

## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador



Hello Fellow Sledders,

Here we are once again, getting close to busting some powder. I hope you had a great summer off, hopefully doing awesome things. We didn't get out on the lake as much as we had hoped for, but we did get in a camping trip/trail cleanup in Echo basin, twice. Might as well stay if you're already up there, right? We picked up trash, trimmed tree's and brush off the loop of Forest Road 566. If you didn't make it to one of the club's trail cleanups, don't worry we will have more. There is 300 miles of trails that need maintenance. Did you get a text from me on September 10<sup>th</sup>? If not update your number with Dianne if you would like to receive my text messages. I text all 121 numbers on the contact list. I had a few land lines, but rejection is ok, for some, not for me. Next time I just might call every one of you.

Great news, we are making progress on the Purgatory trail/bypass. Purgatory was originally supposed to clear it, (we know that will never happen). I finally got permission from the Forest Service for the club to clear the bypass trail. Can't wait forever, sometimes you just need to run with what you got. Hopefully someday we will get the parking area clearance as well. Baby steps for now. Another trail maintenance project you could join us on...? Did you know that every time you help on a club project, you are entered into a \$300 gift certificate to Fun Center. 2 chances so far this season. More to come.

Other great news! We are moving forward with the Beaver Meadows parking area. They have given us a map of where we can build. More to come on that project. We will need help building this as well, equipment and monetary donations.

More great news. We asked for a new loop road to groom at Beaver Meadows, and that was granted to us for grooming. Baldy loop, trail 697 will be added to our grooming and maintenance contract. We will need to cut that trail out to accommodate the groomer. Another chance to help this fall. I will send out a date soon. Probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Other news today. COLORADO SNOMO EXPO at the National Western Complex will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Brandon Alan "DIZ" that puts on the Spring Fling at Rabbit Ears pass has basically started from scratch when he heard there was not going to be a Denver snow show. Show up and support the sport we all love so much.

I am so full of great news this month. It gets me more excited about riding this winter. Let's go!!!! Can we skip the pumpkin and turkey and get straight to the snow?

See You on the mountain,

Bryan Meador

President

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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 October meeting will be held Tuesday October 8th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30. This will be our first meeting of the season and we can reconnect with our snowmobiling friends!
- There’s been plenty of SJS business happening since our April meeting. Many thanks to our awesome club volunteers that make it happen!
  - Grooming grant written, submitted, and grooming approved for this season.
  - Various ongoing financial business.
  - SAMS renewed (allows us to be paid grant and grooming money)
- FCC license renewed (allows us to use our proprietary radio channels).
- Two Echo Basin work days
- Bar D night organized.
- Multiple forest service meetings to discuss trails and parking.
- CSA meeting attendance and participation.
- THANKS to the Fun Center for providing us a meeting location!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com). You all have been doing great this season!!!

## Bar D Night—September 19th

- We had our annual Bar D night on the 19th.
- It was an absolutely perfect evening for the event and it was well attended by 32 members.
- It was great to re-connect with the people we haven't seen all summer!



Welcome to our Annual Sweepstakes!  
 Enter now and you could win this  
**GRAND PRIZE**  
 2025 Ski-Doo Summit Adrenaline 850 with Edge Package

**ALL-TERRAIN**  **ski-doo**

**ENTER NOW TO WIN ME!** **DRAWING Dec 7th**



Many more prizes to be given away throughout the sweepstakes!

Thank you for your support! Proceeds go towards promoting, protecting and preserving the sport of snowmobiling in Colorado!

Show your support for winter sports!

The CSA Sweepstakes has begun!!!! Now is the time to support CSA, support SJS, AND enter to win one or more of the great prizes! This year the grand prize is a 2025 Ski-Doo Summit Adrenaline 850 Edge. WOW! Use the following link to purchase entries. This link is specific to SJS so part of your entry fee will be returned to the club.

[Win a 2025 850 Summit Adrenaline with Edge Package plus \\$2500 for taxes! Sweepstakes ENDS Nov 30th! Drawing 12/7/24 Just in time for the Holidays! \(tapkat.org\)](https://tapkat.org)



## Echo Basin Work Days—June 29th/30th and September 21st

Our awesome club volunteers accomplished an amazing feat!

- Over the course of three days we cleared the Echo Basin Loop by cutting trees, branches, and brush that were crowding the road and ditches.
- This effort fulfills our road adoption commitment for this year as well as makes the road safe for grooming and sledding this coming winter.
- Volunteers include Bryan and Melanie Meador, Wink Meador, Chris and Stephanie Hinds, Joe Farmer, Ken Hilfiker, Travis Leonard, Brady Leonard, Clyde Leonard, Austin Twedt, Amanda Williamson, Richard Hott, Roger Pennington, Lynn and Lee Parks, Allia Connell, and Curt and Dianne Larsen.
- You people ROCK!





## April 9th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

**MOTION:** Minutes from March 12, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Curt Larsen

### Treasurer's Report – Kristina Blumenauer

- Balance: \$43,948.80
- Revenue: Total \$5,927.50; Second half February grooming \$5,737.50; WTF Event \$190.00
- Expenses: Total \$691.23; Trailhead signs \$561.90; Travis Parts \$129.33
- Paypal account: Account Balance \$988.51
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Curt Larsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> William Hall

### Committee Reports –

#### **Club Rides** – Dianne Larsen

- Kick off date for Fun Center Fall WTF (Where's The Flakes Sale) sometime in Oct 2024
- Snow Show second weekend in Oct 2024

#### **Grooming** – Travis Leonard

- Damage to the groomer because of longer grooming hours
- Groomed 18 times prior year 14-16 times
- Groomed 175hrs and 654 miles
- 46hrs of the grooming contract remained

#### **Membership** – Kristina Blumenauer

- 120 members



### Unfinished Business –

- Beaver Meadows is waiting on Engineering and is on hold until next year
- Purgatory
  - Jed(Forest Service) will work with us to walk the area that needs to be cleared and mark it
  - Authorized to cut the bypass
  - Bryan will contact Jordan about marking bypass so trees can be cut/cleared

### New Business –

- Bar D Membership Drive will be held in the Fall
- Buy a gift certificate from Fun Center.
  - For every club event you attend you receive a ticket for the drawing at the end of the season
  - **MOTION:** SJS purchases a \$300.00 gift certificate to be given at the end of the season 2025. You will receive a ticket for planned events that you attend and be eligible for the \$300 gift certificate drawing – accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Hilfiker
- Avalanche Meeting discuss scheduling at first fall Oct mtg for a class in Nov 2024
- Clyde Leonard suggested that we have a ride for younger riders with some advanced skilled riders to encourage them to become more involved and potential members of the club

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm – accepted by Kevin Walters; 2<sup>nd</sup> Travis Leonard

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary

### Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Bryan Meador**, Safety Instructor
- **Dianne Larsen**, Rides Chairperson
- **Ron Corkish**, Search & Rescue Liaison
- **Dianne Larsen**, Newsletter Editor
- **Chris Hinds & Ken Hilfiker**, Website Administrator & 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 October meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 8th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm



### Echo Basin Trail Work Day

Club Rides

- Dianne plans to have a tentative ride schedule planned by the December Newsletter
- Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.3107 if you want to lead a ride





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



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



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



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970-247-7907  
Marty & Ann Gunn



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



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



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



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

**BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS**

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



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



**Phillips Electric**  
970-259-3395



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



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



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



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



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



**American Family Insurance**  
Dale R. Willbanks Agency  
970-247-5828—Dale Willbanks



**The Bug Masters**  
Pest Control & Termite Co.  
505-325-7477  
Delbert Raney



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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