

Stark County Ski Club February 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., allowing for people to join via the Zoom platform. He welcomed attendees (24 logged on) and reminded all to mute until recognized to have the floor. Mike Bishop asked for a motion not to review the previous meeting minutes. Alyssa Givens made the Motion, and it was seconded by Jeri Johnson.

Mike Bishop called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Under Old Business, continuing since November, Mike Bishop noted we are still waiting on the Tahoe refund, but he believes Ski.com has received and will be sending a check. There were no additional Old Business and no Executive Board meetings held in 2021. Under **New Business**, Mike stated beginning March 1, nominations will be open for Officer and Trip Committee Elections. Elections will then be held electronically between April 1-April 21 and those results will be sent to two officers and the webmaster for review. Currently, Mike Bishop (President) and Gail Vogt (Vice President) have agreed to stay on if no objections. Melba Gasque (Treasurer) and Jennifer Stephan (Secretary) are willing to stay on if no one is interested. John Masalko is willing to stay on as Trip Committee Chair. Mike Bishop reported a zoom meeting was held to discuss online payment options. A convenience fee is standard for online payments and the 3% convenience fee and the impact was discussed. Currently, this will be for memberships only to make sure it works before it is used for trips. For example, a renewal of \$25, 3% rounded up to the next dollar would be \$26 to pay online with a credit card. You can also still pay by electronic check or check in the mail.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported on the amount in the Treasury and stated it matches the bank statement and spreadsheet. There was a deposit from the Canaan Valley/Timberline trip.

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt reported CMSC meetings have gotten better with more sharing of information and less about meetups. CMSC officer elections are coming up and most positions are available, you can get ahold of Gail if interested. Curtis Bell reported at the CMSC meeting there would be no National Ski Council Trip this year and that last year's trip resulted in health issues for some attendees. CMSC will continue with Zoom meetings till May and then be off June, July and resume with a picnic in August at one of the Metroparks. Gail noted smaller, individual groups have been skiing in NY & PA. Gail reported the HOF Marathon is on May 1, 2. There will be a Haunted Marathon on October 31 in Canal Fulton, Gail will be asking for volunteers for both marathons. Gail stated you can start logging activities for the Stark Parks Healthy Adventures, but the initial sign-up is over.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported she needs a few more items to have enough for the embroiderer to set up our logo and she has two face masks left, \$5 each.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan stated she had nothing to report.

Membership: Debbie Scherer reported she received one renewal and one new couple. We have 54 new members and the total membership is 271.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported the Club made \$1,943.47 from AVI due to the scaled-back events. It looks like HOF will be going forward this year August 5-8 and there is also a music festival "Highway 77" scheduled for September 12. Details will be shared when Donna receives them.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop reported he has added hyperlinks to redirect to meeting minutes, applications, etc.

Website Report: Bill Bail reported he is working to get forms in place to be routed to the appropriate people. Bill Bail and Mike Bishop both thanked Donna's daughter Tammy for her help.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson reported he has posted a few new pictures and there have been some new likes and views. People are finding our page.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported on the summer camping date, July 16-18 at Mohican Reservation on the same campsites as last year and social distancing can be maintained. As a side note, Diane reported that the Liberty Clinic in the Belden area is providing quick Covid results.

Kayaking Report: Jason Stephan reported he is working on the Full Moon Paddle, June 25 on the Cuyahoga River, possibly launching out of Wendy Park. This involves coordinating with Cleveland Metro Parks and Cleveland Coastguard. There will be costs involved (liability insurance, on-duty ranger, etc.) so there will be a need for a small registration fee to help offset costs. Jason stated weather permitting, May 7 will be his first Friday Night Float and he has a tentative schedule of dates/places that will be posted.

Trip Committee Report: Mike Bishop noted that he will ask his Timken contact about securing parking for next year in the hopes of being back to a regular trip schedule. The Trip Committee will be having a Zoom meeting soon to discuss next years' trips.

Timberline-Canaan Valley, WV Feb 21-Feb 23 Trip Leader Scott Hunsinger. Scott reported that 29 are on this trip, the number was reduced due to an injury. Scott will be in the lobby to hand out keys/tickets by 4 pm Sunday.

Breckenridge, CO Mar 28-Apr 1 Trip Leader John Masalko. Art reported that John is taking over this trip and John will need emergency contacts for everyone on the trip, currently, he has 11 of 24. Art reported that the Breckenridge area is at a Level Orange and the resort can keep our group split into two-family households. The air times have changed slightly. Make sure you have lift ticket reservations.

Miscellaneous: Joyce Tolerton noted The Ski Shack had a good season and is running low on items like cross country equipment but still has a nice supply of outerwear. Gift certificates issued several years ago as door prizes will be honored through May 31, 2021. Roberta Graham stated that Snow Trails Winter Carnival is this Sunday, February 21. Roberta asked if vouchers could be used for membership dues and it was reported that vouchers may only be used on merchandise or ski trips as noted on the vouchers. There was discussion on the varying effects that members were experiencing from the Covid vaccination.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Jeri Johnson; seconded by Art Pocopac. After further discussion, the Motion was again made at 7:53 p.m. to adjourn by Jeri Johnson; seconded by Jason Stephan.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary