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*Photo on front cover: Kelly Weaver's grandkids enjoying snow.  
(see Kelly's article )*

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# From The President *Greg* *Nordstrom*



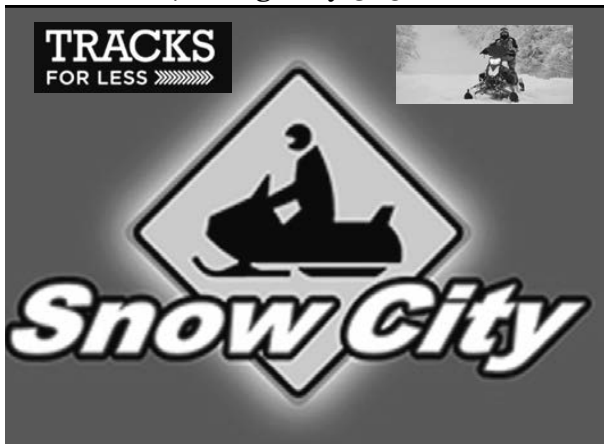
Hello again snow lovers.

Since the last issue the Trails have opened and some have had the opportunity to go do some riding. However we do need more snow to get in some decent riding. Especially now with the upcoming Sno-Cross in Deadwood January 29th and 30th and the Governors ride February 13th . These are just some of the main events but there are also numerous club rides both in the Hills and east river but we sure could use a real good snow storm to help out.

Another event going on east river that will be in Sioux Falls February 19th and 20th is the SNOCROSS National sponsored by AMSOIL INC. It will be held at the Sioux Empire Fair Grounds. I believe this is also going to be a multiyear event. More details to come.

The next SDSA meeting will be Friday February 12th after the Governor Advisory meeting in the evening. This will take place at the Holiday Inn at Spearfish in conjunction with the Governor Ride activities. If you plan on going to the ride please send in the registration that should be in this edition of the Sno Plainsman. Hope to see you there.

As this is starting to be a challenging year I hope that you can support all the places that advertise with us and give them support and let them know we appreciate them. We need also to be aware of how our trails are being used and by whom. I have heard numerous reports of ATV's being on the trails. This could and has jeopardized our system, I was just informed of the closure of a section of trail 7 along Hwy 385. With the lack of snow and a lot of



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OHV use it was deemed necessary to close it to protect our fragile agreement with the land owner. Hopefully we will be able to keep it in the future. It goes back to if you see something say something as these vehicles are not allowed on the snowmobile trails and should be mentioned to them.

PRAY for SNOW.



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From  
The  
President  
Elect

# Duane Duerr



SnoCross is coming to Sioux Falls on February 19th and 20th to the Fairgrounds. Rumor has it they signed a 3-year contract for the event. They liked that South Dakota was allowing fans at the event. I have received calls from Food vendors planning on setting up for the event. SDSA is planning to have a booth at this event.

SnoCross will also be in Deadwood on January 29th and 30th and has sold out in the past. SDSA will have a tent there please stop and say hello. In the past we assisted with the kids riding 120 sleds in a side location. If you have not seen this event it is amazing to see what Snowmobiles and riders can do!!



Scholarships applications are due by February 25th to SDSA PO Box 206 Gary, SD. 57237. Great way to help reduce the cost of schooling by \$500. The form is available on the snowmobilesd.com site under forms. An essay of 500 words or less on a minimum of 2 pages not more than 4 pages of "Why Snowmobiling is important to South Dakota and to me" your name should not appear anywhere on the essay as Judges will not know whom wrote the essay. Take the chance to let SDSA help you with your schooling by applying for this scholarship!!

Snowmobile Safety is a great way for us to help new riders get started. Ryan Raynor is a great contact with Game Fish and Parks to get the Course books and CD. Work is being done to get the course online as brought forward by the YETIS to get this done. Although set up for youth at or near age 12 it can benefit riders of any age. Having some adult riders at the training can offer great information to new riders.

Saferiderssafetyawareness.org is also a great site for anyone to learn safe snowmobiling. The site share: Riding Tips, Key Snowmobile Parts, Surviving Emergencies, Dangers to Avoid and Finally a test to help you remember what you've seen. Great to meetings topics, developing a safety Backpack for riding. Let us keep snowmobiling one of the safest winter activities we can do!!



Remember key Events:

- Rusty Nutz Vintage Ride January 16th Trailshead
- SnoCross Deadwood January 29th & 30th.
- Governor's Ride February 12th & 13th Spearfish Holiday Inn & Hardy Camp

President Elect Duane Duerr



From  
The  
Past  
President

# Jon LaFramboise



Hello again! Well it is supposed to be winter but the weather is just not cooperating. As I write this there is marginal snow in the Black Hills and there are a couple of trail closures due to poor conditions. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for the next storm coming in just a couple of days from now.

I hope you all had an awesome Christmas and a Happy New Year! With all of the worries of Covid we had a pretty quiet Holiday Season. Now it is time to look forward to some snowmobiling. We may have to travel a ways but it will be good to get out and have some fun!

The USAF Snocross National will happen in Deadwood on January 29th and 30th. They work-ing out some Covid issues in some of the other race venues but so far the races in Deadwood will be a full schedule and we are good to go with full attendance for the fans!! SDSA will have a booth, so stop over and see us! Use code SDSA2021 for 10% off of your tickets, for online or phone pre-sale only.

The Governor's ride will be next on the agenda. This will be February 13th at Hardy camp. We will again be staying at the Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center. We have a block of rooms starting at \$79.99/night. 1-800-999-3541. Hope to see you all there! Until next time. Stay safe! See ya on the Trails!!

Jon.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORTS *District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7*



**District Six Director  
Jason Shepherd**

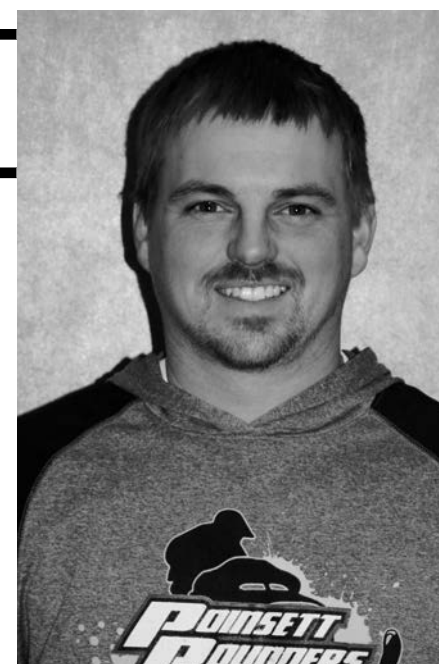
Hello again from the North East. I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. With the new year the weather is still strange this year. We go from having enough snow to get out and put some miles on and the clubs out grooming to a week later most of the snow has melted with the rain and warm temps. Coming up this month the Snocross races are going on in Deadwood. Hopefully we all can get out and enjoy the races. That is all from the north east. I hope to run into everyone at the snocross races. Till then keep doing the snow dance.

**District Seven Director  
Trace Damm**

Hello Everyone,

I am hoping everyone had a good Christmas and start to a new year. The weather here has been warmer than normal, making what snow has fallen, starting to disappear. Although I have not been able to make a trip yet, I have heard of some good snow reports out western Colorado and Montana. I had the chance to attend a meeting with the Dakota Trail Blazers and Ryan Raynor. Thank you for the invite and conversation with Ryan on trail signing, I believe many of us will be having the same topic covered coming up soon. Once again if anyone in district 7 is having a meeting and would like me to join give me a shout. We could use some good snow around here to get the groomers and sleds fired up, even though we lack snow, (stay healthy) but try and spend some time at the businesses that support us if possible.

Until next time Trace




# DIRECTOR'S REPORTS


## District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7

District Two Director  
Mike Boock



Hello Snowmobilers!!  
I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. I unfortunately spent all the holidays in bed with the 'Rona. Ugh! That wasn't a lot of fun. Hopefully you all have a very healthy year. Enough of that! Where is the snow? We really need to start our snow dances. I'm think it would work best if we post them to social media and I nominate **Brian Erickson** to start us off. Haha! The Black Hills really need feet of snow not inches. The groomers won't even go out until we get at least 8 inches. They say it will do more damage to their equipment if they go out with less than that. I spoke to a few people that were out here riding during the holidays and they said it was good for a few days and then the traffic took its toll on the trails. There are a lot of rocks and gravel showing now. If you are planning a trip any time soon, I would definitely keep an eye on the SDGF&P online map. Once we get snow and the groomers go out again, it will be updated. If it's not updated, we haven't gotten any new snow and the groomers haven't gone out. Hopefully we get some good snow before the Snocross races in Deadwood at the end of the month! I would really like to see a lot of you out here having a good time.



**Duane Stanley**  
1h · 

Over the years I have come across some strange things left stuck on our snowmobile trails. Pickups, cars, mini vans and even a taxi cab but this has to be the strangest. Went around a road closure barricade and is now stuck on the snowmobile trail. Been there for at least 3 days. Someone is wondering where there package is.



Unfortunately, due to the lack of cold temps and thin ice, the Black Hills Snowmobile Club had to cancel their annual Radar Run at Deerfield Lake. 2020 seems to be rubbing off on 2021. Not cool!

I want to take this time to remind everyone that you are not allowed to drive vehicles, ATV's, UTV's or UPS trucks on the snowmobile trails. Also, if the sign says, "Stay on the Trail" it means you are on Private Property and these people have been gracious enough to allow us access through their property so you should stay on the trail. They don't want their entire property damaged. Maybe there's crops under the snow or something else that they don't want destroyed. You are representing your local club and our association every time you go out... especially when you are out of town. Please remember that and be respectful of other people's property. We have already had two trails closed this year due to people not following rules. One of the trails was a great shortcut into Deadwood. I have been told that the Snocop will be ticketing anyone breaking the rules. **You've been warned.**

If you have some extra cash laying around or you just love to gamble, the BHSC is having a gun raffle and the Mile High Snow Drifters have a vintage snowmobile raffle going. Get a hold of club members for more details. Well, that's all my COVID brain can think of right now so I guess I'll wrap it up. It really was great seeing everyone in December and I hope to see you again soon.

Oh yeah, the Governors ride is February 13th. Maybe I will see you then.  
Ride safe!

Mike Boock



# DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

## *District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7*

### **District Four Director Tracey Erickson**



As I think back on the 2020 Convention a lot of positive things came from being forced to do things differently due to a bad circumstance. I can truly say it was one of the better convention annual meetings I have attended. The best part is there was sharing of knowledge and experience among clubs of different things either they are experimenting with or presently doing. People from our club, the Town & Country Snowdrifters, commented that they greatly appreciated being able to watch the meetings via Zoom. They could follow along with the happenings of SDSA as they were occurring. This created better engagement of our membership at all levels.

Some of the things I personally took home and have shared within the club included the following:

- We have a new Forest Supervisor in the Black Hills, Jeff Tomak. As members we should take a moment to introduce ourselves when given the opportunity and thank the Forest Service and GF&P for the great trail system we get to enjoy in our state. Absolutely, one of the best trail systems in the nation!
- The Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association demonstrated to the meeting attendees first-hand how they were utilizing Google Maps to mark and track their trail. Yes, it may take a bit to set-up at first but in the long run it could be a very useful tool, especially when new volunteers are helping you mark the trail. I hope they will continue to share more as they hone this technological tool.
- Attendees saw a demonstration of how the Trailbusters Snowmobile Club have developed a new tool that enables them to push trail rebar into the hard ground a lot easier.
- We learned that Ryan Raynor is going to be working with Kim Raap to develop a new trail signing guide, something that is much needed. Now that we are more adapted to using technology, maybe a state-wide Zoom training could be conducted simultaneously to get everyone on the same page at once?
- It was also shared that two clubs the Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club and the Town and Country Snowdrifters are both trying out different packers behind the groomers to determine if one is better than the other to groom trails in eastern South Dakota. The Dakota Drifters are utilizing a packer with tires, similar to packers in road construction and the Town & Country Snowdrifters are using a packer that is a curved piece of poly that puts downward pressure on the snow as you pull it behind the groomer. More to come on which one works better.

Being in agriculture my whole life and married to a farmer, trial and error along with implementation of technology is what has continued to move things forward to feed a growing population more efficiently. Snowmobiling is no different. However, it is also good to learn from our mistakes and we need to keep taking two steps forward and continue to change and evolve.

Speaking of the past, New Years Eve Day, my hubby and I took a road trip over to Minnesota to purchase an old 440 Arctic Cat Cheetah. This was a sled that my husband first started to learn to ride on. That is until he learned one of those valuable lessons... you should not tie the throttle open as you try to start it, unless you are a fast runner in deep snow. It will now get cleaned up and sit on a shelf someday with its mate the 340 Arctic Cat Cheetah with a subtle, subliminal reminder of things to do and not to do. I do have to laugh a bit though, there seems to be a problem with runaway sleds and my husband. But that is a story for another day.

Until we can meet on the trail soon, stay safe and stay involved,

Tracey Erickson, District 4 Representative.

# DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

## *District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7*

### **District Three Director Kelly Weaver**



I am hoping you all had a joyful Christmas season. We did not see much of our extended family in person but did have fun playing a little game on Zoom to see who was the "Queen of Christmas" in the family. My niece beat me out in a tie breaker!

It's that time of the year when we are reviewing the calendar and mapping out our snowmobile trips for the season. Of course, the Governor's Ride is always a given in our household. Then there is one or two more trips to the Hills or sometimes the Big Horns. We always hope for some local riding after all the effort to put in the trail. Last year we had success with that but this year is not looking quite as promising. In fact, in many areas of the snowbelt more snow would be welcomed across the board. But, it is only early January so there is a lot of winter to come.

Speaking of the Governor's Ride, this year's date is Saturday, February 13 which is an early date relative to other years so make sure you book your rooms for the right week-end! Special rooms rates are available at the host hotel, the Spearfish Holiday Inn. This will also be the location of the Advisory Council and SDSA Board meetings on Friday, starting at 6 pm. Final routes and plans for the Governor's Ride will be discussed then. As we continue to deal with the realities of COVID-19, plans are always subject to change so keep an eye on the SDSA website and facebook page for any updates.

We did get just enough snow in Aberdeen to take the snowmobiles on a spin around the yard with our grandkids. Our granddaughter, who will be 5 by winter's end, loves to ride and is happily sporting her helmet just like her dad. We purchased that helmet for her at the auction during the 2019 SDSA Convention. Our just 2 year old grandson needs a little more convincing as this was his first exposure to the sleds and gear. As all snowmobiling grandparents can relate, my heart was full. (see Kelly's photos on the front page)

Till next time,

Kelly Weaver SDSA District 3

### **District Five Director Pat Hanten -Duerr**



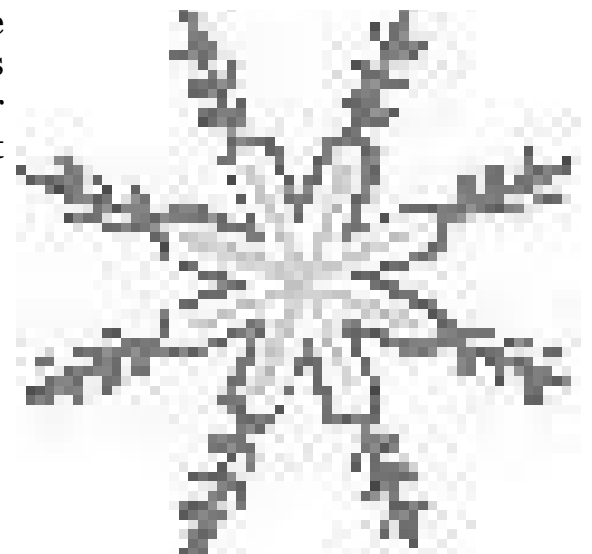
### **LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!**

Greetings Fellow Snowmobilers

The LET IT SNOW... has not been productive on the east side of the state. The Sioux Falls area has had very little rideable snow this season. The Groomers are anxious to start grooming on a regular basis. Yes, the snowmobilers are ready to ride!!

In December we visited club meetings of some of the fellow clubs in District 5, the James Valley Drift Skippers in Mitchell, and the Dakota Ditch Rippers in Parkston. It is always great to listen to each clubs' ideas and snowmobiling experiences. As your District 5 Director, please reach out to me with any ideas, concerns or conversations that need to be heard to help better snowmobiling and SDSA.

Pat Hanten Duerr





# Mary Anne's moment

## Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary-Editor

It's been rather chaotic at the office and, as we all know, the world in general, too.

First of all, we have heard that there's been confusion about whether fans are allowed at Sno Cross in Deadwood this year. And the answer is

# YES! DEAD- WOOD WANTS FANS IN THE STANDS!



So, if you're planning to go, preorder your tickets so that you get your SDSA discount.... (see the back page).

Once I've finished this issue of our Sno Plainsman, I'll start to work on Governor's Ride and extending the invitations to the VIPS.

Pray for Snow!!!

