



SNO-EAGLES NEWSLETTER

September 2017



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's here! It is the start of the 2017-18 Snowmobile Season. Well that is not entirely true, as the Sno-Eagles never stop working. Since last March, your officers, directors, committee chairs and many volunteers have put in countless hours to ensure the Sno-Eagles have another successful year. It sure has been a very wet year for us here in the Snowmobile Capital of the World - rain, rain and more rain. Let's hope the precipitation in the form of snow comes all winter.

I want to update all of the members on what has happened since last winter. Terry Smith and his small group of volunteers have cleaned, insulated and painted our Groomer Shed. They have also performed all necessary maintenance of our 3 Groomers and Drags to be ready for the new season. Brian, Ron and Bugs along with their small group of volunteers are now working to brush and clean up the trails along with new signage.

The really big news of the summer is our new website. www.sno-eagles.org. You can now sign up to volunteer, renew membership and purchase clothing on the new website. Ron Engels and I will be doing the Wednesday and Thursday guided snowmobile rides again this year. The club is also planning to have a few weekend rides for our out of town members/guests. The Board of Directors has approved a small change to our By-Laws over the summer. The change is listed in this newsletter. The club ran the Food Booth at the Vilas County Fair and with the help of Brian and Deana Scheid along with 44 volunteers this endeavor turned out to be a very profitable fundraiser for the club. Currently the club is sponsoring the Fire and Ice Cash Raffle, which is a fundraiser for the Eagle River Fire Dept. and the Sno-Eagles. You can buy tickets at the September member meeting or call me at 1-262-442-4876.

I am so excited about this year with the Sno-Eagles, I just want to share my excitement. I encourage as many members as possible to attend our General Membership Meetings this year. Our first meeting is September 21, 2017 at Sweetwater Bar/Grill. Please try and attend our meetings. I look forward to meeting you on the trails or at our meetings.

Howard

MONTHLY MEETINGS START IN SEPTEMBER

Our monthly membership meeting will be held September 21 at 7 pm at Sweetwater Bar & Grill.. We will be talking about our activities and the success of our summer fundraisers. We will also be voting on the 2016 club budget. We will have the refreshments available prior to the business meeting at 6 PM. The business meeting starts at 7 PM

UPCOMING SNO-EAGLES EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

September

- 5 – Board of Director’s meeting – Snowmobile Hall of Fame
- 21 –Trail Brushing & Member Meeting at Sweetwater Bar & Grill
- 28 - Trail Brushing
- 30 – SNO at Club DeNoyer - 5:30 PM & Fire & Ice Raffle Ticket Drawing at VFW – 6 PM

October

- 3 – Board of Directors meeting
- 5 - Trail Brushing
- 7 - Saturday Trail Brushing
- 12 – Trail Brushing
- 19 – Trail Brushing & Member Meeting at Silver Leaf
- 21-22 – 5th Annual Snowmobile Safety School – Trees for Tomorrow
- 26 – Trail Brushing
- 27-29 – 48th Annual AWSC Workshop - Appleton
- 28 – SNO at Eddie B’s White Spruce

November

- 2 - Trail Brushing
- 4 – Saturday Trail Brushing
- 7 - Board of Directors meeting
- 9 – Trail Brushing
- 16 - Trail Brushing & Member Meeting at Riverstone
- 25 - SNO at Sportsmen’s Chalet

These events and activities are also listed on our website calendar

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Summer has steam rolled right by as we have turned the corner into one of my favorite times of the year. FALL! The sugar maples have just started to turn color and the crisp cool mornings mean its trail brushing season.

Trail brushing starts Thursday September 21st. Traditionally we gather at the Sno-Eagles grooming maintenance buildings at 8:00 am every Thursday up to Thanksgiving week, divide into groups and tackle the trail system. We then go to lunch at a local supporting business partner establishment.

This brushing season we have two Saturday dates scheduled for October 7th which is followed by a picnic lunch at the Buckatabon Shelter. November 4th. will have a pizza lunch at Buckshots. I highly encourage every member to join in sometime throughout the season if available. Its a great way to see the trails and meet new members.

Questions regarding trail brushing you can email, call or text me for more details.

The calendar on the website also lists all the brushing dates

Happy Trails and it time to think about the Snow!

