

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello fellow Sledders,

WOW what a summer. It just flew by! I didn't get to the mountains as much as I would have liked. But, we did spend a few days on the lake, and that makes my wife happy. So happy spouse happy house! So how was your summer? I hope you made a lot of memories. I know we did.

The club officers had quite a busy summer. We received our grant for \$200,000 from CPW. Thanks to Vice President Chris Hinds for writing the grant. Thanks to Kevin Walters for his assistance in the grant writing. We are now trying to sell our current groomer to help fund our brand-new Piston Bully PB100. If you know anyone looking to purchase a groomer, send them to our grooming Foreman, Travis Leonard.

The club officers met with the forest service at Purgatory resort. We walked a lot of trail and new routes. The club gave a strong recommendation to the forest service on what we think needs to happen before any more ski slope expansions happen. The parking area there is costlier than the club could ever take on. Our hope is that the forest service has Purgatory hold up their end of the build.

We also drove over to the Barlow parking area expansion and walked that with that ranger district. We came up with a little different design, but we all think it will still accommodate the snowmobile community. Again, thank you Kevin Walters for writing and getting awarded a \$57,000 grant.

Bar D night, if you were not there you missed out on a great night. We had over 40 club members in attendance. It was good to see some old faces and meet some new club members. I can't wait to see you at our first meeting of the season.

See you on the mountain! Bryan Meador



Bryan's new summer toy!

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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

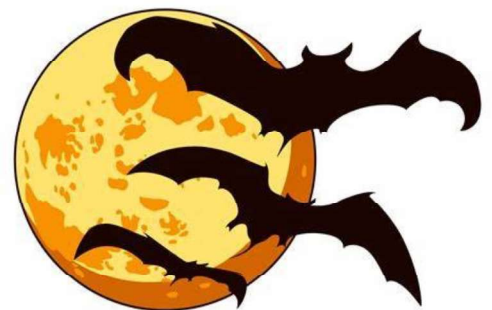
- Our October meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds October 12th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30.
- We will have some SWAG available at the October meeting: stickers, beanies, short and long sleeve t-shirts, and a few caps. We still have most sizes available. Show your club pride by sporting San Juan Sledders gear! We will also have club radios for sale.
- The Denver Snowmobile Expo is happening this year!!! The details can be found at [Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Expo \(cosnowmobileexpo.com\)](http://Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Expo (cosnowmobileexpo.com)). It will be Friday October 8th 4-9pm and Saturday October 9th 9am-7pm at the National Western Stock Show grounds.
- There has been a lot of volunteer hours this summer put in fixing our groomer, attending meetings at our snowmobile parking areas to work on the best snowmobile access, finalizing details of our new groomer purchase. Special shout out to the following members: Bryan Meador, Chris Hinds, Travis Leonard, Kevin Walters, Ken Hilfiker, Curt Larsen, and Dianne Larsen for your volunteer hours and expertise supporting our club!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.

CSA Quarterly Meeting—Curt Larsen

- A major update to the CSA website is planned to make it more user friendly and to have current and relevant material.
- A new report on the CSA website called the Snow Flake will replace the Snow Scoop and will publish club reports.
- Each club's groomer report needs to be in by 8am each Friday. It can be done daily.
- Volunteer/charity reports need to be submitted to Rich Janko by the end of December.
- The raffle is coming again this year and expects to raise \$40,000.
- CSA awards are being restarted this year. Throughout the history of the awards they have never all been filled before. Lets try to get all awards filled this year. Forms will be up on the website.
- The Snow Show will be Oct 8,9 and the CSA quarterly meeting on the 10th. There will be special 50th CSA anniversary celebration including stickers and 200 beanies as well as Friday night entertainment. You can volunteer to work the event for 2 hours and get a free entry ticket. There will be workshops and presentations. The Sunday morning meeting is planned at the host hotel from 9 to 11. The hotel has not picked yet.
- There will be a grooming class. The dates will be published later.
- Right to ride. Looking for concerns to spend money on.
- Some clubs make a year end donation to right to ride or just CSA.
- Janelle is researching finding an insurer that all grooming clubs can use to insure their Cats. Her research for her club's Cat was \$646 per year for a 10 year old cat. She is putting together a worksheet for insuring groomers that will be provided to the clubs once she has all of the details. She is research deductables, and glass coverage as replacement windshields cost at least \$7,000.
- The US Forest Service has acknowledged the efforts of motorized users for trail clearing. The motorized community is being used as a leader in volunteer work.
- The SJS initiatives on parking lots were brought up several times.
- Only 10 clubs fulfilled all of their grooming contract hours last year.
- BRP is going to provide \$5000 grants for projects, not grooming. \$5,000.
- Cohvco is holding chainsaw classes, all scheduled for this year, let Curt Larsen know if you want one for next year.
- GMUG is opening new motorized trail without EA.