Photo is of the signing tool demonstration (thanks Diane Hiles for the photo)

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GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school \_\_\_\_\_

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College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

**A. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:**

**B. Community Activities/Dates Participated/Hours committed/ Leadership/ Positions held:**

**C. Awards:**

**D. Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment**

**E. Extra curricular activities/Years participated/Leadership positions**

# SDSA Pre-Convention Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting

### December 4, 2020

Rapid City SD  
Meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Greg Nordstrom.  
Roll call showed the following present: Greg Nordstrom, Jon LaFramboise, Mike Book, Kelly Weaver (by zoom), Duane Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Kirsten VanDenHemel (by zoom), Diane Hiles and Mary Anne Grabow.  
Guests included: Pat Hanten Duerr, Fred Nordstrom, Tracey & Brian Erickson, Gary Ulmer, Greg Hiles , Tony from Wyoming (via zoom) and Marty Grabow.  
The agenda was reviewed and ISC 2021 and High Marker Reception were added as old business. Jon made a motion to approve the agenda. Duane seconded the motion and the motion carried.  
Duane made a motion to approve the minutes. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Diane gave the financial reports. Jon made a motion to file the report for review. Duane seconded the motion and motion carried.  
Fundraiser: 142 tickets are needing to be turned in. 76 are sold so we're looking at 70 some that we need to follow up on. Looking much better than our normal! 50th anniversary coasters are still available as are the stemless wineglasses from high mark.  
Convention: Kelly thanked Mike & his team for all the work on convention. Things are ever changing but we are doing our best to keep everyone informed of changes. Friday night auction and it will not be available on zoom.  
Membership & website Jason reported numbers for the year end. Based on Dues Money Deposited as of 06-30-2020  
CLUB MEMBERSHIP 616, SDSA ONLY MEMBERSHIP 123, LEGACY MEMBERSHIP 22 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 761  
  
ASSOCIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP72,ASSOCIATE SDSA MEMBERSHIP 21TOTAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP 93  
2020-2021 SDSA MEMBERSHIP  
Based on Dues Money Deposited as of 11-30-2020  
NOT Reconciled with Mary Anne's numbers

	11.30.20	Compared to 11.30.19
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	310	401
SDSA Only	82	83
Legacy Members	26	22
Total	418	506
Associate Club Members	40	42
SDSA Associate Members	19	6
Total Associate Members	59	48

Awards, By laws & right to ride: No report.  
Safety: SF Sno Trackers are hosting a safety training this coming weekend. Expecting 15 to participate.  
Charity: Diane reported Of the clubs that reported, we totaled \$1,675.00 in donations to Major Charities, such as ACSA and Friends of Snowmobiling. We totaled \$15,462.00 to Local Charities such as SDSA, SDSU Veterans Ride, Governor's Ride, Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers, Sno Cross,Jakob Hohm Off Road Adventures, YETIS, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, NSU, Optimist Club,Salvation Army, Avalanche Classes, Local Scholarships, various local benefits, Parade of Lights,Fire Departments, Radar Runs,m Step Outside Youth Program, Safety Courses, Storybook Island, Stop the Bleed Program, Membership Drives, Modern Woodmen of American,Brookings Back Pack, Hobo Day Parade, Cancer Walks, City Street Dances and Fun Runs – to name just a few. We totaled 11,083 volunteer hours. Town and Country donated \$5,380.00 with Dakota Drifters next at \$3,125. The highest volunteer hours were reported by Dakota Drifters with 3,054 with Town and Country Snowdrifters next at 2,332 hours.  
  
Scholarship: No report

YETIS: 6:30 MT meeting this evening. Kirsten asked for clarification on YETIS voting members. The YETIS board member doesn't have voting rights however, the club has the right to vote at the convention just like any other club! continued on page 20



# On The Trails

*Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist*



Well this hasn't been the beginning of a snowmobile season that we all had hoped for. I'll get into more of that later but want to say Happy New Years to everyone. During this pandemic the holidays have meant something a little extra and I was fortunate to be with family, in a safe manner. I hope everyone reading this was too.

Unfortunately snow conditions haven't been very favorable so far for the 2020-2021 snowmobile season. While the hills have received a couple different snow events, a couple grooming shifts have gone out, but snow conditions are below average at the time I wrote this article. We hope these conditions will change in the near future, and a little birdy just told me February is supposed to bring above average snowfall! As far as east river goes, conditions are similar, and in some instances worse. We've had a few clubs able to go out and groom, but snow conditions can change multiple times in the same mile on those systems so we are hopeful trail conditions will see some more snow soon out east as well.

With that being said, Shannon and I are still busy working on other projects related to the snowmobile program. I'm currently working on improvements to our trail signing guidelines and surplussing old equipment that just sits around. The money generated from the surplus of snowmobile related equipment goes back into the Snowmobile Program too. Shannon, and his crew working out the kinks on equipment after sitting for months at a time, cutting firewood, along with many other administrative tasks he has. All in all, while we wait for more snow, Game Fish and Parks staff continue to work with the snowmobile program day in and day out.

On another disappointing note, due to South Dakota State University policies, we had to cancel the 3rd annual SDSU Veteran's Snowmobile Ride due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was found out after our December 4th Advisory Council meeting where staff from the Veteran's Affairs office felt confident, the event would go on. While talking to Connie Johnson, I confirmed our commitment to this event in the future and promised her, this year's cancellation will not impact future events and that SDSA, GFP and the Advisory Council are committed to providing this opportunity for our current service men and women and our Veteran's.

Well, as I look back this report was pretty Debbie downer. One thing I've learned about snowmobilers, is even at low snow conditions times like these, you keep your heads up and know better snow conditions are ahead of us. I think that mentality is so important after 2020, and what we are still going through.

Happy New Years from everyone here at Game, Fish and Parks!

SDSA extended the deadline for bidding to host the 2022 convention.If your club is interested, have your bids into the office by Feb. 1st!

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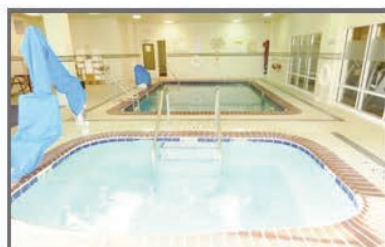
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# From the Treasurer

## Diane Hiles



For the Charity Report submitted in April 2020 for the reporting period of April 2019 to March 2020, we had 16 clubs reporting, including SDSA. This is up from 13 last year and from 12 and 8 the two previous years before that. (we are gaining!) These numbers include SDSA as a club as well to capture the scholarships we give out, our donations to ACSA and the volunteer time of the Board of Directors for the various functions and projects that we undertake throughout the reporting year.

Of the clubs that reported, we totaled \$1,675.00 in donations to Major Charities, such as ACSA and Friends of Snowmobiling. We totaled \$15,462.00 to Local Charities such as SDSA, SDSU Veterans Ride, Governor’s Ride, Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers, Sno Cross, Jakob Hohm Off Road Adventures, YETIS, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, NSU, Optimist Club, Salvation Army, Avalanche Classes, Local Scholarships, various local benefits, Parade of Lights, Fire Departments, Radar Runs, Step Outside Youth Program, Safety Courses, Storybook Island, Stop the Bleed Program, Membership Drives, Modern Woodmen of American, Brookings Back Pack, Hobo Day Parade, Cancer Walks, City Street Dances and Fun Runs - to name just a few. We totaled 11,083 Volunteer Hours. Town and Country donated \$5,380.00 with Dakota Drifters next at \$3,125. The highest volunteer hours were reported by Dakota Drifters with 3,054 with Town and Country Snowdrifters next at 2,332 hours.

CHARITY REPORTING - April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020						
SDSA and South Dakota Snowmobile Clubs						
	Club		Donations to Major Charities	Donations to Local Charities	Total Amount Donated	Volunteer Hours
1	SDSA		\$ 150.00	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,210.00	1,630
2	Aberdeen Driftbusters	Aberdeen		\$ 3,315.00	\$ 3,315.00	331
3	Black Hills Snowmobile Club	Rapid City	\$ 400.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,120.00	480
4	Dakota Drifters	Brookings	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,125.00	3,054
5	Dakota Trailblazers	Gary		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	1,197
6 *	Day County	Webster		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
7 *	Great Plains Snowtrailers	Huron		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
8 *	Hand County Sno Goers	Miller		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
9 *	James Valley Driftskippers	Mitchell		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
10 *	Jim Valley	Redfield		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
11	Northeast Trailblazers	Sisseton		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	40
12	Poinsett Pounders	Hayti		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	660
13	Sioux Falls Sno Trackers	Sioux Falls		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	441
14	Town & Country Snowdrifters	De Smet	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,280.00	\$ 5,380.00	2,332
15	Trailbusters	Beresford				175
16	Whetstone Valley	Milbank		\$ 697.00	\$ 697.00	743
			\$ 1,675.00	\$15,462.00	\$17,137.00	11,083

Our information was submitted to the International Snowmobile Council Charity Committee and they in turned captured reports from across the Snow Belt States and Canada. 6 Canadian Providences and 10 US States reported. Total Major and Local Contributions reached \$464,262 with 221,052 volunteer hours. With these figures, SD ranked 5th highest in total charitable dollars, 4th highest in volunteer hours and 5th highest in number of clubs reporting. Kudos to all of you!! continued on next page

The next Charity Report will be due by April 1, 2021, covering the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 and will encompass the total amount donated to:

- Major/National Charities, such as March of Dimes, Make a Wish and ACSA. I specifically mention ACSA since SD has had several contributions over the years to the ACSA Legal Defense Fund. If any of your club's members or your club has been a donation to ACSA in this report year, be sure to capture that.
- Local Charities, such as the Brookings Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, SDSU Veteran's Ride, local food pantries, local cancer groups, SDSA auction items, YETIS auction items, SDSA Convention and Governor's Ride Sponsorships.
- Total number of Volunteer Hours, such as time spent establishing and maintaining your local trail system, collecting toys for tots, working on your club's parade (homecoming, lighted Christmas, annual community celebrations) entries, vintage rides, helping a club member when they are in need, preparing for the club's participation at convention such as judging nominations, helping at Sno-Cross, scholarship judging.

Charity work should be captured whether it is a club effort or individuals working on behalf of the club. If you have any questions on what should be included, please do not hesitate to ask. And if you are an SDSA Only member and you have some volunteer hours or made charitable contributions, please report that to either Mary Anne at the office or email me directly at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.

Note to SDSA Officers and Board of Directors: For the SDSA Report, we want to include your time spent on SDSA Leadership activities and events you attend on behalf of SDSA. This would include time traveled to board meetings, club meetings, dealer open houses, etc.

A fillable form for the Charity Report can be found on the website under "Forms". Once this form is completed, you are asked to please email it both to Tracey Erickson at terickson1213@gmail.com and Diane Hiles at dj.hiles@hotmail.com. A reminder of the reporting requirements will be sent out to the club presidents as the April 1, 2021 deadline gets closer.

You may wonder why is it important to capture this information? Snowmobilers are a very generous group of people. We want to make that generosity well known. Our charity projects are included in our fact sheets when we visit our legislators at the DC Fly-in. And we should be tooting our own horn for the many projects and time and dollars we put towards a positive impact on snowmobiling. In charitable and snowmobiling spirit keep doing all of the good that you, as snowmobilers do, and be sure to track all of what you do.

Keep that push on to collect dues renewals and getting new members signed up, including associate memberships! Once collected, get them sent into Mary Anne to process. If there are any questions that I can answer for you, please do not hesitate to ask. I would be happy to explain what needs to be explained. Feel free to call my cell 605-203-0059 or email me at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.

Diane  
SDSA Treasurer

## Post Convention meeting December 5 , 2020 1:30 p.m. Rapid City SD

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Greg Nordstrom, President; President-Elect Duane Duerr, Past President Jon LaFramboise, Mike Boock, Kelly Weaver (via zoom), Tracey Erickson, Pat Hanten Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Kirsten VanDenHemel (via zoom), Diane Hiles, Mary Anne Grabow.

Greg appointed Tracey Erickson and Pat Hanten Duerr to a special committee for High Marker Reception. Jon made a motion to approve that committee. Duane seconded. Motion carried. (refer to list below for new committees on page 17)

Mary Anne will send out the information to the new board members. She needs photos at banquet of the new directors. Dug shared an online safety course idea that the YETIS have been working on that would involve YETIS, GFP, SDSA, Governor Advisory cooperation. He had a power point to present.

YETIS will vote for their new officers at their February meeting since a quorum wasn't present for the meeting held at convention.

V & V Insurance. Policies end May 1 and replacement policies are being worked on.

Trace talked about an APP for SDSA. He then was added to the website committee! An App could eliminate the website and website expense among other benefits.

Tracey made the motion to adjourn at 2:24.

# S.D.S.A. Legacy Members



1. **Donald R. Larson** - Milbank, SD -  
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile  
Association 11/2013



2. **Jack Colwell**- DeSmet, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



3. **LeRoy Erickson** - Ramona, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



4. **Duane Hojer** - Oldham, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



5. **Thomas C. Keimig** - Gary, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers - 1/2015



6. **Todd Wilkinson** - DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters -11/2015



7. **Greg Hiles** - DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 11/2015



8. **Russell Johnson** - Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters - 12/2015



9. **Lisa Johnson** - Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters - 12/2015



10. **Mick Hehn** - Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



11. **Neal Boeke** - Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



12. **Courtney Livingston**- Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club - 01/2016



13. **Neal Grabow** - Silver City, IA  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 3/2016



14. **Jakob Hohm**- Willow Lake, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 3/2017



15. **Brian Erickson** Arlington, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 11/2017



16. **Jay Hojer** Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 1/2018



17. **Steve Wess**, Watertown,SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 3/2018



18. **Jay Schilling** Rapid City,SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile Club 3/2018



19. **Rich Nelson** Miller,SD  
SDSA member 3/2018



20. **Marty Grabow** Gary,SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018



21. **Mary Anne Grabow** Gary,SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018

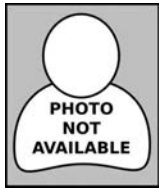


22. **Dan Boone**, Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 12/2018

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# S.D.S.A. Legacy Members



23. **Carey Holt**- Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers- 03/2019



24. **Dean Austad**- Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 09/2019



25. **Bob Wuertz** Aberdeen, SD  
Aberdeen Driftbusters 12/2019



26. **Hazel Seloover** Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 12/2019



27. **Virginia Hojer** Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 02/2020



28. **Randy Knadle** Desmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 10/2020



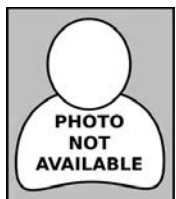
29. **Myrna Knadle**, DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 10/2020



30. **Preston Fischer** Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association  
10//2020



31. **Scott Erstad Badger**, SD  
Poinsett Pounders 12/2020



32. **Judy Nelson Sisseton**, SD  
North East Trailblazers 1/2021



33. **Dennis Nelson Sisseton**, SD  
North East Trailblazers 1/2021

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## Committees 2020-2021

### Government Relations

1. Greg Nordstrom
2. Jon LaFramboise
3. Diane Hiles

### Scholarship

1. Kelly Weaver
2. Duane Duerr
3. Trace Damm

### By Laws & Right to Ride

1. Greg Nordstrom
2. Jon LaFramboise

### Safety

1. Duane Duerr
2. Jason Shepherd

### Grants

1. Tracey Erickson
2. Diane Hiles

### Snocross

1. Jon LaFramboise
2. Greg Nordstrom
3. Mike Boock

### Membership/Website

1. Mike Boock
2. Mary Anne Grabow
3. Jason Shepherd
4. Trace Damm

### Awards

1. Jon LaFramboise
2. Kelly Weaver
3. Tracey Erickson

### Convention

1. Kelly Weaver
2. Trace Damm
3. Pat Hanten-Duerr

### Fundraiser/Raffle

1. Mike Boock
2. Trace Damm
3. Pat Hanten-Duerr

### Governors Ride

1. Mike Boock
2. Jon LaFramboise
3. Greg Nordstrom

### Charities

1. Diane Hiles

### Investments

1. Greg Nordstrom
2. Jon LaFramboise

### Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

1. SDSA President
2. Marie Kurtenbach
3. Scott Erstad
4. Todd Sprang
5. Mike Boock

### Nominating committee

1. All SDSA club Presidents
2. Hall of fame members
3. Board of directors

### Yetis Advisors

1. Kelly Weaver
2. Audrey Rider
3. Doug Weelborg

### Special Committee for Hi-Marker

1. Tracey Erickson
2. Pat Hanten-Duerr

### Legacy Membership \$500

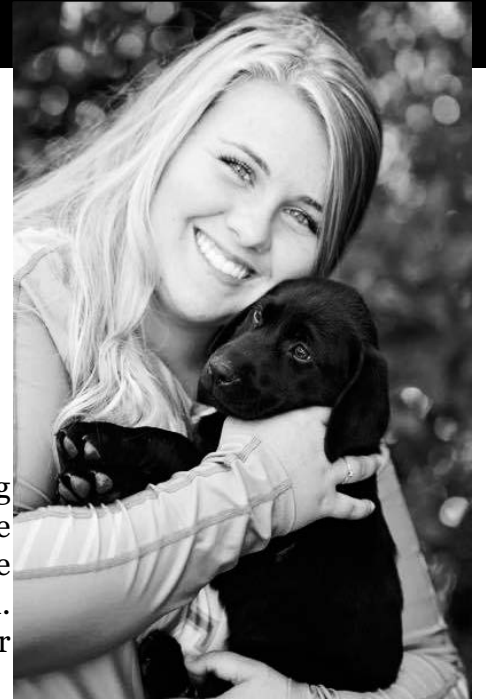
- (1) Any individual active member is eligible for legacy membership, who has an interest in snowmobiling and is willing to pay current legacy membership dues. Dues must be paid prior to granting a legacy membership. A legacy member maintains the same privileges as an active member.
- (2) To honor the dedicated interest in snowmobiling and in club activities, a snowmobile club in good standing with SDSA, may sponsor an individual club member for a Legacy Membership by making an application and paying, on behalf of the individual, the current legacy membership dues

# YETIS

*From the YETIS President  
TAYLOR WHEELBORG*

## YETIS Pass Snowmobile Safety Course Onto SDSA and GAC

The YETIS held a short zoom meeting on Sunday, December 10th, 2020 to discuss and vote on passing a online snowmobile safety course. There was a presentation performed to educate what this online safety course looks like and how it would benefit the snowmobile community of South Dakota. The YETIS took a vote to pass this idea onto the board of SDSA and also the Governor's Advisory Council. The YETIS mission is to get this project passed by both the boards and create a website state wide for anyone to register and become certified in snowmobile safety.