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Your Sno-Eagles and AWSC family memberships both expire at the same time. Your memberships in both are needed to qualify for the discounted trail pass program. (see below) We will send you a reminder before your membership expiration date so you can renew in plenty of time. We want everyone back as a member in 2018. You will also find the membership application on our website: www.sno-eagles.org.

NEW THIS YEAR – you can now join or renew on-line and pay your dues using PayPal.

Encourage your non-member friends to join and become part of the Sno-Eagles family. Our family membership dues remain at \$30 which includes both the Sno-Eagles and AWSC memberships.

If you know someone who would like to join Sno-Eagles, they can download an application on the club website. Copies of the application can also be found in map boxes. If you have questions about your membership status or other questions about membership – call **Ken or Cheryl Storms** at 715-479-5599.

We have added a new membership category called Associate Family Membership. This is for those folks who are current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club and pay their AWSC dues through that club. In this case we won't collect dues for AWSC and only charge the \$20 Sno-Eagles Dues. On the application, you must provide the name of the other club and your AWSC number. Associate members must buy their trail passes through the other club.

There is a place on our application to indicate areas of interest. We encourage everyone to check at least one item. There is also a place for a groomer fund donation and for a voluntary \$10.00 donation if you choose to get your newsletter via USPS mail. We encourage everyone to get their newsletter by email. **All other club mail is only sent by email**

Note: our Newsletter is also posted on our website.

Important note #1 – Your Sno-Eagles & AWSC memberships expire on the date shown on your AWSC membership card. Your \$3000 accidental death and dismemberment policy ends on that date unless you have renewed your membership. Don't chance a lapse in coverage.

Important note #2 - The insurance benefit covers the primary member, spouse, and children under 19 years of age. It does **not** include children 19 or older nor the primary member's significant other or domestic partner. They need their own membership in AWSC for the insurance benefit.

DISCOUNTED TRAIL PASSES

Trail Passes for 2017/18 are now available. ALL sleds (except antique sleds) need a trail pass sticker in Wisconsin. As a current member of both the AWSC and Sno-Eagles, you can purchase stickers for your personal sleds registered in Wisconsin at the discounted rate of \$10 for each sled. You must buy them directly from the AWSC either on line, by phone, or by mail. Go to www.awsc.org for more information. There is also an order form on page 4 of your September Wisconsin Snowmobile News. Our website also has information on trail passes. The process is very easy. You do need your AWSC member number which is on your yellow membership card and on the address label on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine. Call or email Ken if you can't find your number. (715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com) You also need the current registration sticker number for each sled

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Here are the dates & locations for our monthly membership meetings this year:

September 21	Sweetwater Bar & Grill in Eagle River
October 19	Silver Leaf Grill in Eagle River

November 16	Riverstone Restaurant in Eagle River
December	No membership meeting
January 198	Eagle River Inn in Eagle River
February 15	Eddie B's White Spruce Inn in Eagle River
March 15	Eagle Waters Resort in Eagle River
April 19	Buckshots Bar & Grill in Eagle River

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY SCHOOL

Our 5th Annual Snowmobile Safety School will be held on October 20 & 21 at Trees for Tomorrow. Last year we had 35 students and all of them completed the class successfully.

Scott Linn and his instructors are excited about this year's class and are making plans. If you know of potential students, have them register on the DNR website. They can also contact Scott at scottlinn@hotmail.com. The class will fill up fast.

Let's Thank Our Volunteers

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club want to express their sincere "Thanks" to our many volunteers over the summer, to include:

Building Maintenance: The cleaning, insulating and painting of our Groomer Shed. Thanks to Terry Smith and his crew of Ron Engels, Marv Radloff, Jim Joritz, Bugs Mathieu and Rusty Wolf.

Brat and Bake Sales: Our two Brat and Bake sales netted record profits for the club this year. Thanks to Dennis and Sandy Kirby and the crew of Tiffany Kloiber family, Fred and Kathy Rockafellow family and the many others that donated bake goods and time at the two sales.

Club Picnic: Our club picnic was a great time and well organized by Terry & Pam Smith and Ron and Marion Hanson. Thank you for a fun day in the Park.

Equipment Maintenance: Again this year Terry Smith and his small group of volunteers did a phenomenal job at repairing, maintaining and cleaning all the Groomers and Drags. Thank you Terry, Ron, Jim, Marv and Rusty.