Bar D Chuckwagon Event—Great Memories!



April 13th 2021 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

La Plata County Fairground Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Kevin; 2nd Chris

Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

Balance: \$59,759

Revenue: \$14,774, \$196(\$165 CSA reimbursement, \$31 swag/radios), \$14,578 (grooming 3 months)(\$192 swag/memberships, grooming)

Expenses: \$1486: \$431 Horizon Environmental, \$146 PO Box Rental, \$139 Century Equipment,

\$85 Roger Pennington, \$316 Prinoth, \$326 Travis Leonard, \$43 Marty Gunn

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Kevin; 2nd Chris

Grooming –

Grooming tiller is not working

Groomer has been broken for over a month

Discussion was held to Demo a groomer

First week of March was last time grooming was done

Membership – Dianne Larsen -100 members plus 2 new memberships at tonight's meeting

Old/Unfinished Business –

Beaver Meadows

Road is being logged

Curt talked with Forest Dept of Bayfield

Becky is going to have a meeting this summer with subdivision and ask them to plow the road. If the subdivision doesn't want to plow the Forest Service will move the gate.

Brian, Curt, Travis, and Ken will attend the meeting this summer that Becky is holding

Barlow Parking Area—We need another \$60,000 for Barlow but we don't want to jeopardize the funding for the new groomer. Kevin is going to write another grant for Barlow

Purgatory Parking Area

Ken wrote letter for Purgatory Parking lot 2005 land swap exchange

Waiting to hear back from Purgatory

HOA President said he will fight us on approval for parking lot

Echo Basin Tom Rice – solution clear non-cliff side 10-12 ft so groomer can groom

Mancos Could get logging contract this year

Elections – Vice President – Chris Hinds, Secretary – Jennifer Hawn, CSA Rep – Curt Larsen, Club Reporter – Ken Hilfiker

New Business –

Raise Club Dues **MOTION:** Raise Club membership dues by \$3.00 – accepted by Chris; 2nd Ken

Spring Fling – May 1, 2021

Membership Dinner Drive at Bar D To take place is August or September 2021. Dianne will email details to membership. Raise to \$15.00 per person

Grant for New Groomer Chris is finishing up grant for new groomer and will distribute grant document for additional comments/edits

Next meeting to be announced for Fall October 2021, The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm – accepted by Dianne; 2nd Kevin

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary



Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Roger Pennington**, Safety Instructor
- **Unfilled**, 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 12th. 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
 - Elections
 - Ride Chairperson
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn



Meeting to discuss bypass re-route at Purgatory



Meeting to discuss Barlow parking expansion





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



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



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin

BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS

Boletus Creek Appraisals
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque



Built to Last Automotive
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



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



Fur Trappers Steakhouse
970-884-0596—Dwayne Marable



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



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



Phantastic Screens
970-247-7907
Marty & Ann Gunn



Justin McCarty Excavation & Construction
970-884-7103—Justin Mccarty



McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson

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Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Snowmobile Adventures
888-250-9864
Ben Cross



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



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: _____

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.