

## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

First of all, I want to thank Kristina and Todd for the amazing dinner at our December club meeting! That was awesome! Second, a huge shoutout to Fun Center, Joe and Pete, for hosting such a great meal and a moto atmosphere to enjoy it in! Thank you all!!!

CSA memberships will expire on the first of the year. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. I would like to put San Juan Sledders on the top of the membership list. We need 1 more member to beat Route Powder riders out of Steamboat springs, then 16 more to beat Uncompahgre Valley out of Montrose. I know we can do it! Go ask a neighbor, make sure your riding buddy has joined or renewed.

If you would like to be on the call out list for La Plata County Search and Rescue. Let Jaaron Mankins know at 970-946-6981.

During the December meeting, the club voted on asking for winter grant money to start on the Beaver Meadows trail head parking area. We will figure out the amounts and details during our January meeting. We will need to get letters of support from other clubs or organizations around the area. We will still need to ask for summer grant money as well. This is a trail head. The first place on beaver meadows road to unload side by sides and four wheelers during summer riding season. If you would like to donate equipment, fuel, money or time. Please come to the January meeting so I can put a list together. Or call or text me at 970-946-5775.

We took a chance, and it paid off. Remember how I told you to enter to win a snowmobile from CSA? The club entered and we won. We won the 200. Thanks to Clyde Leonard for picking it up and delivering it for us. It was delivered one day and sold by the next day. Great job team!

Let's kick the new year off right with a huge snow dance. At this rate our season will be less than a 100 days. Enjoy it while it's here. Don't forget about the Vallecito poker run January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Hold your loved one close, tomorrow is never promised.

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador, President, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club.

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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—Ken Hilfiker



## Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The January meeting will be held Tuesday January 14th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- Many thanks to the Fun Center for hosting us for an awesome atmosphere for our December meeting and especially Kristina and Todd for cooking a delicious meal! Their generosity is much appreciated!
- If you haven't renewed your membership, you are expired. You can call Dianne at 970-946-3107 to renew via credit card, or mail in your membership, or renew at the January meeting, or renew at the CSA website.
- The offices of Vice President, Secretary, CSA Representative, and Club Reporter will be voted on at

the February meeting so be thinking about volunteering for a position you're interested in!

- **Grooming has commenced!!! Middle Mountain Rd was groomed starting after the gate. Thanks Travis!**
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).



## West Mancos Ride Report—Dianne Larsen

The ride at West Mancos was AWESOME! Unfortunately the turnout was low. Only 3 riders, Landon Tate, and Curt & Dianne Larsen! We met at the main parking at 9am and drove up to the Chicken Creek Parking, across from the Transfer Campground to unload. There was about 8" of fresh powder at the parking. After unloading we checked our beacons, tested our radios, and then headed up the mountain.

We could still see some grass poking thru the snow at Jersey Jim, but the higher we went the more snow we found. There was lots of fresh and untracked powder that we got to enjoy. For the most part we didn't hit anything although Curt was ejected once after hitting a rock playing along the side of the road. Fortunately, there was neither sled nor human trauma.

There were no stucks. Great POW! And lots of laughs!



## December 10th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

**Motion:** Minutes from November 12th, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Chris Hinds

### Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 131
- Bank Balance as of today: \$34,377.87
- Expenses – officers insurance \$698.00 , 10 sweepstakes tickets \$1000
- Revenue – \$11,550 grooming from last season , memberships, donations, swag from November meeting
- Paypal \$998.51
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Richard Hott; 2nd Ken Hilfiker

### Committee Reports

**Grooming - Travis Leonard**—Groomer is ready to go

### Unfinished Business

- CSA - Dillon, CO - Tickets are \$199 per person
- Silverton has some club rides listed online along with their poker run and fun days.
- We have a club ride on 12/28/24 in Mancos (if it snows enough). Sign up with Dianne
- Our poker ride is scheduled for 01/18/25. We will pull a permit with the forest service for this.
- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot is going to take quite a bit of work. We will try to apply for summer grant money in 2025. We could also apply for snow grant money to pay a partial amount.
- Echo Basin cleanup is planned for spring when the road opens. The forest service approved this work as long as there is no damage to the road. Cleanup is allowed within 12' of the shoulder of the road.
- CSA Sweepstakes - we won the kids sled! We will offer it to club members at \$4,500 or Fun Center will sell on consignment for \$5,500.
- Beaver Meadows - Baldy Mountain Loop - The forest service approved equipment to do trail cleanup.

### New Business

- Members : 131
- Bank Balance as of today: \$34,377.87
- CSA Ballot Vote - Approved - William Hall; 2nd Kristina Blumenauer
- Colorado Free Riders is a new group that you can join online. They support individual riders, not the clubs.
- Dianne - They are out of the regular radios \$20. They have basic radios for \$10 that will be returned if nobody wants them. They will order the regular radios once they are able to get more.
- Book - Facts & Myths About Snowmobiling by the American Council of Snowmobiling Association. It can be found online at [www.snowmobilers.org](http://www.snowmobilers.org)
- Event - Celebrate the Public Lands - CR 40 in Mancos on 12/15/24
- Dianne - Swag will be ordered soon. Let her know if you want anything in particular.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM - accepted by Kevin Walters; 2nd Richard Hott

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

### 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
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business—Election Nominations
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

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



### Club Rides

- 1/18/25—Vallecito Poker Run. 9am signup Weminuche Grill. Ride at 10am. Led by Travis Leonard. RSVP 970.759.1995.
  - 2/22/25—Barlow—9:30am—led by Jay Stroud. RSVP 970.560.7067.
  - Mid-week rides will start as soon as there's enough snow!
  - Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.3107 if you want to lead a ride
- \*All rides may change subject to snow conditions. Notification will be provided via Facebook and email ASAP if a ride changes.

December meeting





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



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



**970-946-9008**  
**BAYFIELD BUILDERS LLC**  
Concrete to Cabinets  
**Bayfield Builders**  
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



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



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



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



**Home Roots Hardwood Flooring**  
970-749-6821—Jesse King



**Comfort Air Mechanical**  
Nic McDonald  
970-565-7893



**CRG Construction**  
970-7596461-Cory Gosney



**Snowmobile Adventures**  
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



**DPF Alternatives**  
505-330-0904—Jason Groen



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



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



**\*\* Handlebar Motorsports**  
970-247-0845—Jim Updike



**Leonard & Sons Excavation**  
970-759-1995  
Travis Leonard



**Lucchesi Property Group**  
Residential • Commercial • Investment  
"Total Realty Advisors"  
Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354



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



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



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



**Phillips Electric**  
970-259-3395



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



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



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



**The Bug Masters**  
505-325-7477  
Delbert Raney



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



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



**Weminuche Grill**  
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas



**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)

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](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com).