

## **President's Pondering—Bryan Meador**



Hello Fellow Sledders,

Did you have an awesome Thanksgiving? Eat way too much? Time for your exercise to get into riding shape? Remember round is a shape. So, its ok. I hope everyone found something to be thankful for. I know I am Thankful for my friends and Family. The ability to ride these beautiful mountains we call home. I am very thankful to be part of this awesome Snowmobile club also!

If you get this letter before December 1<sup>st</sup>, HURRY and get your CSA nominations turned in. There are several categories. So, think of a person to apply to each one. Don't forget to turn in your CSA raffle tickets to Dianne.

I just received the E mail, the annual CSA convention will be held in Walden next year. February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. So save the date and I will hope to see you there. More information later to come. Follow, [snowmobilecolo.com](http://snowmobilecolo.com) .

Is your snowmobile ready to go? I think some people wait until the day before the first ride and think will it make it? Ya send it, then a nice person will tow it back to the truck because ??? So be the person that has their machine ready to go. Full of gas and oil. Antifreeze topped off, pivot points greased, bent a arms replaced. Does your beacon have a fresh battery? Is your avalanche bag ready? First aid kit has new supplies? Snack bag have cookies in it for me? Ok, hi quality snacks. Be ready to ride and let us hope it starts dumping soon.

I will not be able to attend the December meeting at Fun Center. I have asked our vice president Chris Hinds to step in for me. So keep him in line.

Have a great December and a very Merry Christmas!! I wear a size XL and 9 boots if your shopping for me!

See you on the mountain, Bryan Meador

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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

- A huge thanks to Handlebar Motorsports for hosting our November meeting! They generously provided us with awesome pizza and sodas and a great environment to hold our meeting.
- Our December meeting will be at The Fun Center. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. December 14th. Megan has volunteered to fix her world famous delicious chili for us to enjoy. Additionally we will be having our yearly [Christmas Cookie Exchange](#) at the meeting. In stock snowmobile accessories and parts will be 15% off that evening. Hope we see you there.
- I need to get the CSA Raffle Tickets back by December 2nd so I can mail them to CSA. I have a few left, if you want some let me know by December 1st, and we will work it out.
- Great progress has been made on the Barlow Parking Area. CDOT has cleared the new parking area, gravel has been delivered and is being spread. This project should be completed before the end of the year. Special thanks to Kevin Walters for spearheading this project and other club members who have volunteered their time to make it happen.
- For those of you that haven't renewed your club membership, the expiration date is January 1st 2022. Please renew! Come to the December meeting, mail the membership form to the club PO Box, or renew online.
- Thanks to those that attended the Groomer Clinic in Grand Junction: Travis Leonard, Brady Leonard, Kevin Walters, Chris Hinds, Jason Groen, Curt Larsen, Adam Malone.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).

### Club Rides

- Welcome to our new Ride Chairperson Landon Tate! Please contact Landon at 505-327-0320 or [jameslandontate@gmail.com](mailto:jameslandontate@gmail.com) to suggest a ride or to volunteer to lead a ride.
- West Mancos—New Years Day— Saturday January 1st— 10am. Leaders Curt & Dianne Larsen. RSVP to 970.946.8845.
- Mid-week rides will begin as soon as conditions permit!



Brady Leonard at the Groomer Clinic in Grand Junction

# December Fun



- 1) SJS Club President
- 2) December meeting Location
- 3) Parking Area that SJS received the grant to improve
- 4) Brand of our wonderful new groomer
- 5) New SJS Ride Chairperson
- 6) Location of 2022 CSA Winter Convention
- 7) Name of riding area SJS improved parking on last season
- 8) City of the groomer clinic
- 9) Riding area that was logged the last two winters and will NOT be logged this winter
- 10) Three standard pieces of safety equipment
- 11) District 9 CSA Rep
- 12) Best snowmobile club!
- 13) Name of Dianne's old blue sled  
(Hint: you may need to look it up in an old newsletter)
- 14) Over the snow vehicle
- 15) Furthest west riding area we groom

