

## **Stark County Ski Club April 20, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order:** President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., allowing people to join via the Zoom platform. He welcomed attendees (23 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. Fred Scherer made the Motion, and was seconded, by Alyssa Givens.

### **Officer / Chair Reports**

**President Report:** Under Old Business, Mike Bishop reported he made a motion that all club officer positions that were running unopposed, and be accepted as new officers, and the executive committee members supported that motion. That motion was made and seconded at the March meeting. Now, asking for a show of hands, the motion was accepted by a majority. Mike noted that no Executive Board meetings have been held in 2021 although the EBoard has made some email decisions. The EBoard reviewed and voted to accept the new convenience fee package for online purchases through the website and Bill Bail's website report will include more on the online payment process. The EBoard also reviewed and voted to accept eliminating mailing the newsletter starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. The membership application was updated to reflect this change. There was no additional Old Business and Under **New Business**, Mike Bishop reported that the results of the trip committee election will be verified and announced shortly. Mike stated that he had formally applied to the plant manager of Faircrest Plant for permission to park for the 2022 ski season. Mike reported he does this every year for the club. Mike thanked Donna Brancifort for stepping in to help with finances while Melba was out of town; he then called for the following reports:

**Treasurer Report:** Melba Gasque reported refunds for the Tahoe trip were mailed since the bus refund has been deposited. She noted deposits were made on Mount Snow lodging and air. Melba confirmed she would process Snow Trail season passes through the account if members want to use vouchers on passes next season.

**Vice President Report:** Gail Vogt reported she had numerous requests for Steve Patterson's address following the passing of his partner, Joan Green, who was an active member. Gail thanked the 14 volunteers who cleaned up Bill Demsky's property and stated Bill emailed a thank you too. Gail reported on the May 2 HOF Marathon, noting that Ida, Gary, and Judy have been helping to assemble packets and finish boxes and other volunteers will be at four water stops toward the middle to end of the route. Gail estimates there will be 1500-1600 runners but not all will pass our water stations and the runners will be released in increments so there will not be large groups running together. Volunteers will be responsible for placing water bottles on the tables and maintaining the trash bins. Gail stated she is interested in having volunteers work the Haunted Marathon on October 31, which will go through Canal Fulton on the Towpath.

**Merchandising:** Gail Vogt reported the snowflake logo turned out nice. She needs 12 items before she can take them to embroider and will continue to gather personal items if anyone is interested.

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

**Membership:** Debbie Scherer reported we have 58 new members and the total membership is 275.

**Fundraising:** Donna Brancifort reported she had a good response for the AVI / graduation dates and it looks like there will be a steady flow of events from May through mid-December with many opportunities to earn vouchers.

**Newsletter Report:** Mike Bishop reported he will continue to email the newsletter in pdf format. Mike will be incorporating more information into the website and he has set a target date of May 31, 2022, to complete the transformation and have 24/7 access to all members in one location (website).

**Website Report:** Bill Bail reported online credit card payments, for membership payment only at this time, will be ready by the weekend. When you submit your online membership, you will be asked how you are paying and if by credit card, you will be redirected to the secured Strike website for payment. For those paying by credit card there is an added 2.9% convenience fee plus \$1. You can also indicate if you are paying by check and copies of the documents will go to Debbie and Melba.

**Facebook Report:** Gary Johnson reported he posted pictures from the Breckenridge trip that he received from Rich Ramsey. If you have any good pictures, please pass them along. Gary will continue to post meeting reminders and the newsletter and will post socials once they start to happen.

**Social Report:** Diane Marzec reported Gervasi's Piazza opening is May 24 and she is watching for tickets to go on sale. She will purchase tickets and needs to know in advance if you are interested. Tickets are approx. \$17 and currently she has 6 people interested. Diane has the first golf scramble planned for June 13 at the Legends in Massillon. She can take 20 golfers, the first out is 1:36 PM and the cost is \$30 for 18 holes and a cart. We will plan a gathering at Erie St. Pub afterward since they have a large patio. The camping trip is July 16-18 at Mohican Reservation Campground. She has 2 sites for 8 tents and the cost is \$25 pp/ \$15 for teenagers. Write checks to Diane, she personally paid for the campsites. Bill Bail scheduled a bike ride nearby on the Kokosing Trail that weekend.

**Kayaking Report:** Jason Stephan reported the Friday Night Floats schedule is posted in the newsletter. He is still working on the June 25 event on the Cuyahoga River but will need to get documents submitted soon to pull it off.

**Trip Committee Report:** John Masalko reported the tentative schedule for next season is: 1/7 Peek n Peak (self-drive); 1/12-1/14 Holiday Valley/Holimont; 1/28 Cockaigne; 2/6-2/11 Mount Snow, VT; 2/27-3/1 Timberline/Canaan Valley; 2/19 Snow Trails Fun Day; 3/26-4/2 Park City, UT. Scott Hunsinger reported that the committee is still working with the bus lines and it's too early to say if trips will be self-drive or by bus. Scott feels resorts will be less liberal next year and will require more firm numbers and there will be less leeway with cancellations or last-minute add-ons. Gloria Saiya from Ski.Com was in attendance and spoke on the Epic Pass and discounts available when purchasing through Ski.Com. Because Ski.com is handling the Mt Snow trip, if you purchase the trip and the full Epic pass through their site, you will receive a \$50 discount. If you choose to buy a Local Epic pass, the trip will be offered at a \$40 discount. A 3-day or more Epic pass will receive a \$25 discount. Gloria noted that if our Club members buy 25 or more Epic products, the Club will receive one similar comp Epic product. Gloria noted that Epic reduced its prices by 20% and will likely announce a price increase in May. John Masalko also noted that Epic passes will be good for the Park City, UT trip and the Local Pass works for that trip too. Gary Johnson noted that the Ohio Epic Pass is currently \$87 for 65 and older.

**Breckenridge, CO Mar 28-Apr 1** Trip Leader John Masalko reported 21 members went on the trip with 7 driving. Everything went smoothly at the airport coming and going and there were no injuries on the mountain. There was a powder day and 3 bluebird days. The condominiums were great and he had no complaints.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Jason Stephan reported the Elves n More Bike Build is happening May 1 and needs volunteers. Go to their website to register and to find a list of tools and tutorials.
- Art Pokopac reported he attended the virtual Mountain Travel Symposium and virtually visited 18 resorts. Information is coming in from those meetings and the trip committee is continuing to work on 2023 as well as firming up the 2022 schedule and details.
- Joyce Tolerton noted they are still doing tune-ups at the Ski Shack.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Art Pokopac, and seconded by Drew Gonyias.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary