tickets were sold last year. 7,000 tickets were printed this year. Tickets cannot be mailed via US postal service. Taxes for the sled will be paid by CSA.
- Winner of scholastic award on the CSA website.
- Clubs were reporting that Cat service schedule is pushed to February and clubs should plan on scheduling and maintenance early.
- Prinoth year for grooming clinic, is not scheduled yet.
- The Core Act is being pushed by Bennett encouraging Biden to sign? CSA director Scott Jones has sent letter to Biden, listing many clubs and CSA as against Core.
- Grooming is pushed hourly fee to \$125 per hour close to \$90,000 fund. 15% non-motorized money added to this. Very important that we have the correct amount of non-motorized usage on our grooming contract.



## April 12th 2022 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:29pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

**MOTION:** Minutes from March 8, 2022 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger

### Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$28,910
- Revenue: \$12,104, grooming \$3,162, grooming \$8,694, membership/swag/radios \$248
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Roger; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken

### Committee Reports –

**Club Rides** – Landon Tate—riding is about done, trailheads melted out

**Grooming** – Travis Leonard

- Grooming 77 percent
- Clyde is doing a Facebook presentation for Ski Doo Grant

**Membership** – Dianne Larsen—111 Members

### Old/Unfinished Business –

- Dianne Thanked Kevin for working on SPOT clean up
- CSA Conference
  - Tentative dates January 19-22, 2023
  - Brian will check with Jennifer to see if dates will work
  - Brian will contact the Double Tree for space availability

### New Business –

#### **Dianne status of SJS finances**

- \$30,000 - \$5,000 (ski doo grant) = \$25,000
- Payment due end of October 2022 \$6,500 on loan for new groomer
- \$8,500 start up for fuel and insurance
- Didn't receive first grooming check until February
- \$14,000 left in checking account end of year
- Conversation tabled until October 2022 Meeting to see if fuel and insurance prices increase

#### **CSA – Ken Hilfiker**

- Scholarships for students due this Friday, April 15
- Spring Fling will be held May 7, 2022 at Muddy Creek
- CSA meeting will be held May 14, 2022 not sure of location
- Ken will mention grooming and possibly holding CSA convention in Durango 2023 at CSA Meeting





## 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

The October meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds October 11th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm.

## 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
- VIII. New Business
  - Loan Payment
- IX. Motion to Adjourn



Curt Larsen, Chris Hinds, Kevin Walters, Melanie Meador, Bryan Meador, Travis Leonard—Barlow Parking cleanup



Curt Larsen—Mancos trail widening



Curt Larsen, Kevin Walters—Barlow Cleanup





**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**  
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque



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

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970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



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



Nic McDonald  
970-565-7893



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



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



**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



**Twin Buttes**  
970-259-3883

## 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:\_\_\_\_\_

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