

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador



Hello Fellow Sledders,

How was your Thanksgiving? I will tell you how mine was in our December meeting, because I am writing this before we carve up that big bird. I am always thankful for my family; they stand behind me on most of my shenanigans. Thankful for the country that I love. I can ride the beautiful Rocky Mountains on my snowmobile. Thankful for the snowmobile club, you inspire me to be more than I ever knew I could be. To put up the fight for all of you to continue to be able to ride the back country. I am always asked how are you today, my response is, "I am not in a pine box, It's a great day"

Sad news for this pondering. Forest service didn't come back with any great news from the Purgatory parking lot. But we will continue to push. I will keep you posted as I get information. Snowmobile Adventures has purchased the piece of property where we unload at Purgatory. So please be respectful of your loading and unloading.

Better news, we received the drawings for the Beaver meadows parking lot. We can move forward on that. Sad news, there is a lot of dirt to move. Better news, we only have to move it across the road. Sad news, it's 11,000 cubic yards. Better news, we can ask for summer grant money because it is trail head parking. Sad news we can't ask for money until 2025 cycle season. Then we won't receive it until 2027. Better news, we can start on it anyway, it will just be out of donations. We will discuss this more in the December meeting. If you have money, equipment or time to donate on this parking area, come to the December meeting. Let's talk.

Great news, the Forest Service has given us permission to cut the lower portion of Echo Basin before the gate opens. So long as we don't damage the road with ruts. We are allowed to cut the oak brush back 12 feet from the shoulder. We can use masticating heads on equipment. This will reduce our cutting time and with the road not being open to the public. Be a lot safer for us. Make a plan to join us this spring.

Many thanks to Jaaron Mankins for putting on the basic avalanche awareness training in our November meeting. Thanks to Fun Center, Todd and Kristina for cooking such great food and being gracious hosts.

I would like to thank Dianne, Curt, Travis and Brady for getting the Baldy loop trail cut open enough to get our groomer through. We can take a piece of equipment up next year and lay down or move some of the larger logs. Thanks for all of the hard work.

Last, but not least, make sure you have entered to win the 2025 Ski Doo Adrenaline 850 with Edge package. Proceeds go to help pay for our grooming insurance. If it is the wrong brand, wrong color, whatever excuse you make. Still purchase a ticket. If you win. I will give you your 25 bucks back and take the sled off your hands. You're welcome. No one will know.

See you on the mountain.

Bryan Meador, Thankful 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 December meeting will be held Tuesday December 10th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- Bring your appetite and your cookies to the December meeting! **Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange at the meeting!**
- Some folks have requested radios so we will bring what we have to the December meeting.
- If you haven’t renewed your membership, please do so before the end of December. You can call Dianne at 970-946-3107 to renew via credit card if you wish, mail in your membership, renew at the December meeting, or at the CSA website.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to

a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



December Word Search Puzzle

Bring the completed puzzle to the December meeting and get an extra ticket to the April drawing for the \$300 Fun Center gift card!!!

1. Our adopted trail
2. Location of fall membership drive
3. Our fearless President
4. December meeting location
5. Brand of our groomer
6. Our trail with additional approved grooming
7. Our club Secretary
8. Location of first season Club Ride
9. Charter member name
10. Business member we would call to enjoy an alternative winter sport for a howling good time
11. Best month to eat cookies

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November 12th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

Motion: Minutes from October 8th, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Travis Leonard ; 2nd Ken Hilfiker

Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 122
- Bank Balance as of today = \$22,711.96
- Revenue = \$1,065 BAR D
- Expenses =CAT PARTS \$1,978.90, MOUNTAIN GRAPHICS QR CODES \$29.96, SNOW SHOW MEADOR TRAVEL \$275.64, \$250 FCC LICENSE RENEWAL, TRAVIS CAT BATTERY \$410.00
- Paypal = \$988.51
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Dan; 2nd Travis Leonard

Committee Reports

Grooming - Travis Leonard

- Groomer needs greased and will be ready to go
- Oil changed, skid plates installed
- 14ft wide trails would be nice/ remove trees if needed

Unfinished Business

- Beaver Meadows clean out is canceled, there is too much snow up high.
- Elections are coming up in February: Vice President, CSA Representative, Treasurer
- SCCORR - trying to shut down snowmobiling. Reply to emails and attend the meetings. Reach out to Brian for meeting information.
- Enter your name in the bucket for the club drawing to win a \$300 prize
- Ken Hilfiker - Approved - Send a letter to Montezuma County requesting them to plow West Mancos again
 - Dog sledders are on board with sending letters as well

New Business

- Approved - Club to buy sweepstake tickets for CSA Sled. Buying \$1,000 worth of tickets
- New instagram for SJSC - Send pictures to Amanda Williamson - like and follow to support our group
- Call Jaaron Mankins for Avalanche Training

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM - accepted by Ken Hilfiker; 2nd Travis Leonard

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
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The December meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 10th. Dinner 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm

Club Rides

- 12/28/24. West Mancos. 9am. Led by Curt & Dianne Larsen. 970-946-8845
- 1/18/25—Vallecito Poker Run. Led by Travis Leonard.
- 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



First club ride last season—West Mancos



First ride last season at Windy Gap





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



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



970-946-9008 Bayfield Builders
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane

BAYFIELD BUILDERS LLC
Concrete to Cabinets



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin

BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS

Boletus Creek Appraisals
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque

BUILT TO LAST AUTOMOTIVE

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



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Lucchesi Property Group
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

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.