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# Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



By the time this goes to print, it's likely that the SDSA Convention in Brookings is just around the corner and I'm scrambling to get ready. I have so many good memories from conventions past and love reconnecting with fellow snowmobilers from all corners of the state. This year will be a new experience for me attending the convention as the SDSA President, and I invite you all to attend the Roundtable with the President at 5 pm on Friday. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas. I am all ears and know that we can learn from each other. I'll have a few ideas to share as well. What can SDSA do to support our member clubs?

As you pack your bags for convention, please take the opportunity to visit local businesses who support snowmobiling to gather items for the SDSA auction and collect all your SDSA Big Payout tickets, sold and unsold. These

are major sources of support for SDSA...your help is appreciated!

I had the opportunity to visit the Dakota Drifters club, and I am excited for their efforts to work with the snowmobile club at SDSU — the Snow Hares. It a great way to engage the younger generation, and we are proud that two of our recent scholarship winners are among their members. Go Austin and Brayden! I want to thank the Dakota Drifters for taking on the challenge to host a convention. It's an effort to pull it off but it can be an incredible fundraiser for the club as well. We welcome all clubs who want to host future conventions, on their own or combined with other clubs. There are plenty of folks with experience to help you along the way! Bids will be accepted at the annual meeting on Saturday morning.

November/December is the busiest time of the year for me so I plan to resume my club visits in the new year. However, I would be more than happy to miss these visits due to significant snow! It will be very difficult for our clubs and our supporting businesses if we have another winter like last year. It was good to hear Scott Mundt's snow forecast predicting average snowfall for the year. That being said, get out ahead of the snow season to secure your membership and associate membership renewals. Did you know that your associate members count as club members when we determine the largest club and largest membership increase awards?

We have been talking about long range planning and fee structures for the past year, and we'll be adding Forest Service Plan Revisions into the mix in the spring. The planning group is resuming discussions, and initial conversations about a new economic impact study are occurring. Our last study was completed in 2012. Rest assured that when more concrete steps are available to share, you'll see it right here.

I would like to thank Lisa Cain for her time as our SDSA Treasurer. Thanks also to Diane Hiles who will be covering these duties as we begin the search for a replacement. Please share this opportunity with club members who have an interest.

Lastly, you'll notice a fun feature in the coming issues where your board members will be responding to a variety of questions. We hope you enjoy leaning more about them.

See you soon in Brookings!

Kelly Weaver, SDSA President





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Club address: P O Box 604 Redfield, SD 57469

Meeting first Mon. Chrystals 7 pm New members welcome

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P O Box 272 Mitchell SD 57301

Meets 2nd Thurs. 7:30 p.m. at Blarneys' Like us on facebook!

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P O Box 624 Brandon, SD 57005 605-728-2284

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Clubhouse trailbusters. org

Ditch

David Scheetz, Jr, President

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Meets 1st Mon 7 pm VFW

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Watertown, SD 57201 1st Sunday- Cloud 9 -5 p.m.

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Meetings and times vary

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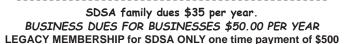
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# SDSA President-Elect Mike Boock

#### Hello Snowmobilers!

Hope you are all getting out there and enjoying some riding. If you haven't got out yet, then hopefully soon. This month I would like to focus on our youth and the YETIS. If you have a child that is between the ages of 12-20, please sign them up to be a part of the YETIS program. This program was designed to get our youth not only involved in



snowmobiling, but also to help prepare them for a leadership role in SDSA. Building up our youth will only make our clubs and our organization stronger. If your club has several YETIS make sure they are getting involved. They should be planning events like group rides or youth events. They should also be helping with club events like open houses, radar runs, float builds, etc. We as leaders need to keep in mind that the youth are our future and should make sure to plan events for our youth throughout the year. We especially need to have events for them at our conventions. There are families that like to attend these events as a family and if there are no events for the youth, it discourages the family from attending. Plan events that involve everyone. Make it fun to be a part of our clubs. There is way more to our clubs than just riding. Our clubs make a difference in peoples lives. We help each other in times of need with our Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers program. We help our youth going to college with several scholarship offerings. If the YETIS program is successful, we will help our youth become better leaders in our clubs, in our organization, and in our communities. Get your kids involved and help us make SDSA the best it can be long into the future. See you all in Brookings for the 55th SDSA convention on December 6th and 7th.

Mike

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<ul> <li>Youth with Banquet</li> </ul>			=	
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<ul> <li>Awards Banquet &amp; Entertainment</li> </ul>	\$60 x		=	
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# SDSA Past President Duane Duerr

Will it Snow???

With my full-time job being crop insurance I deal with weather history data all the time. Sites like Prism, NOAA Climate.gov, National Weather Service, AccuWeather, Weather Underground, Climate.gov and many more. Most of the time I am looking for weather history to document crop production losses not future forecast. So, what are the predictions for 2024-25 winter weather?



Keloland Scott Mundt's annual Snowfall prediction is as follows:

	2024-25		Average
	I	nches	Since 1950
•	Sioux Falls	32.4	42.1
•	Aberdeen	30.1	38.0
•	Pierre	30.5	32.7
•	Rapid City	47.0	49.2

We are moving from an El Nino to a Mild Al Nina. He predicts above average temperatures with Significant Snowfalls in November and December and again in March and April.

The Farmers Almanac 2024-25 Predictions are claiming an 80 percent Accuracy rate. They are predicting above average Temperatures with below Average Snowfall with most snow in late November and Late December followed by late January, February and early March. Predictions for the Rocky Mountains will be near Normal Snowfall.

NOAA predicts cooler than normal for our area with Montana and Wyoming seeing above average Precipitation as well as the Great Lakes area. Drought will continue in the Great Plains areas.

AccuWeather says 3 degrees warmer than average with precipitation chance increasing as we go into the winter. Mountain snowfall will be greater with closer to Average in the Midwest.

Weather Underground says warmer than Average except the Pacific Northwest cooler than Average. They have no mention of precipitation in their forecast.

All I know from reading these sites is it will be better than last year. Mountain riding and the Great lakes areas will be excellent. So, get your sleds ready for a great winter wherever you ride. Plan that trip to wherever you are going and make the best of the snow we get.

Hope to see all of you at the SDSA Convention in Brookings on December 6th and 7th it will be a great one. Governor's Council on Friday morning, Beer and Bull Friday Night. Annual meeting on Saturday morning, Learning Sessions Saturday Afternoon with Banquet and awards Saturday Evening. Entertainment to follow. Registration is available online. See you there!!!!!

Past President Duane Duerr





55 <sup>th</sup> Annual S	DSA State Convention Schedule	
Friday, Decemi 10:00 am	<u>ber 6, 2024</u> Snowmobile Advisory Council	Room D
Noon	Auction Registration and Vendor set up	Room B & C
		Room D
1:30 PM	SDSA Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting	
3:00 PM	Registration Open	SW Lobby
3:30 PM	Groomer Roundtable	Room D
4:00 PM	Vendor/Trade Show Open	SE Lobby Area
4:00 PM	Silent Auction Display Open	Room B & C
3–6 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room # 102 & 104
5:00 PM	Roundtable w/SDSA President Kelly Weaver	Room D
6:00 PM	Beer & Bull	Rooms A-C
7:30 PM	Live Auction begin	Rooms A-C
10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room # 102 & 104
Saturday, Dece		
6:30-10 AM	Complimentary hotel breakfast available	Breakfast Room
7:30 AM	Registration Open	SW Lobby
7:30 AM	Vendor/Trade Show Open	SE Lobby Area
9–12 PM	SDSA Annual Meeting	Room D
12:00 PM	Lunch – Midwest Fresh	Rooms A-C
1 – 4 PM	Coffee Cart available-Kool Beans	
1-3:30 PM	Shuttle to/from Downtown Brookings	SW Lobby Area
1–2:30 pm	On/Off Trail Safety 101	Room D
1:30-4:00 PM	Judging	Rooms # 200 & 202
2:30-3:30 pm	Avenza/GPS Mapping Seminar	Room D
2:30 PM	Jigsaw Puzzle Race	Breakfast Room
3:30-4:30 PM	SDSA Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting	Breakfast Room
5:00 PM	Social	Rooms A-C
5:30-7:30 PM	Dinner and Awards	Rooms A-C
7:30-9:30 PM	Entertainment - CASINO NIGHT	Room D
9:30-10 PM	Prizes-Must be present to WIN	Rooms A-C
10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room # 102 & 104







# SDSA meeting via zoom February 18th 2024.

President Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Present on zoom were: Kelly Weaver President; Mike Boock President – elect; Duane Duerr Past President; Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, Nathan VanZee, Pat Hanten Duerr, Trace Damm, Lisa Cain & Mary Anne Grabow.

Black Hills Snowmobile Club presented a bid for the 56th Annual Convention. Bid was presented by Jackson Wenger on behalf of their committee, Sheridan LaFramboise, Brad Richey, Mike Boock & Jackson Wenger. Bid is for Ramkota in Rapid City for December 5 & 6, 2025. Registration will be same as they have been — and rooms will be cheaper than normal. Saturday evening entertainment. They are attempting to put together something for Friday night as well. Motion to accept the bid from the club was made by Trace and seconded by Darin. Motion carried.

Legislative Visit: Ordered red stemless wine tumbler very similar to last year's "swag" but a bit smaller and different The cost is \$22.35 each after the printing etc. March 6 meet in Pierre with legislators before 1 p.m. Arrive at 10 a.m. The "guys in the hills" will get the packets ready. Jackson, Mike, Nathan & Kelly will plan to go to Pierre.

For the packet we'll need 2 pages printed and a save the date. Mary Anne will mail the membership flyers and bags on hand to Mike along with a sample of last year's print. ISMA has been told about our changes to the "ride". Kelly will check with Jeff Van Metereen. We'll wear the gray pullovers.

With the change in treasurer position the question was asked - Credit Cards — stick with a credit card and also carry a debit card for USPS and local businesses.

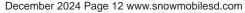
Our May meeting will probably be on the 4th. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike at 8:24 p.m. Duane seconded.

















### Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

I'm sure you all saw some of that white gold fell in the Black Hills in late October. Between six and twelve inches fell in the central and northern Black Hills and even as I type this article, we still have three to four inches on the ground. This is great timing as that snow will melt, freeze, and hopefully keep additional snowfall longer. Great sign to start the season here.

Hopefully clubs have a good start to signing the trails as that date started on October 25th. I know a few clubs who did get out said they were drilling holes as dry as it's been. At the end of the day, the sooner we can get out to inspect, the sooner, and hopefully warmer it is for any corrections to be made. If you or any of the club members you have are involved with sign-



ing and would like to ride along, or you have a section that you consistently see comments from GFP, let me know and we can correct the confusion between us and club members. I was just able to host a trail signing meeting with Madison and Sioux Falls clubs and hopefully that conversation leads to less corrections in the long run.

As usual, Shannon and I are planning to distribute the new maps during the convention. It is important to pass these maps out to all businesses on the trail and your local chambers and snow-mobile dealers. More maps can be requested by contacting me at Farm Island at 605-773-2885. We hope to have the maps in house around late November.

I haven't received all equipment and Grant-in-Aid agreements for the upcoming season yet, so if you haven't had a chance to sign those, please do so and send those in. I've already sent some grant request paperwork out to various clubs and continue to get that paperwork out as time allows. Remember, clubs with state owned equipment are allowed a 25% advance on the total grant that was approved to help keep you operating as necessary. If your club voted in a new Grant-In-Aid coordinator, please make sure they contact me so I can catch them up on the procedures of the grant and go through the paperwork with them. Usually, a 20–25-minute conversation.

Hopefully folks are getting through their groomers after sitting all summer and working through any issues that they found. Remember, the dealer for all state-owned equipment is now based out of Medford Oregon and the clubs with privately owned groomers need to go through Trails Inc out of Wisconsin.

In closing we look forward to another state snowmobile convention in Brookings! As usual Game Fish and Parks will be meeting with the Snowmobile Advisory Council on Friday the 6th and we'll also be putting on another groomer school during a Friday session. Not sure on the exact time yet but all those details will be finalized here shortly I'm sure.

That's all for this month, so stay safe and get ready to start those engines!





Let's get to know Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

What made you decide to become an SDSA board member? I've always been supportive of our local club as a member and also in leadership and I figured it was a great opportunity for me to step up to the next level.

How long have you been an SDSA member? I believe I joined our local club in 1998.

What club do you belong to? Black Hills Snowmobile Club

Have you ever attended an International Snowmobile Congress? I have not.

When was the first SDSA convention that you attended? It's probably been at least 15 years ago when I attended my first convention and I'm not sure where that would have been but it was east river.

What brand of snowmobile do you ride? Ski-doo

Have you always owned that brand? Ski-doo since I bought my first sled in 1996.

**Do you do your own mechanic work on your sled**? In the beginning I always worked on my sleds typically adding top secret performance parts.

Where is your favorite place to snowmobile? Sierra Madres.

**Do you help sign the trail for your snowmobile club?** Being on the western side of the state in the Black Hills we don't operate any trails so no.

**Do you have a favorite person to take a snowmobile trip with?** A group of four good riders that ride in each others hip pocket and have each others back, probably the best group of four I've rode with would be the late Jon Laframboise, Rick Schuelke, Shane Devine, Chris Singer, Shane Alexander.

What's your favorite food? Some good ole home raised beef in particular a New York strip.

What was your first job ever? As a kid growing up milking cows and working in the fields farming.

What is your current job? I currently own a general contracting business and a Electrical contracting business.

**Dog or cat person?** I'm a lab guy love me a good black labrador.

If you could be any age for the rest of your life, what age would you choose?28

Are you a morning person or a night owl? Definitely a morning person

**Do you enjoy speaking in front of a group of snowmobilers?** I feel comfortable speaking in front of anyone if I'm knowledgeable on the subject matter.





# Let's get to know Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Name: Lee Olson

Hometown: Frederick SD

What made you decide to become an SDSA member? I decided to become a board member to be more involved in snow-mobiling in South Dakota.

How long have you been an SDSA member? I've been an SDSA member for about thirty years.

What club do you belong to? I was a member of Whetstone Valley club when I lived in South Shore the Aberdeen Driftbusters when we moved to Freder-

Have you ever attended an International Snowthe ISC in Grand Rapids Michigan.

When was the first SDSA convention that you at-tended? The first SDSA convention I attended was in Aberdeen, 2012 I believe.

What brand of snowmobile do you ride? I've been riding Polaris snowmobiles for the last thirty years.

*Have you always owned that brand?* Growing up we had Johnsons, and John Deeres. First snowmobile I bought on my own was an Arctic Cat Pantera.

Do you do your own mechanic work on your sled? I've always worked on my snowmobiles myself.

Where is your favorite place to snowmobile? My favorite place to snowmobile has to be the Black Hills.

**Do you help sign the trail for your snowmobile club?** I've been signing a portion of the trail, with the same people helping for at least twenty years now.

**Do you have a favorite person to take a snowmobile trip with?** My wife Tracy is my favorite person to take trips with. Gets us both away from work and work at home.

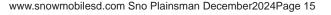
**What was your first job?** My first job when I was in high school was mowing the shoulders of the township roads on a WD Allis Chalmers.

What is your current job? My current job is a Service Administrator at Valley Plains Equipment in Ellendale ND.

**Do you like random questions instead of writing an article?** Yes, I do like the questions better than writing an article.











Fall has been busy for the Driftbusters. We held our annual camp out and membership drive, followed by an entry in the NSU Gypsy Day parade and finally celebrated International Snowmobile Day with a Show and Shine in the Ken's Fairway parking lot. This year our Show and Shine event had several sleds from vintage to new and everything in between. We also had snowmobiles for sale and I know there were a couple sales! The SDSA safety trailer

> ulator were also on display. Several kids

rode the simulator and signed up safety training. It was a day to showcase sport while ening good conversation, hot and hot dogs chocolate. It was truly a team club effort with everyone contributing in some make the event fun and

Check out our Facebook also have copied the

case our club officers.

o r great o u r joyway to success. page for pictures. We Dakota Drifters idea to show-Again, check out our Facebook page tion on the officers that help to keep our club for more inside informa-

By the time this prints we should have the trail signed and ready for some snow. Hope to see several of you at Convention in Brookings or on the trails this winter. Remember when you are out riding the trails, ride safe, have fun!

Tracy Olson

going.

#### **Snowmobile Safety Course:**

https://www.snowmobile-ed.com/ Contact: Ryan.Raynor@state.sd.us for a code to take the course free!





Hello again.

The Black Hills mornings have turned into some brisk cool temperature with even hints of frost. A sign that winter is getting closer. We had an amazing fall season in the hills that spoiled me a bit and I still want more time.

We had our club meeting on November 5th after everyone voted of course. We had a smaller turnout but between checking the election results we did get some agenda items addressed. We had 2 membership drives/ open houses and brought in 7 new mem-

bers. We have one more to go NOVEMBER 16th at Rice's Rapid Motorsports in Rapid City. They are planning a snowmobile swap meet from 12-4 along with a social with food and drinks from 4-6 pm. COME OUT AND SUPPORT our Associate member, we would love to have you.

If you are also in the area on November 23rd – The Lodge in Deadwood is holding Sno Fest 2024 starting at 5-10 pm.

We unfortunately needed to cancel our plan to have a float this year in the Parade of Lights Festival. Many club members are gathering with family which is always valued time. We are hoping to do an entry next year even though we will be frantically planning our 56th annual SDSA Snowmobile Convention. Maybe this way we can show off the float up close with all of you who attend next year. I have learned this seems to be how our club rolls- working on the fly under time restrictions but we do seem to do our best work this way. We also planned our volunteer night for Storybook Island which will be December 15th. This is a great way to support our community and show off some snowmobiles and promote our club at the same time.

We have some exciting things to present at the convention this year BUT you must come to our hospitality room for more details. A hint ---- \$500 dollar gift card!!!! Plus who doesn't like to hang in the hospitality room with some fun, cool and crazy likeminded snowmobile people. We can't wait to see everyone again in Brookings.

Our next club meeting will be on December 3rd at Rice's Rapid Motorsports at 7:00 pm with food and social starting at 6:30 pm. As always follow us on our club Facebook page for undated and local events.

Until next month ---LIFE ISNT ALL ABOUT SNOWMOBILING --- BUT IT SHOULD BE! Holly Thomas Black Hills Snowmobile Club

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Oh my ~ Dakota Drifters has so much to report, and there isn't any snow on the ground in Brookings County yet!

Most important things first...are you registered for the 55th Annual SDSA Convention? Deadline is November 20! Be sure to check out our one-page ad in this Sno Plainsman for all the convention information. Once registered, make lodging reservations at the Brookings Inn — be sure to call direct (605-692-9471) to receive the fantastic SDSA rate of \$85/night. We hope you took advantage of the online store to order some 55th Annual SDSA Convention memorabilia. There will be a "hat bar" available on-site during the convention. Saturday Casino Night will cap off the convention weekend, and we are looking forward to a night filled with luck and laughter!

So, when there is no snow to ride, many turn to side-by-sides, 4-wheelers, or dirt bikes. Dakota Drifters held an ATV/UTV Poker Run on Saturday, October 5, hosted at Kattails — Lake Campbell. The ride started at Lake Campbell with 14 machines, making stops at Rutland, Ramona, Nunda, then returning to Kattails to draw 30 hands. Money raised will help offset expenses for the convention.

In the Brookings area, Hobo Day and the Parade are a true treasure to engage in. The Dakota Drifters teamed up with the SDSU Snow Hares to pull their float with our groomer. And, for the 2nd year in a row, the Snow Hares came away with a float award — Most Entertaining Float! What a great combination!

Dakota Drifters held a trail sign work night on October 22. Club members showed up to repair and put signs together. Pizza was ordered for the club to top off the productive evening.

February 1, 2025, Saturday — mark your calendars for Dakota Drifters Charity Ride in honor of Dan Lamp. The funds raised during the Charity Ride, through poker hands and silent auction items (partnering with Brookings Chapter of Rolling Thunder) will be donated to Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

We are looking forward to see many familiar faces in Brookings for the 55th Annual SDSA Convention!

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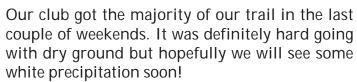




Hope everyone had a safe & bountiful harvest! We are looking forward to a fun winter!!! Poinsett Pounders are hoping for great snow so we can enjoy our great trail system in Eastern SD as well as the Black Hills. With snow, we want to have poker runs & other fun events Get your club memberships in!

Greetings from the Watertown Snowmobile Club!

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather we are having!





We held our monthly meeting on Sunday, November 3rd at Cloud 9. Discussions about finishing up our trail marking and doing the groomer maintenance so we are ready to go when it's time! Also we decided on our delegates that will be attending the Convention as well as talked about some items we will be donating for the auctions.



The holiday parade and doing our float is always a big deal for our club. We took last year off with people being busy and less help so we should be back on track this year with some fun ideas for the theme of "It's a Children's Magical Christmas".



Everyone always does such a great job on all of the floats so if you are looking for something to do with your family come to Watertown on Friday November 29th at 6pm!

Also word of some open houses coming up which our members always look forward to attending!

Nothing else really new and exciting yet so hopefully more to come in the upcoming months!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Reporting **Amy Sowers** 





Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

Seems that Fall is here and it is time to start having club meetings and getting ready for winter.

We have had 2 club meetings so far this fall. One in September and one last night, October 10 at the Scoreboard in Huron with 8 members in attendance.

The past two meetings we had a lot of discussion about putting in the trail and signing of our new trail. The new trail will start at the west edge of Huron to the south edge of Wolsey. We are excited to add this to our trail system and be able to connect to the Hand County Trail north of Wolsey. As soon as the road ditches are mowed we will begin signing the trail. We are also getting some repairs to the groomer done so it will be ready for the upcoming season.

We are looking forward to the 2024 SDSA Convention in Brookings. We encourage club members to attend. It is always a good time and an opportunity to visit with other snowmobilers from across the state.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at Shooter's in Wolsey. Brenda Jager Great Plains Snowtrailers

#### **Current Committees**

#### **Government Relations**

- 1.Duane Duerr
- 2.Kelly Weaver

#### **Scholarship**

- 1.Trace Damm
- 2..Lee Olson
- 3. Nathan VanZee

#### By Laws & Right to Ride

- 1.Duane Duerr
- 2.Kelly Weaver
- 3.Mike Boock

#### Safety

- 1.Lee Olson
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3. Nathan VanZee

#### **Grants**

- 1.Pat Hanten Duerr
- 2.Kelly Weaver

#### **Snocross**

- 1.Jason Shepherd
- 2.Lee Olson
- 3.Darin Cooper

#### Charities

- 1. Lisa Cain
- 2. Darin Cooper

#### Membership/Website

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Mary Anne Grabow
- 3. Jackson Wenger

#### **Awards**

1.Duane Duerr

#### Convention

- 1.Pat Hanten-Duerr
- 2.Jackson Wenger
- 3.Trace Damm

#### Fundraiser/Raffle

- 1.Trace Damm
- 2. Darin Cooper
- 3.Pat Hanten-Duerr

#### **SnoPlainsman Committee**

- 1.Mary Anne Grabow
- 2.Trace Damm
- 3.Nathan Vanzee
- 4. Kelly Weaver

#### Investments

- 1.Lisa Cain
- 2.Pat Hanten-Duerr

#### **Governors Ride**

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2. Jason Shepherd
- 3. Jackson Wenger

#### **Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers**

- 1.SDSA President
- 2. Jason Shepherd
- 3. Sheridan La Framboise
- 4. Mike Boock
- 5.Mary Anne Grabow

#### Nominating committee

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

#### **Yetis Advisors**

- 1.Lee Olson
- 2.Kirsten VanDenHemel
- 3. Audrey Rider
- 4. Tracey Erickson

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#### **Darin Cooper, District 1 Director**

We are getting closer to having white gold! The Hills got about a foot a week ago and on track to get about another foot this week. All the western states are starting to pile on the base. Rabbit Ears was forecasted to get 60 inches this week, but I think that is down to around 2 feet.

The SDSA convention is only a couple weeks away in Brookings, make plans to attend, it's always a great time. While there, stop by the Black Hills Snowmobile Club's hospitality room and as they will be promoting next years convention in Rapid City. SDSA has two great fundraisers this year,

the Everyone Wins and the Skidoo 200 snowmobile.

If you have kids, get them to join the Yetis. This is FREE and an awesome program for kids to meet other young snowmobilers, have fun, learn and have the ability to get a scholarship for college. Did I mention it's FREE!

Remember if riding the trails in the Black Hills, if the orange diamond trail markers are on your left (brake side), you're headed to Trailshead, if the markers are on your right (throttle side), you're headed away from Trailshead.

See ya at the convention!

#### Nathan Van Zee, District 4 Director

Hello everyone

Fall is finally here combining is finally over now time to find more fall projects. Is everyone ready for convention it is approaching fast. I'm looking forward to another fun year. They look like they are having some really good interesting classes to attend. How is everyone's trails coming along? The ground is very dry here we have to drill every single post which adds way more labor to our close to 50 miles. Hopefully the moisture pattern will change soon so we can have a great winter of riding. Hope to see you all at convention.



#### **Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director**



Hello again. As the fall is starting to come to a end and the temps are getting colder. Some areas around us have started to some snow already. The excitement is in the air. Many clubs are starting to put the trails in and are finding it very tuff going this year with the hard ground. Clubs are planning Christmas parties and doing some lighted parade floats also. Don't forget that early next month is the convention I hope to see everyone there again. Until then enjoy the rest of the fall weather and start getting the snowmo-

biles ready for the winter.





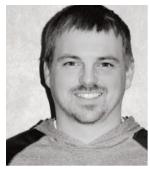
#### Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

The air is starting to feel like snow is coming soon. In fact, some parts of the of the state, I understand, had some of that white fluffy stuff. I am sure everyone is busy selling the 2024 Big Payout tickets as it will soon be time to draw for the winner at the SDSA Convention in Brookings the first weekend of December.

Now that Halloween is over, and Thanksgiving will be here soon. You will have a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for yourself and your family at the SDSA Auction on Friday night December 6, 2024. Many



great auction items show up every year. If you would like to donate any auction items, please feel free to bring them on Friday morning. See you all at the convention. Until then, do your snow dance for Snow! Snow! Snow!



#### **Trace Damm, District 7 Director**

Hello Everyone,

Convention is almost here with a few snowflakes landing here and there hopefully winter is not too far behind. The ground is a touch on the dry and rock-hard side for putting trail in but with some rain in the forecast we can

hope that will soften things up to make putting trail in a bit more enjoyable. I know I have a few spots where we are waiting for some fall tillage to get finished before the trail can be completed. Always be mindful of the landowners and keep a good relationship so we can continue to blaze a trail along the edge of fields where needed. Keeping in mind to STAY ON the Trail. We all know how important that message is for the future of our trails and clubs. Get together with your clubs, friends and family and get the trails in. Don't forget to get the BIG Payout tickets distributed and sold before the convention, it will be here before we know it!

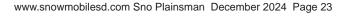
I'm looking forward to seeing our snowmobile family soon!

-Trace

SDSA Big Payout \$20 per ticket \$7500 Grand Prize \$1000 to second ticket Tickets available from clubs, drawn

\*Need not be present to win\* Winners drawn at convention December 7, 2024

Directors and the office!



### Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting May 4, 2024 held at the Capitol Building room 413.

President Kelly Weaver called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. after the Advisory Council meeting ended. Mary Anne called the roll: Present were: Kelly Weaver, Duane Duerr, Lee Olson, Nathan Vanderzee, Pat Hanten-Duerr, Chris Vandenhemel, Lisa Cain & Mary Anne Grabow. Present via zoom: Mike Boock, Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, Jason Shepherd and Trace Damm.

Guests in the room were: Bryan Henningsen, JVDS; Marty Grabow, Dakota Trailblazers; Tracy Olson, Kirsten Vandenhemel & Jim Weaver, Driftbusters; Ryan Raynor GFP; and by zoom Lynn Nilsson Dakota Drifters & Scott Erstad Poinsett Pounders.

Mike made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

Mike made the motion to approve the February 9 & February 18 zoom minutes. Darin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Kelly helped Lisa work on her reports. Mike made a motion to accept the financial report and file it for review. Trace seconded the motion. Motion carried. Presidents report: Kelly shared some articles that were published regarding SDSA and also the YETIS. It's been a whirlwind start. Kelly's been visiting the club meetings (10 so far) as much as possible. She's been sharing input on fee structures, YETIS etc. Thank you to the snocross crew that did a lot of work to have a successful couple of events. Trail riding meetings and mountain meetings have been held. Snow conditions have dictated whether rides are able to be held. Jim & Kelly went to the Mountain Riding meeting & ride. Diane & Greg Hiles, Jim & Kelly went to Fly in. Lots of great meetings were held and lots of good contacts were made with the legislators and their offices. Met with both Dusty Johnson & Michael Rounds. Discussions were held on RTP funds.

ACSA calendars may be discontinued. ACSA may also have a dues increase. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

SnoPlainsman/Office:

Final issue mailed out to 900. Had a few issues getting the file small enough to email, so thank you Mike for your assistance.

This coming season is the 50th anniversary of the Sno Plainsman. Trace Nathan & Kelly will work with Mary Anne on ideas to promote that.

Advertising is coming in above what was budgeted for. Kelly came to the office to visit about staff reviews.

We did receive a bill from DSS apparel for \$2719 for several years.

Trails Specialist: Poor snow year both sides of the state—which boosted the revenue for the snow trails fund. GFP and SDSA will start meeting on the process in raising the fees, etc. Non resident fee is a possibility.

We won't be pushing this agenda in the near future but it

will be on the docket for future legislation.

Government Relations: Kelly, Mike, Jackson & Nathan went to the capitol and visited with legislators and delivered "swag" in lieu of no Governor's ride this year. There's a wrap up meeting with the Forest Service and Kelly's hoping to attend — and possibly some of our directors from the Black Hills area.

Convention: Duane & Pat met with the convention committee from Brookings. John Green has been contacted by the club. Everything seems to be well on its way. The 2025 convention will be in Rapid City December 5 & 6 2025. The Presidents meeting should be changed to "A Roundtable with the President".

Fundraiser: Trace gave his report. 1033 tickets were sold. Roughly \$5000 profit. Committee will discuss what we'll do for fundraisers this year. Tickets should be ready for August meeting.

Membership/website: 710 total membership as of April 30, 2024. 565 Family/40 legacy/105 associate. Roller-coaster numbers each year. Snow was sparse this year so the numbers were actually pretty good for that happening. Still working on VENMO or not...for the website. Department of Revenue did hand out a flier for SDSA many years ago. Is this something that could be done again? 10,000 registered snowmobiles — but only 710 memberships?! Get SDSA fliers out to the dealerships — (clubs). We have 1500 new fliers at the office.

Awards: We talked about a dealer of the year or an associate member of the year award. It would be nice to include that in our awards program. The two clubs that had the award last year need to get the plaque back to the August meeting so that we can get the newest year imprinted for convention.

Bylaws & Right to Ride - no report

Safety – Lee has been working on some research on safety. 10 accidents in the hills. 9 involved rentals. ISMA has some really great safety info on their website.

Charity- Lisa will send the report to Len on Monday.

Scholarship: Trace reported that we had 10 applicants for the SDSA scholarship. Jalen Hohm & Trace Van Regenmorter were chosen for that one. Austin Cooper & Brayden Boock were the winners of the YETIS scholarship. Mary Anne will make sure that the scholarship winners get her the information that she needs to administer those scholarships.

Governor's Ride: Thank you to everyone who helped distribute the mugs at the capitol. It went really well. February 7 & 8 Governor's Ride for 2025. We'd like to get more people at the Governor's Ride. Still working on Lodging and where we rent sleds as well. The Iron Dogs may be riding in the Hills as well around the same time. Who is associate members should be considered when we book our events.

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YETIS: Trying to set up a service event in either Watertown or Sioux Falls. Also working on a parliamentary procedure workshop to present in the future. Chris is going to attend ISC. Audrey is willing to come to clubs to talk about YETIS. More presence in the Sno Plainsman would be welcomed.

Grants: Funds were used for the cups that were customized for the legislators. Pat made the motion that the remaining balance of the grant funds will be used for the brochures that were printed and delivered to the legislators. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Final report needs to be filed. Polaris & Skidoo have grants available as well.

SNOCROSS: Over 450 hours was dedicated to the Snocross this year. We raffled off the snowmobile and it was won by a guy from North Dakota. Duane was interviewed by FLO racing. 500-700 people stopped at the booth.

10 minute break - 12:30

ISC delegates: Kelly & possibly Mike

Auction: gift basket with SDSA items plus \$200 budget to make a gift basket. Tracy Olson will work on it.

Fee Structure Proposal: Mike, Kelly, Duane Sutton, Tracey & Brian Erickson (?), Jackson Wenger are on the commit-

tee.

VENMO: There are fees but they are much less than the square. 1.9% I believe is the correct amount. A personal account has to be linked to the account. Duane made the motion to set up a venmo account. Trace seconded the motion. Just a few people have the access information (Lisa & Maryanne). Everyone else can just have the QR code. Set up a separate email that is tagged to the Venmo account and have the Venmo tagged to our checking account. Duane amended the motion to read above. Trace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Convention update from Dakota Drifters: Everything is booked. Working on fundraising. Wine tasting — Schade. UTV/ATV class is a possibility. Groomer meeting will be held. John Green has been contacted. One of the groups that Dakota Drifters have approached for sponsorships needs a 501 c 3 status. We are a 501 c 4 — (SDSA) — Sioux Valley Energy is the business that we are dealing with. Duane made the motion that SDSA provides the information for Lisa to go after the donations — SDSA will take in the funds and transfer them back to the club as an in & out.

Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fundraisers: Big payout and sno cross sled raffle – Ticket sales for the snowmobile will not start until AT convention. 1250 tickets sold— for big payout. Committee can check into dealership to buy snowmobile at. Print at least 1100 for the sno cross – Lee made the motion that we move on and let the committee handle it from here. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rusty Nutz: SD, MN, ND & NE — 1100 members — Show will be at Rec Springs this year. Duane would like to establish an affiliate membership for perhaps \$500 — they all get the electronic version of the Sno plainsman. No other benefits unless they pay an actual SDSA membership. Perhaps they could write 2 articles per year. They wanted to know if we would come to their event and help promote SDSA and collect their email addresses for them, etc. Refer back to membership committee for more discussion and recommendations. Duane should be included in the discussion with the committee.

Business Builder Products: Looking for a place to have our customized items - without having a bunch of inventory on hand. \$125 set up fee and an online store is created etc. Jason suggested that we have a committee investigate this — and get back to us on it. Jackson, Duane, Kirsten & Chris were appointed to the committee to research this.

Milbank Show: Put together a few items from SDSA for their auction and also the same for the ACSA scholarship auction.

Kelly took coasters to Fly In — and sold 2 sets — one of which brought in \$100 for ACSA. Duane made a motion that we donate items to these 2 causes not to exceed \$200 total. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACSA Youth Ambassador Program:

2 groups – 16-20 and 21-30 Kelly shared a file that addressed their plan. Mentorship, leadership workshops, etc.

Budget: Much discussion was held regarding the 2024-2025 budget. Lisa & Kelly will make the changes that were suggested. A zoom meeting will be needed to set the budget after ISC.

Executive session was declared to discuss staff reviews. Duane made a motion to renew Mary Anne's contract and approve a \$1000 annual raise. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane made a motion to renew Lisa's contract and increase the pay from \$150 a month to \$200 a month. Motion was seconded by Darin. Motion carried.

Next meeting August 10 in Pierre.





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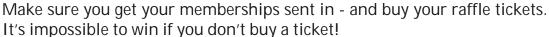




#### Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Secretary/Editor

Greetings everyone!

I hope that I'll see a lot of you at convention in Brookings. It's right around the corner! I'm looking forward to it a lot this year, and I know the Dakota Drifters won't disappoint!





You'll notice that 2 directors answered questions in a 'get to know you' fashion this issue. Thanks to the Aberdeen Driftbusters (since I stole the idea from you!) who did this for their board members on facebook and I just loved reading all the answers.....so I thought our board might enjoy a break from writing an article. Most of them tell me that it's their least favorite thing of being a director! Each issue will feature two of our directors!

Lisa thanks for your time working with SDSA. I'll see you at convention! Diane, thanks for stepping back in for the interim while SDSA looks for another treasurer. We appreciate your dedication!

I have a lot of pre-convention work to get done as soon as this gets sent to the printer. I sent out membership renewals before I got to work on this issue, too. That took a fair amount of postage!

The next issue will come out a week later than normal as I'll be at convention when I normally would be putting the issue together! If you have items to go into that issue make sure I have them by December 10th!

We have 2 birthday parties in November so instead of getting together for Thanksgiving, I think we'll all get together to celebrate grandkids birthdays! One party is on the 16th and two on the 23rd. With 13 grandkids, you keep busy going to birthday parties! It's pretty awesome, actually!

Now go to page 7 and send in your convention registration! :)

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11. Neal Boeke

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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

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Ramona, SD

drifters 1/2014

4. Duane Hojer

drifters 1/2014

Oldham, SD



12. Courtney Livingston Watertown, SD Watertown Snowmobile



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



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



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



Arlington, SD drifters 11/2017





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



15. Brian Erickson Town & Country Snow-



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



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



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



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



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



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





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



40.Nathan Lakness Hayti,SD Poinsett Pounders 11/2021



49. Marty Keimig Clear Lake, SD Dakota Trail Blazers 06/2023



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



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37. Roger Seloover Sioux Falls, SD by his daughter Char 10/2021



46. Sheridan LaFramboise Rapid City SD Black Hills Snowmobile Club

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56. Robert VanDenOever Sioux Falls, SD NOT Siouxland SnoTrackers 10/2024



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48. Kim Hehn Clear Lake, SD Dakota Trail Blazers 03/2023

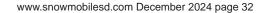
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39. Sara Shepherd Watertown, SD Watertown Snowmobile Club 11/2021













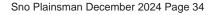
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January 23 - 25, 2025 ACSA Trails Riding Winter Ride Tower MN

Feb 1 Dan Lamp Memorial Charity/Poker Ride Brookings
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Feb 19 -23, 2025
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