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New Barlow Parking—North of the current parking



## November 9th 2021 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Handlebar Motorsports, Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

**MOTION:** Minutes from October 12, 2021 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris

### Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$24,091
- Revenue: \$233,914, \$1,358 Bar D, \$32,000 groomer sale, \$528 memberships and swag, \$200,000 groomer grant, \$28 insurance refund
- Expenses: \$209,823, \$538 loan fees, \$209,261 groomer purchase, \$24 checks
- Barlow: \$40,088, includes \$34,635 CPW grant. Account to be closed as soon as the Barlow parking project is completed later this year.
- TBK Bank Loan: \$30k loan, 5 year term @ 4.25%, \$6,750 yearly payment, no pre-payment penalties
- BRP Grant: \$5,000 – Curt filled out grant and we were selected
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Dave; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken

**Club Rides** – Landon Tate is the new rides chair

### Grooming –

- Travis thanked everyone that was involved with getting the new groomer
- Discussion about clearing/cleaning up trails so that it will be easier to groom this winter
- Keep track of volunteer hours that are accrued doing tasks and turn them in
- There will be grooming training on the new groomer when it snows
- Grooming Clinic at Piston Bully on Saturday, November 13

**Membership** – 107 Members

### Old/Unfinished Business –

#### **Beaver Meadows**

- Beaver Meadows has 7 more years of logging
- Brian is going to meet with loggers and see if we can have from Jan 1 – through the middle of March
- One contractor has to log through the winter
- Ken will contact Pagosa Snowmobile club and see if they are going to groom this year
- Forest Service going for a grant in 2023 for parking lot at the head of Beaver Meadows
- If someone wants to plow Curt will get a permit from Forest Service but you will not get paid

#### **Barlow Parking Area**

- CDOT is going to go in and level it
- CDOT will look at it the end of this week

#### **Purgatory Parking Area**

- If you made a comment last year you have 20 days to make the objection
- Parking lot has to be completed by the end of 2025 per the Restoration, Mitigation, and Monitoring required in the 2008 ROD document

**Echo Basin**—Loggers pulling out of Echo Basin for the winter

### New Business –

**CSA Awards**—Didn't have awards last year so will have two per award for this nomination cycle

**Grants for College Scholarships** – \$2,500 College scholarship, Write 1 page essay why you like snowmobiling, Have to be a CSA member

#### **Officer Liability Insurance**

- Covers SJS officers, \$698
- **MOTION:** Pay liability insurance for SJS officers \$698 – accepted by Rich; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken

**Raffle Tickets**—\$5.00 a ticket, Dianne needs tickets back by December 1 (all tickets need to be returned including tickets not sold)

**SJS swag**—Dianne has SJS shirts, stickers, and radios, Dianne is going to check into ordering new SJS swag items

### New Groomer

- Brian has a training manual for the new groomer and everyone will have to sign off on it
- Dianne is going to contact our insurance company and see if we supply groomer manual that we can get a break on our insurance

### CSA 2023 Winter Convention

- Brian would like to host the CSA 2023 meeting here in Durango the last weekend in January or first weekend in February 2023
- Brian will check into this and get back to club with details
- Will need the clubs support to put this together



The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm – accepted by Dianne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick

### 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

### 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
  - Raffle Tickets
  - Ride Chairperson
- VIII. New Business
  - CSA Awards
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The December meeting will be at The Fun Center December 14th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm.



New Barlow Parking Nov. 26th, Not quite finished, but getting there!



New Groomer—Top of Lizard Head Pass





**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



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

**BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS**

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



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



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



**Nic McDonald**  
970-565-7893



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

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



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



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



**Snowmobile Adventures**  
888-250-9864  
Ben Cross



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



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



**Fur Trappers Steakhouse**  
970-884-0596—Dwayne Marable



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



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



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