

Stark County Ski Club October 17, 2023, Massillon Eagles Club

Call to Order: President Jason Stephan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. There were 46 present and Jason asked for new members or visitors to introduce themselves. With no new members or visitors present, Jason called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President: Under Old Business, Jason invited the Treasurer from Friends of Stark Parks, Andy Haig, up to the podium and he presented several checks amounting to \$5,050 that was raised through donations from AVI volunteers and at the Glow Paddle. The funds will go towards the installation of an adaptive kayak launch at Deer Creek Reservoir. Under New Business, Jason read the proposed amendment to remove the Past President from the Executive Board and replace with the Trip Committee Chair. Although the amendment proposal has been posted and presented one month prior for consideration, due to several key members of the Club being absent, Jason stated we will hold the vote at the November meeting.

Vice President: Mike Bush was absent.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported the Club needs a treasurer and training will be provided. She stated we don't publicize treasury numbers but anyone who would like to look at the financial spreadsheet could see it after the meeting or contact her. Donna noted trip leaders should let her know if they have deadlines for deposits. Also, deposits from overnight trips should be turned in.

Secretary: Jennie Stephan reported a raffle drawing will be held at the Kick-Off party for a \$340 Snow Trails gift card. She is selling raffle tickets, 1 ticket for \$5 or 3/\$10, up until the drawing at the Kick-Off Party. Ticket numbers are limited. Proceeds will be donated to the Snow Trails Adaptive Program. She reported meeting minutes can be found via a link on the newsletter and stated the 50/50 raffle amount.

Membership: Jennie Stephan reported membership total is 181, which includes 13 new members.

Merchandise/Marketing: Gail Vogt was absent.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort started by thanking everyone who has worked AVI events and noted the McKinley/Massillon game and high school football playoffs are next. She reported she would not be coordinating for the first two playoff rounds which would likely be McKinley home games and we would concentrate our volunteers for the finals. Donna noted again that we may try a smaller booth next year because it is getting harder to get volunteers to fill a large stand.

Newsletter: Alyssa Givens was absent.

Facebook: Gary Johnson thanked everyone who sent pictures from the Glow Paddle, there were a lot of likes/hits from the post. We will use FB to advertise upcoming ski trips.

Social Chair: Diane Marzec reported the September social at Gervasi's was moved inside to the Crush House due to weather. Diane will reserve tables at The Quarry on Monday, October 28 for a Halloween party, if there is enough interest. The November 4 social is coordinated with the Ski Shack's Open House. A 20% discount is offered to members and dinner at 5 pm at Don Panchos.

Trip Reports **Must be a member to go on a trip.

Matt Stear reported transportation and lift ticket pricing has increased trip pricing. CMSC clubs were asked to share our one-day trips and one club's Executive Committee vetoed taking on shared liability of the trip. We are charging a \$5 Associate Membership to allow non-SCSC members to join a single, one-day trip to attract more trip participants. Matt noted that resorts are booking through 2025 and the trip committee needs member feedback and comments. Please forward to any committee member.

Snow Trails, Mansfield. January 14 Trip Leader Roberta Graham. Stark County Ski Club's Family Fun Day.

Holiday Valley/Holimont Jan 10-12 \$360 Trip leader Drew Gonyias. Drew reported 44 signed up. Those wanting to ride the bus should not wait to send in applications. 50 rooms are reserved at the Wingate to allow those wishing to drive.

Kissing Bridge, NY January 20 \$153 Trip Leader Matt Stear. Matt reported 10 people are signed up.

Sunday River, ME Jan 28- Feb 2 \$1348 Trip Leader John Masalko. 17 signed up, 7 air spots remain. No land packages will be sold until the reserved air is sold out. Single female needed for rooming.

Blue Knob, PA February 16 \$129 Trip Leader Mike Lockhart. Mike reported 6 people signed up.

Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, UT by train Feb 27-Mar 5/plane Feb 28-Mar 4 Trip Leader Jim Kovach. \$789 Flyer pricing is air and lodging. Jim reported train pricing has come down and lift ticket rates will be announced soon. 11 are signed up for train, 16 are needed for group rate. 20 people are signed up for the plane. There are six air spots left; unsold seats will be released December 1. Need one single male for rooming.

Miscellaneous:

*Joyce Tolerton stated ski tune ups are \$30 and the Ski Shack also carries cross country ski equipment. She noted the Cielo Wine & Soap, next door to Ski Shack, will have discounts during the Ski Shack Open House.

*Roberta Graham reported Snow Trails 1X/ week season club passes are \$312 and Every Day passes are \$408. Vouchers can be used towards passes, contact Roberta by November 21 if using vouchers. If not using vouchers, you can buy online using the Club ID/promo code. Better rates are available if you are over 70. Passes sold out by early December last year. Ski Swap is Nov. 3-5.

*Snowfall Raffle squares are \$2 per square.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Ida Lesh; seconded by Art Pokopac. Donna Brancifort won the 50/50 raffle. Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary