

# Spring is here...



## April Meeting

On April 12th, 2023 we will have our monthly meeting at Charlies on Prior on the Landing. Meeting starts at 7:00.

## Board Members

President	Tom Schutz
Vice President	Larry Shepherd
Treasurer	Craig Root
Secretary	Kris Murray

## Nomination Of Board Members 23-24

### Season - Voting May 10th

April meeting brings out many things. Green grass, flowers, trail signs and members wanting to be on the board for the PLSA. If you would like to learn more about how to be involved or wish to be part of the board to bring our organization into the 23-24 snowmobile season, please send an email to [priorlakesnow@gmail.com](mailto:priorlakesnow@gmail.com) to be entered on the ballot. All board positions are up for election and would love to see new people involved. So far members that stated they would continue to be on the board if asked are, Tom Schutz – President, Craig Root – Treasure and Kris Murray – Secretary.

Diane Hoehne is our social media coordinator and we hope within her very busy schedule she will continue in this role. Her talents are incredible as many of you have seen on our face book page and website. Thank You Diane.

## Snow Fall Contest

And the winner of the 22-23 Snow Fall Contest is: Come to the Spring Banquet April 15<sup>th</sup> to find out!

## Calendar of Events

April

- 12<sup>th</sup> April meeting Charlies on Prior
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual PLSA Spring Banquet Prior Lake VFW
- 19<sup>th</sup> MnUSA Spring Meeting, Staples MN
- 29<sup>th</sup> Adopt a Highway Clean up

May

- 10<sup>th</sup> Board Elections and last meeting of the year!

## You have news?

If you have news related to snowmobiling or events held by neighboring clubs that interest our group. Please share

## Spring Banquet

Our annual Spring Banquet and awards presentation will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Prior Lake VFW. Sue at the VFW has made this happen for us. Updated: The VFW will not be closed and we will be in the basement. There will be a dance upstairs that you can also enjoy after the banquet.

Unfortunately, the deadline as of this newsletter has passed. For future banquets, as you must sign up for the event and pay ahead of time.

## Steak Fry huge success!

Thank you to 8 wonderful PLSA club members for volunteering to help at the Prior Lake VFW Steak Fry Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> where over 160 meals were served. PLSA volunteers once a year to say thank you to the Prior Lake VFW for the use of the building for our fall monthly meetings and Christmas party. Just another way we can also give back to the community. The following members helped this year. Tom Wills, Kurt and Carolyn Niosi, Mark and Paula Ruths, Garth Gertner, Sydney Ebert and Mike and Andrea Gelher.



## New Snowmobile Help Line for 23-24 Season

Starting this next season our trails will be marked with signs with information that will help snowmobilers that break down or are in need of assistance. 15 PLSA members have step forward stating that they would step up and help any snowmobiler in need. This might be a simple tow or trailer back to their home or trail head where they are parked, to getting their snowmobile back up and working when stuck on the trail or as simple as bringing them some gas so they can make it to the next station. All this came from one of our club rides in which we saw many snowmobilers stuck on the trail for various reasons and not having a way forward or help to get back home. This is a foot print program similar to MnUSA RAD program but instead of carrying a booklet with, all they would need to do is go to our website where they will find the list of members to contact. Great program for our club and those that visit Prior Lake trails.

## Music Fest Volunteer Sign up

The volunteer schedule has been set. If anyone would still like to volunteer the Rotary Club still has positions available. I would need to know what day you would like to work. Most shifts that are still open are the 8 to close shifts. Please email me at [myc90touring@gmail.com](mailto:myc90touring@gmail.com) if interested. You will receive free admission to both nights of the event and our club would receive a donation from the Rotary for your volunteer hours.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. We are over 140 volunteers so far. Clubs that are helping us this year include West Tonka, Chaska, Shakopee, Savage, and Lonsdale.

Looking for help for next year. This is my 12<sup>th</sup> year of putting this together and it takes a lot of time. If anyone is interested in helping me with this event, please reach out.

## Adopt a Highway



Help kick off our 31<sup>st</sup> year of Adopt a Highway. The event will be held Saturday morning on April 29<sup>th</sup> with a backup date of May 6<sup>th</sup> in case of inclement weather. Members have voted to buy breakfast for those that participate. Those that can help, meet at Ze's Diner in Prior Lake at 7:30 a.m. If you do not want breakfast, meet at the daycare center behind the Holiday Station on Country Rd 42 at 9:00 a.m. For those that have never participated in past. PLSA has been doing the Adopt a Highway since 1992 on County Rd 42 from County Road 21 to County Road 18. For the last few years our turn out for the event have been wonderful, and we get the job done in an hour or less. This year could be difficult as I drove the area and with the heavy snow this year there is an abundance of trash. If you have time, please come out and help. This is a wonderful way to give back to the community we live in and a way we make our community better.

## Minnesota United Snowmobile Association Photo Contest

MnUSA's Fund Raising Committee is seeking photos of Minnesota trails and trail activities to use on the 2024 MnUSA Raffle Calendar. Promote your club and favorite trail by providing a photo and tell us about the location. Photos used on the calendar will identify the trail and club responsible for maintenance and may be used in promotion of the calendar. Dead line is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Visit website at [MnUSA :: MnUSA 2024 Raffle Calendar \(mnsnowmobiler.org\)](https://mnsnowmobiler.org) for more details

## Trail Out Volunteers

Once again, we will be looking for volunteers taking out trails. If you have time, please consider helping. Our trail bosses will be posting on the Facebook page PLSA Club Group page with details. Some of the trails take only an hour or two to pull and take a few hours. If you have a side by side, four-wheeler these help greatly. You might even be able to play in the mud and water this year. This will start as soon as the frost leaves the ground so the posts can be removed. With the recent rain I would expect this to happen shortly if not already in some areas. Trail bosses, please post at least 2 or 3 days ahead of time your event.

## 3 Old Guys ride to Alaska

If you have not been following the story, there are 3 guys, Paul Dick, Rex Hibbert and Rob Hallstrom. They call themselves 3 old guys, but their goal of riding from Grand Rapids MN to Fairbanks Alaska would not have me calling them old. 4000 miles and today April 5, is their 31<sup>st</sup> day on the trail with less than 400 miles to go. Their story is being told through out the country and overseas with over 31 thousand followers. This week I posted the link on PLSA Club on Facebook if you want to follow. What you probably do not know is Rob Hallstorm is originally from Savage before moving up north to his cabin.

For the story on this adventure, copy this link from the Star Tribune.

<https://m.startribune.com/minnesota-to-alaska-by-snowmobile-three-old-guys-try-to-show-us-it-can-be-done-dennis-anderson/600261971/>