Taylor Wheelborg



Photos above are of the YETIS during their meeting.

Photo to the right is a game of heads or tails during convention. Proceeds went to the ACSA legal fund.



# ISMA UPDATE

Ed Klim, President



HASLETT, MI, December 10, 2020: The Go Snowmobiling/Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign has been supported by the snowmobile community over the years. Snowmobile Clubs and Associations across North America have taken Military Personnel snowmobiling, coordinated Enlightenment rides with land managers, and often just have fun organizing snowmobile rides with friends and family. The trails and riding areas in many parts of North America are amazing and offer great opportunities to take friends snowmobiling.

The Take a Friend Snowmobiling rides highlight the “wow-factor” and the pure enjoyment that people have when they first ride a snowmobile. First-time snowmobilers can’t quit talking about how much fun the ride was. When you take a friend snowmobiling, remember this may very well be their first time on a snowmobile. Chances are that your normal ride would seem like a marathon to an uninitiated friend. Let your friend enjoy that first day of snowmobiling. Again, enjoy the ride, make it relatively short, make it simple, and remember that it is always a good idea to feed your guests.

The Go Snowmobiling/Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign is also joined with the Safe Riders! Campaign. We have a 13 chapter Safe Riders video series that can be found on our website at: <http://www.snowmobile.org/snowmobile-videos.html>. The chapters are a great tool when introducing a friend to snowmobiling and will help make the ride more enjoyable for everyone.

You should also visit and “Like” our Facebook page before participating in a Go Snowmobiling campaign. Our Facebook page is [www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling](http://www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling). When looking at the page you will notice that many snowmobilers are posting pictures and their experiences on the page. We have thousands of Friends who visit regularly and it is common for snowmobilers to send out informative posts that are forwarded to hundreds and thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts worldwide. There is a short general survey on our Facebook page, so when you visit the page, consider answering a few simple survey questions. We are constantly surveying snowmobile customers to see how we can better serve you and how we can help you enjoy your snowmobiling activity.

When you consider putting together a Take a Friend Snowmobiling ride, just remember that individuals who don’t own a snowmobile have a high interest in going snowmobiling. People that you know, who don’t snowmobile, want to snowmobile. They also want to go snowmobiling for the same reasons you do:

- a. To enjoy the scenery
- b. To get outdoors to have fun with family and friends
- c. To go to unique places that they can’t reach any other way to see amazing sights
- d. To have fun in the winter outdoors and be able to go home tired and be ready for a good night’s sleep.

So please, go out and have fun, take a friend snowmobiling, and enjoy this wonderful winter. The link to the “Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign Action Manual” is: <http://www.snowmobile.org/docs/2021-take-a-friend-snowmobiling.pdf> Please review it and share it with others.

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Continued from page 10. Pre-convention minutes.  
Governor's Ride: Spearfish Convention Center \$79.99 for a regular room. Suites 109. Pool side are extra \$30.

Sno Cross: January 29 & 30. We will have a tent like usual. Need volunteers to work! If you work, you can get a pass to get in.

ISC 2021: Diane asked for clarification on doing a sponsorship. Jon made a motion to do the welcome package for \$500. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hi Marker Reception: The committee cancelled the reception this year due to covid (close proximity) and attendance. Donations will still be accepted. Tracey asked that this be added to the SOPS so that there is board guidance in the future. More discussion at post convention meeting.

#### Proposed SOP Updates

##### 1. TO CLEAN UP OUR TEEN AWARD CRITERIA TO FULLY MATCH ACSA:

###### SOP Page 27

###### Teen Snowmobiler of the Year:

1. Active member of an affiliated club or sponsored by member of said club.
  2. Nominee must be 12 years old and no older than a senior in high school as of November 1, current year. to 18 years old by April 1 of the following year. (This would correspond exactly to ACSA's Youth Snowmobiler of the Year.)
  3. Active snowmobiler who encourages and practices safe and responsible snowmobiling.
  4. Participated in safety course – where applicable.
- Kelly made a motion to change the SOPS to what is listed above. Second was made by Duane Duerr. Discussion was held and the hand vote recorded 3 ayes, 2 nays and one abstain. Motion carried.

##### 2. TO CLARIFY AVAILABILITY OF REMOTE INTERVIEW:

###### SOP Page 29

###### Selection Process

The SDSA office sends out the Snowmobile of the Year nomination form along with a letter from the President on September 1st of each year. Clubs may nominate one person/family for each category. A nomination form for each person/family must be submitted to the SDSA office by November 1st of each year. As applications are received in the office they are sorted by category and three copies are made. An interview schedule is completed, and contestants are notified of their respective interview times to take place on Saturday of the convention. Personal attendance is highly encouraged. In the event a candidate is unable to interview on site, they may contact the SDSA office and request a remote option (phone, video, etc.). The decision to allow, and make accommodations for, a remote interview will be made in conjunction with host club. Three judges will make up the judging panel and the number of panels needed will be determined based upon the number of

applications received. Judges are arranged by the Awards Committee working with the Executive Secretary and Host Club. Judges should be familiar with the Awards Program and have good communication skills to interact and interview the applicant(s). Copies of completed applications are provided to the judging panel in advance of the annual convention. The Awards Chairperson or his/her representative will oversee the interview process and see that all interviews are completed within the time allotted. Door monitors may be utilized to ensure the judging panel stays within the allotted interview schedule. A listing of the interview schedule will be posted outside the room where judging will take place and at other appropriate locations. Following the completion of the interview process, judges will determine the winners of each category and provide their scoring and selection to the Award Chairperson or his/her representative. Plaques, signed by the SDSA President, will be awarded to the winners at the banquet. Clothing size and name information will be obtained from the winners and will be presented at a later date.

Trace made the motion to approve the above change to the SOPS. Jon seconded the motion. Discussion revealed that unusual circumstances only but leave it up to judges to decide on the circumstances. Motion carried.

2022 Convention: No bids were received. Jon made a motion to extend bid application to February 1 so that we can review bids at Governor's Ride meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District 1 – Discussion point of changing the districts across the state. Is there a need for a district 1 director? Sturgis is the only club in District 1. This was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding a donation received from the Sno Trackers for \$300 toward the auction. That will be split 65/35 just as if it was raised at the auction.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jon at 2:31 p.m.

\*\*These minutes have not been approved by the board. That will be done at the next BOD meeting.



# Minutes of the 51st Annual Convention of the SDSA

## December 5, 2020

### Rapid City, SD

### Hosted by the Black Hills Snowmobile Club

President Greg Nordstrom declared the 51st Annual meeting to be in session at 9:02 a.m.

President Nordstrom appointed Sheridan LaFramboise and Lisa Watkins as tellers and registrars

Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary established a roll call of 49 club delegates and 6 directors for a total of 55 ballots that could be cast.

In attendance were: Black Hills Snowmobile Club, Dakota Drifters 1 by zoom, Dakota Trailblazers, Ditch Rippers, Driftbusters 2 in person and 3 by zoom, Hand County by zoom, Driftskippers, Mile High, Poinsett Pounders, Sturgis Sno Drifters, Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 2 by zoom, Town & Country, Trailbusters, Watertown Snowmobile Club, Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association and the YETIS. Greg Nordstrom, Jon LaFramboise, Mike Boock, Kelly Weaver by zoom, Duane Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Kirsten VanDenHemel by zoom, Diane Hiles and Mary Anne Grabow.

Financial report: Diane reviewed the financial reports. Town & Country made a motion to approve the financial reports and file them for review. Aberdeen Driftbusters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President's Report: Greg thanked the BHSC for hosting the convention and thanked the hotel for their service. He also encouraged people to run for the elections so that our board positions can be filled.

Sno Plainsman: MSPN did last year's sales. They have stepped away this year. Duane Duerr & Mary Anne have worked together to sell advertising and increase the base of ads.

YETIS: Kirsten reported that they plan to attend ISC in Nebraska. Their elections have been postponed until February.

Government Relations: No report. The change in legislation could cause changes that we don't care for.

Safety: If you need to order books for a class get in touch with Ryan Raynor. Sioux Falls club will have a class next weekend.

15 are planning to attend. On line there is a safe riders course to take quizzes.

Membership & Website: 616 club, 123 SDSA only, 22 legacy for a total of 761. Associates last year were 93 total. Not a lot of activity on the website until snow season begins!

Fundraiser: 35 tickets are not turned in yet. 20 are accounted for but the 15 are available. The results are WAY better than a normal year! THANK YOU!

Charity: 16 clubs reported including SDSA. We are getting better at doing the reporting! We reported \$1675 to major charities, \$15,462 to local charities, and 11,083 volunteer hours. Town & Country and Dakota Drifters were at the top of the pack for their efforts.

International Snowmobile numbers totaled were \$464,262 with 221,252 volunteer hours. SD ranked 5th in clubs reporting!

BYLAWS/RIGHT TO RIDE: Jon gave a short report but focused on whether we should re-district which clubs are in which district. That would take a bylaw change.

Convention: The Convention Committee includes Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock and Trace Damm. I would like to thank Mike and the Black Hills Snowmobile Club for their flexibility and extra efforts to provide safe accommodations for attendees, on top of the usual hard work a convention requires. We have worked

together to provide meetings on a virtual platform for remote attendees as well as interviews for Snowmobiler of the Year candidates. Following convention, we will provide the host club with the Convention Report which was created last year to collect data for use in future convention planning. Thank you all of you who have attended, donated auction items, made cash contributions or even donated your registration fees.

The 2021 Convention will be hosted by the Trailbusters in Mitchell and we will hear from them later in the meeting. We have not received any bids for the 2022 Convention at this point. The board has agreed to extend the deadline to February 1st and review bids at the Governor's Ride meeting on February 12th.

Scholarship: Scholarship Committee includes Kelly Weaver, Trace Damm and Duane Duerr. Each year, SDSA awards two \$500 scholarships to SDSA members who are high school seniors or students enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Mary Anne puts together the application packets and the committee members receive blind applications and rate each of them independently. This year's winners were Kirsten VanDenHemel from the Trailbusters Snowmobile Club and Jarret Brown from the Town and Country Snowdrifters. While we were not able to present awards at the schools, we tried to highlight our winners in other ways online.

The deadline for the 2021 scholarship applications is February 25th. The application form and requirements can be found on the SDSA website under the Forms menu. Please be reminded that members already in postsecondary education are still eligible, not just high school seniors. Thank you to all who have purchased Everyone One Wins tickets since \$1,000 of those proceeds will fund future scholarships. We look forward to a pool of great applications!

20 minute break was taken at 10 a.m.

Trails Report:

FY 20 budget recap Registered sleds 11, 623 = \$406,805

Total Revenue \$832,104

Total expenses \$870,038

Negative \$37,934

FY21 Budget Review

Trails fund balance July 1, 2020 \$729,118

Last years was \$767,053

Projected revenue \$845,415 – Registered sleds 10,869 = 380,415

Projected expenses \$1,386,351

Projected balance \$188,182

FY22 Budget proposed

Projected revenue \$855,000

Projected expenses \$1,386,551

Projected Fund balance -Negative \$343,169

Program Update

Veteran's Ride update, New Map Distribution, Adaptor for Rotary Drill - Trailbusters and Google Maps for signing your trail- Whetstone Valley.

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Advisory Council:

- New Black Hills National Forest Supervisor

Jeff Tomac was recently named the new BHNH Supervisor. Percy stated we really don't know to much about him, but he does have experience on this Forrest but has recently resided in Bismarck as the Supervisor of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

- Fat Tire Bike Update

Percy stated because of no active supervisor, no changes have been made to what trails Fat Tire Bikes are allowed on. Percy reminded the council that they are allowed on trail 1 and 3 at the very northern tip of the trail system, and as far South as Forest Service Road 222, which is maintained by Fat Tire Bikes.

ACSA report:

The Manufacturers cut ACSA's funding in half which in turn causes changes for ACSA too. ACSA is moving their office into Christine's home rather than operate a separate office. ACSA calendars are here to sell! DC Fly In will be held in April as long as Covid doesn't change the plan. ISC will be in Omaha this year. Poinsett Pounders donated \$250 to the ACSA legal defense fund.

Nominations: Trailbusters nominated Gary Ulmer for President. Black Hills Snowmobile Club seconded. Dakota Trailblazers nominated Greg Nordstrom. Sno Trackers seconded. Sno Trackers made a motion to vote by cell phone if you are on zoom. Votes are texted to Sheridan or to Lisa's phones. Town & Country seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Voting took place and we continued with the meeting as votes were tallied.

Grants: SDSA's main grant activity is with the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, also known as ISMA. ISMA's Grant process includes a written project description along with a proposed budget including all sources of support. Once the project has been completed a final report is required in order to receive the final advance.

This Final Report is to include a detailed recap of the project, including a final financial report as well as pictures of the project.

In November 2019, SDSA received a \$3000 Grant for the 2020 Governor's Ride. The application was submitted to offset the expenses of providing an adequate number of rental sleds as we were no longer able to count on the support and/or availability of demo sleds as we had in the past. We also requested that if the sled expense was not as high as expected, that grant funds may be shifted to the brunch and/or social expenses.

The final report was submitted in April 2020. With the availability of GF&P and Forest Service fleet sleds and RSVPs coming in less than previous years, additional sleds were not rented by SDSA. As they were more experienced riders, Jon and Sheridan Laframboise (SDSA Governor's Ride Chair) provided personal sleds for the Governor's daughters. As was written in our grant proposal, in the event the sled expense was not at the projected level, grant funds could be and were shifted to the brunch and/or social expenses. Since these expenses were sufficiently covered with the \$2,500 initial advance of the ISMA Grant fund and SDSA funds, the final \$500 advance was not requested. Thank you to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club for donating back their \$250 Host Compensation which allowed us to stay within the \$2500 initial advance of the Grant.

An acknowledgement of SDSA's efforts with the Governor's Ride and a thank you for saving on grant funds was received by Ed Klim, Executive Director of ISMA.

In November 2020 SDSA was awarded a \$3,000 ISMA Grant for the 2021 Governor's Ride. Notification of the award, along with the \$2500 initial advance was just received from ISMA. This grant application was submitted to offset the meal and beverage costs. If there are any other grant possibilities that you are aware of within your circle of business or other non-profit involvement, please make them known to us. We have been successful in receiving various ISMA Grants through the years, however, other sources would be welcomed.

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers: Funds are available. It's for hardships and is anonymous. Send the information to Mary Anne if you have someone who falls into the criteria.

Governor's Ride: Will be hosted at Spearfish Convention Center \$79.99 rooms.

Snocross: January 29 and 30th. We will have a booth there. If you'd like to participate, let Jon know!

Greg Hiles acknowledged how much work Diane does for SDSA. He asked for a round of applause for her. Diane is underpaid for the amount of work that she does for our organization. Kelly added that Mary Anne does a lot to prepare for convention as well and thanked both Diane & Mary Anne for all of their work. Greg Nordstrom added that Mike Boock & Kelly Weaver also worked hard at getting the zoom aspect set up for convention. Freda Nordstrom acknowledged how much she & Greg appreciated Jon's guidance as Greg has been President of SDSA. Jon was a huge help. continued page 38



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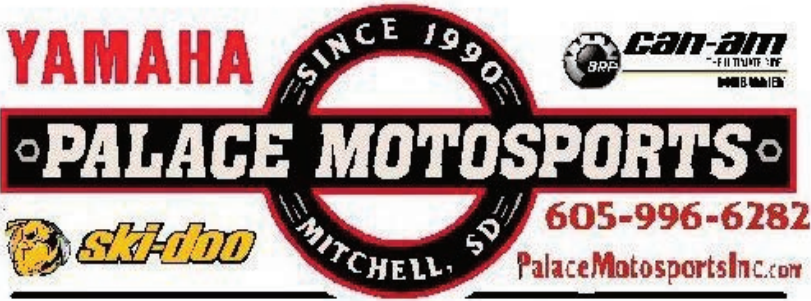
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# Great Plains Snowtrailers

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

As I write this article on the morning on Jan 6th it is raining!!! Can you believe rain in January?? It should be snowing!! We are really in need of snow in our part of the country to be able to ride our sleds.

We had our January club meeting last night with 10 members in attendance at Ryan’s Hanger. We had done a membership drive in October and November. We offered a \$10.00 discount on the club dues if joined by November 5th. We were able to secure 3 new members, which is very exciting.

Rod Schley, our trail coordinator gave an update on the trail. The trail is all in and ready for more snow. There has been some riding on the trails but probably not enough to groom the trail yet. We really could use some snow!!!

Due to the shortage of snow in the Black Hills, our annual club ride which is always the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend, (next weekend) has been be cancelled.

In closing, we decided to move our meetings up to the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 4 at the Red Hogg in Alpena at 6:30PM.

Brenda Jager  
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# Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

Happy New Year! It's been a slow season this year. We received enough snow for our groomer to groom the trail one time. The trail was well used after the grooming! But then it warmed up and now the snow is pretty much gone. Hopefully we can get some more snow soon so people can get out and use the trails. We have cancelled our Poker Run for 2021 due to COVID and people not wanting to gather in large groups. We will be back on track in 2022!

WVSA is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for local high school seniors. The student's family must be current members of WVSA. Applications are due by March 31st. See your high school guidance counselor for details on how to apply or contact a club member for information.

Steph Hansen, WVSA Secretary

## Sioux Falls SnoTrackers

We would like to offer our Condolences to the Family of **Leroy Anderson**. Leroy and Joyce were long time members of Sno Trackers. He will be greatly missed.

We are excited to have learned that SnoCross is coming to Sioux Falls Fairgrounds on February 19th and 20th. This will be a fan attended event. This should be a great event for promoting snowmobiling in the area.

I want to say thank you to the group that got the groomer serviced and ready to go for our trails. There help is greatly appreciated!! I also want to thank those that helped mark the trail and make the needed corrections!! To those that went out and got Memberships and Associate memberships for the club. Thanks to all of you!! Now all we need is snow to make it happen.

We had a Snowmobile Safety Class in Garretson in December with 10 young riders receiving safety certificates. Thanks to Johnny Houg for letting us use his shop for the class and Eastern Farmers Coop for providing the group with Pizza after the class. Looking forward to seeing all these riders on the trail.

We have a second safety class scheduled for Power Brokers on January 9th from 9am to noon for those that could not make the December class.

We have a club ride scheduled for the Hills on January 14th thru the 17th staying at Rec Springs but are waiting for more snow to make that happen. We have a club meeting on the 7th to make our final decision.

On January 21st we have a group going to Yellowstone. We are staying at Dubois and riding that area prior to going into Yellowstone. Should be a great ride.

SnoCross in Deadwood is January 29th and 30th. Great event for Snowmobilers. SDSA will have a tent there, anyone wishing to work the tent let me know.

On Saturday February 6th Hillside Resort has a Vintage show on Long Lake called the "Wrench Addicts Vintage Show" they have had some neat vintage sleds at this show in the past!!

On February 12th and 13th, the Governor's ride will host at Spearfish Holiday Inn and riding out of Hardy Camp. They offer a great ride for legislators to see the trails system as well as a breakfast on Saturday morning and Appetizers on Saturday evening.

That weekend also we have a group traveling to Iron River, Wisconsin to ride. I understand they have nearly a foot of snow there right now, should be a great right for those attending. If you have not seen the Wisconsin Trails and the great sites by Lake Superior this is a great trip to take.

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for February 4th, March 4th then April 1st at the Brandon Steak House at 7 pm. Social hour 6 pm to 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Trails,  
Club Reporter Duane Duerr

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# Aberdeen Driftbusters

Dear John,  
While sitting in the garage and being started every now and then is nice, nothing replaces a great ride on a sunny, cold, clear and blue-sky winter afternoon. It would at least be nice to go for a (hard call it pre-season anymore) ride, but we don't have any snow. What snow we do have has been slowly melting by all this fog and warm weather. Hopefully this changes soon!

We heard you talk about about getting the groomer out and going through it for its yearly check up. It sounds like this was definitely time well spent because you and some other people fixed some problems you all found and corrected them. There could have been major problems out while grooming the snowmobile trail!

Yes, I heard about the convention in Rapid City and what a great job the Blackhills Snowmobile Club did putting it on despite "Rona." Many people enjoyed the meetings via the Zoom presentations. I even heard that some of the people in our club were nominated and even won awards with the Zoom calls. Switchback told me the club was awarded the largest snowmobile club in the state! Hopefully next year, things will be back closer to normal, and people can attend like usual!

Since there is a serious lack of snow almost anywhere in the Midwest right now, maybe we should utilize this extra time to attend to more detailed maintenance items maybe not performed every year. Things like brake fluid, and anti-freeze/coolant are all things that snowmobiles need to have changed as time goes on and the miles pile up. Fan belts on air cooled engines should be inspected yearly. Check the wheel bearings on the trailer and replace or repack them with grease. That was just a couple things I have been thinking about during this unusual snow-less period. I will talk to Switchback and see what else we can come up with. I wish it would just snow somewhere and we wouldn't have to sit here dreaming about snow and thinking of things to do, but oh well! Keep doing the Heikki Lunta Snow- Dance and hopefully things will change soon!

Love,  
Kitty



# Watertown Snowmobile Club

Greetings from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! We recently met for our monthly meeting at Northshore on Tuesday January 5th. We discussed possibly doing ice drags near Northshore as it would be an excellent place for those who wanted to watch, get a bite to eat and warm up. No date has been set yet as we are waiting for ice conditions to be improve and be safe. A member of our club is battling cancer and has been out of work for some time so we decided instead of having our annual Christmas party we would prepare the potluck dishes we'd normally make for the party and take to their family and money spent on gifts and prizes would go to them in gift cards to assist with expenses. The club did make a trip to Henry and back last weekend. Some spots were pretty good others were bare. Groomer was out on New Years Eve now we wait for more snow! Several club members are making plans to attend the Governor's ride and also out to Colorado in February! Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 2nd at 7pm at Northshore.

Amy Sowers



# Dakota Drifters

Hello from the Dakota Drifters. We are all ready for the snow with our trails, groomer, sleds, and members. We are just missing more of the white stuff. We did have the groomer out a few times to build that base. Plans are also coming along to get our new trail packer built and hopefully utilize it yet this season.

We had a great time at our Dec. Meeting and Christmas party. After a short meeting we had food, fun, and door prizes. Thanks to the Lodge in Brookings for hosting us and providing the food. We held a beanbag tourney during our party, which was won by Ethan Ness and Josh Weisbeck. Some say they were unstoppable, congrats guys.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Dakota Drifters Charity Ride coming up on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2021. Our host and headquarters for this year will be Midway Camp, located on highway 14, just east of Volga, SD. The ride will start at 10:00am with 11 stops, and you can get your sheet and begin at any of the official stops on the trail this year. Midway Camp has plenty of trailer parking, a great place to warm up, and that's where we will be doing our drawing for cards at the end of the ride. 50% of the money raised will go to the top 3 winning hands. Please be back by 4:30pm to draw your hands. Food will be available, along with giveaways and prizes. We will award the Dathan Lamp Travelling Trophy to the youngest rider who participates in the 2021 ride. Dawson T. won it last year and he will be back to defend his title, so bring the kids!

This year the Charity Ride proceeds will benefit Sleep In Heavenly Peace. We would love to see all of you come out and join us for the Charity Ride, which will be held regardless of snow conditions.

We would also like to thank our Associate Members for their support this year and for helping out with our Charity Ride. Please support these local businesses! Trail maps will be available, our stops on the ride are:

The Lucky Dog (they will be offering a noon lunch special), ValleyMart Gas, ValleyMart Restaurant, and Midway Camp, all near Volga. Lemke's Bar (they will also have a noon lunch special), and Aurora Auto Body and Glass, both in Aurora.

Brookings Power Sports, (they will have snacks and drawings for door prizes) in Brookings. Corner Gas and Goodies and Lefty's Bar, both in White, SD. The Bushnell Garage in Bushnell, and Jay Street Pub in Bruce, SD.

Watch for the posters and join us on Feb 6th. We hope everyone has a better year in 2021, and bring on the snow!

Lynn, Dakota Drifters P.R.

(Photo credit: Darrin H. presents the 2020 big charity check to The Brookings Backpack program)



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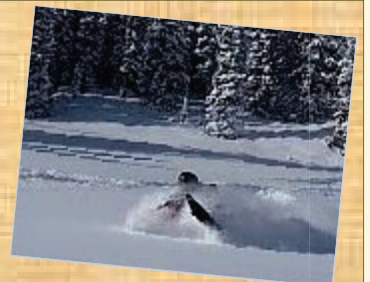
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# Town & Country Snowdrifters

Happy New Year from the Town and Country Snowdrifters!! I would like to say congratulations to Brian Erickson, Tracey Erickson and Jalen Hohm, they were awarded the Man, Woman and Teenager Snowmobiler of the year at the 2020 State convention. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication.

We have been having our meetings via zoom so far this year. When you get the email, click on the link and join the conversation. If you haven't mailed in your membership yet please get that done, your membership is important to us.

Everyone stay safe and I hope to see you on the trail.  
Jay

## TrailBusters

Our Christmas party was a huge success we had 19 under 18 so there wasn't a dull moment. The trailbusters are working on setting a date for a safety course in 2021. We are also preparing for our club ride in February, we are hoping and praying for snow to be able to have our annual ride.  
Trailbusters

## Poinsett Pounders

Hello from the Poinsett Pounders!  
Many club members are headed west to enjoy the snow the mountains have been receiving. We are hoping that SD gets adequate snow so we can enjoy our trail system. We plan to have a family day/poker run as snow allows.  
Have fun out there & stay safe!

## NorthEast Trailblazers

Hello from the Northeast Trailblazers. With 2020 in the books, we look forward to a much better year. Northeast Trailblazer's trail is in and we're singing "Let it snow, Let it snow!"  
Our club had our December Christmas meeting at Mikey's. We had a great meal and lots of laughs with many members attending.  
Northeast Trailblazers are planning the 16th annual Poker Run for January 30th. We start at Noon, following the trail through Sisseton, Claire City, New Effington, Rosholt and ending up at LTR on Lake Traverse. We'd love to see some new faces. If you don't have your sled ready your always welcome to drive around and participate. Follow us on Facebook for all the details.  
January meeting is January 14th at LTR @ 7:00.  
Stay warm and ride safe.



# Black Hills Snowmobile Club

**2020 Convention:** We reviewed Convention numbers and even though the attendance was down, everyone 'stepped up to the plate' and we were able to pay all our bills! Thanks to all the club members who donated money, supplies, auction items, and time & energy-you are awesome!! (Not to mention bidding on some hot auction items!!) Also, a big thank you to all the SDSA members who came to the convention and for those that could not come, yet they donated their registration fees to the convention!

**Storybook Island:** BHSC hosted at Storybook Island's "Christmas Night of Lights" on December 20, 2020. Thank you, John Carlton, for organizing that event! I checked back in 'Sally's Picture Albums' and discovered BHSC has been hosting this event December 1997 (23 years!) On that first year we had 1,676 visitors, raised \$1,200.00 (at \$1.00 per adult) for Storybook Island and 500 cans of food for the Food Bank! This year they had over 2,000 visitors and the price has gone up to \$3.00 per person so you can do the math!

**BHSC Gun Raffle:** We tabled the gun raffle end date until the February meeting to determine end of raffle at that time. {Tickets for a Benelli SBE III 12 Gauge, Semi-automatic Shotgun and a Christen Arms Ridgeline 6.5 Creedmore Bolt Action Rifle as first place winners and Scheels Gift cards for 2nd and 3rd place winners. We will pick winners (need not be present to win) later in the snowmobile season when all tickets are sold.}

**January 24, 2021 BHSC Radar Run at Deerfield Lake-CANCELLED:** Due to mild temperatures and only 5-8 inches of ice on Deerfield Lake (and NOT Covid), our annual Radar Run has been cancelled for the first time in 25years! Our first Radar run was on January 21, 1996, and we had 'No Clue' what we were doing!! In the last 24 years it has become a fine-tuned event that has always be a lot of fun for all who came! We will miss not seeing our faithful returning racers and meeting new racers every year!

**Weekly Club Rides in Black Hills: On Hold! Waiting for snow!**

**January 29-30, 2021 ISCO Amsoil Pro Snowcross Races at Deadwood:** The Snocross Races is still on the schedule with spectators allowed in SD, the only Covid Restrictions are by the City of Deadwood requesting masks at all times. So, if you are planning to go, get your tickets soon and you get a discount (online or by phone) if you use code SDSA2021. They will not honor this discount at the gate. If you would like to help man the SDSA booth, contact Jon LaFramboise at 605-209-0901.

**Governor's Ride February 13, 2021:** BHSC will be providing Breakfast for the Governor's Ride again this year, we will go over details at the February meeting.

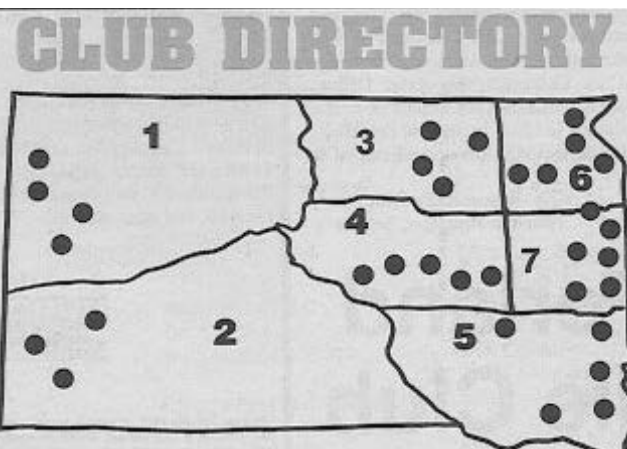
## Club Ride to Dubois, WY:

The Annual BHS Club Snowmobile Ride to Dubois, WY will be February 17-21, 2021 as in previous years, we usually stay in Dubois at Stagecoach Motor Inn, 1-800-455-5090, if you stay 3 nights, 4th night is Free. Some members stay up on the hill at Crooked Creek Guest Ranch at 1-888-238-2647. It is each individual club member's responsibility to make their own reservations. **If you plan to bring 'friends' on the ride, inform them that they need to join the club (\$35.00) as this is a club event covered by club insurance.**

**Next BHSC Meeting February 2, 2021 meeting at Pizza Ranch, southside.**

Sally Anne Rall, BHSC Secretary

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phone# 605-209-5474  
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bhsnowmobileclub@hotmail.com  
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Duane Stanley, President  
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continued The registrars asked if there was one more vote available for online. It was determined that Kirsten could vote for the YETIS and was unaware that she was a delegate. There are 2 McCoys, 2 Hansens, Lou from Sioux Falls, Kelly, Jim, Dwaine from Brookings, Val from Sioux Falls and Kirsten, Rema & Nathan. Groomer/Snowmobiler Awards: Awards will be announced this evening at banquet. The board voted on the following at yesterday's meeting.

1. TO CLEAN UP OUR TEEN AWARD CRITERIA TO FULLY MATCH ACSA: SOP Page 27

Teen Snowmobiler of the Year:

1. Active member of an affiliated club or sponsored by member of said club.
2. Nominee must be 12 years old and no older than a senior in high school as of November 1, current year. to 18 years old by April 1 of the following year. (This would correspond exactly to ACSA's Youth Snowmobiler of the Year.)
3. Active snowmobiler who encourages and practices safe and responsible snowmobiling.
4. Participated in safety course – where applicable.

2. TO CLARIFY AVAILABILITY OF REMOTE INTERVIEW: SOP Page 29

Selection Process

The SDSA office sends out the Snowmobile of the Year nomination form along with a letter from the President on September 1st of each year. Clubs may nominate one person/family for each category. A nomination form for each person/family must be submitted to the SDSA office by November 1st of each year. As applications are received in the office they are sorted by category and three copies are made. An interview schedule is completed, and contestants are notified of their respective interview times to take place on Saturday of the convention. Personal attendance is highly encouraged. In the event a candidate is unable to interview on site, they may contact the SDSA office and request a remote option (phone, video, etc.).

Three judges will make up the judging panel and the number of panels needed will be determined based upon the number of applications received. Judges are arranged by the Awards Committee working with the Executive Secretary and Host Club. Judges should be familiar with the Awards Program and have good communication skills to interact and interview the applicant(s). Copies of completed applications are provided to the judging panel in advance of the annual convention. The Awards Chairperson or his/her representative will oversee the interview process and see that all interviews are completed within the time allotted. Door monitors may be utilized to ensure the judging panel stays within the allotted interview schedule.

A listing of the interview schedule will be posted outside the room where judging will take place and at other appropriate locations. Following the completion of the interview process, judges will determine the winners of each category and provide their scoring and selection to the Award

Chairperson or his/her representative. Plaques, signed by the SDSA President, will be awarded to the winners at the banquet. Clothing size and name information will be obtained from the winners and will be presented at a later date.

The tally is short one on line vote. No idea who it is but only have 11 out of 12 votes.

Sheridan reported: Lisa & Sheridan were both impressed that there was an election needed.

The winner is Greg Nordstrom.

SnoTrackers nominated Duane Duerr for President Elect. Dakota Trailblazers seconded the motion.

Nominations were called for three times. Town and Country made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Duane. Dakota Trailblazers seconded the motion. Motion carried. District One: Nominations were called for District one. Nominations were called for three times. No one was nominated or showed interest at this time.

District Three: Kelly Weaver was pre-nominated by the Aberdeen Driftbusters. Sno Trackers seconded that nomination. Motion carried. Nominations were called for three times. Town & Country Snowdrifters made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly. Poinsett Pounders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District Four: Town & Country nominated Tracey Erickson to fill the one year opening in District 4. Sno Trackers seconded the nomination. Nominations were called for three times. Dakota Trailblazers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tracey. Poinsett Pounders seconded. Motion carried.

District 5: Sno Trackers nominated Pat Hanten –Duerr. Town and Country seconded the nomination. Nominations were called for three times. Town & Country made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pat. Poinsett Pounders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District 7: Poinsett Pounders nominated Trace Damm as the director for District 7. Town & Country seconded the nomination. Nominations were called for three times. Dakota Trailblazers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Trace. Sturgis SnoDrifters seconded. Motion carried.

The Trailbusters would like to invite everyone to next year's convention at Highland Event Center in Mitchell SD November 5 & 6. Rooms arranged at Hampton Inn & Comfort Inn (has water park).

Black Hills Snowmobile Club made a motion that the ballots be destroyed (text messages too). Aberdeen seconded. The motion carried.

Poinsett Pounders paid \$500 to name Scott Erstad as our 31st Legacy Member.

ISC 2021 in Omaha in June. (June 9,10,11 & 12) Please attend!

Lunch today is a box lunch so that you can grab & eat if you want to go sight seeing.

Our new President is Greg Nordstrom. New President Elect is Duane Duerr. District One is open.

District 3 is Kelly Weaver, District 4 (one year) Tracey Erickson, District 5 Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 7 – Trace Damm.

ACSA calendars are available.

Snowmobiler of theYear judges will meet at 12:45 . Post convention meeting is at 1:30.

Poinsett Pounders moved to adjourn at 12:04 p.m.

\*\*Again these have not gone through a board meeting to be approved.

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