Vilas County Fair Food Booth: The Food Booth turned out to be our largest fundraiser of the summer. Thank you to Brian and Deana Scheid and their large group of volunteers. The Sno-Eagles had 44 volunteers assist in the Food Booth this year. A tremendous effort by all, and gave the club a great fundraiser. A HUGE thank you to all the members that helped us in this event.

Saturday Night Out events: Again this year Cheryl Storms organized our SNO's that were all very well attended. Thank you and see you at the next SNO

Trail Signage: The Trail Boss has a small group of volunteers that built new Welcome to Sno-Eagle Trails and Trail Map signs. A huge thank you to Bob Stencil., Bernie Pacanowski. and others that have put this program together.

Weekly Email Updates: Carole Linn has kept you up to date this summer with weekly email updates regarding our club activities and fundraisers. She will continue to do so throughout the snow season in addition to information you can find on our website and monthly newsletter.

Now it's your turn! Please go to the website or contact one of your Officers to sign up to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. Thank you in advance.

AWSC FALL WORKSHOP

AWSC will hold its 48th Annual Workshop at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton on October 27-29. Download a registration form at www.awsc.org. The fall workshop features several sessions on Saturday with timely topics related to Wisconsin snowmobiling. Miss Snowflake is also crowned at the Fall Workshop.

FIRE AND ICE CASH RAFFLE

The Sno-Eagles are sponsoring a Cash Raffle called Fire and Ice Raffle, going on right now! The club wants to give back something to the community that supports us. The Eagle River Fire Dept. (ERFD) wants to build a Station 2 in the Town of Washington and they need to raise money for this project. The Sno-Eagles are currently sponsoring a Cash Raffle to try and raise \$10,000 for the ERFD and also some money for our Groomer Fund. The Station 2 would provide better fire protection for east of Eagle River, Catfish, Cranberry, Deerskin and Eagle lakes. Property owners could see a 30% discount in their property portion of their homeowner's insurance premium. Tickets are \$20 each and the cash prizes are \$3000 for 1st, \$1000 for 2nd and cash prizes awarded through 10th place. Drawing will be held Sept. 30 at the VFW. See the places listed on Facebook, our website or in the emails to members for outlets to purchase tickets. You can send your check made out to Sno-Eagles to PO 866 Eagle River, WI as well. If each member would purchase 2 tickets this raffle would be a wonderful success. Thank you in advance for supporting this great fundraiser and community support.

RIDE WITH PRIDE © IS HAPPENING NOW!

Once again Trakside will be donating a Ski-Doo MXZ 600 or Cam-am Outlander ATV for this annual raffle to benefit Sno-Eagles, Sno-Buddies, Northern Lights, and Phelps snowmobile clubs. Other prizes include a Yellowstone Snowmobile Trip (including lodging & sleds) and \$500 for travel expenses, a mini vacation & dinner at Wild Eagle Lodge, and a mini vacation at Eagle Waters Resort. THANK YOU, SPONSORS! Tickets are priced at \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

SNO-EAGLE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President	Howard "Rusty" Wolf	1-262-442-4876
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If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, these are the people to call!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Newsletter is published monthly from September to April by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club for the use of our club members.

To submit contributions for the Newsletter, contact **Ken Storms, Editor** at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com.

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Proposed Change to the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club By-Laws:

An amendment to the Sno-Eagles By-laws has been approved by the board of directors. According to the bylaws the proposal must be sent to the membership 30 days prior to a membership vote. (to be held at our October Meeting)

The reason for the proposed change to is give only elected Officers and Directors voting privileges at the Board Meetings.

By-Law Article III 3.2 currently reads:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) elected Directors. All Directors shall hold office for a term of two years. The directors shall be elected as follows; two on the even year and three on the odd year. The positions of Trail Boss and Communications Chair will be appointed by the President with Board of Directors approval every two years. In the event of the position of Trail Boss being spit into (2) Co-Trail Bosses both members will be on the Board of Directors. All positions will attend Board meetings. All elected officers, the Communications Chair and Trail Boss(es) will have voting privileges. All officers and directors shall maintain their primary residence in the Eagle River area.

As Proposed: starting on line 6

In the event of the position of Trail Boss being split into (2) Co-Trail Bosses both members will be asked to attend board meetings. All positions will attend Board meetings. Only elected officers and elected directors will be members of the Board of Directors and will have voting privileges. Appointed positions like committee chairs, will be invited to board meetings but will not have voting privileges. All officers and directors shall maintain their primary residence in the Eagle River area.