

Stark County Ski Club October 18, 2022, Coaches Burger Bar

Call to Order: Vice President Mike Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 41 present and Mike asked for new members or visitors to introduce themselves. Three new members, Denise, Betsy and Jani were recognized. Mike Bush stated the Club is in need of a Treasurer and Newsletter Chair. Mike called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

Vice President Report: Mike Bush reported that he and Gail attended the CMSC Round Table. CMSC has developed the new meeting format to share information between the clubs. CMSC is also planning to link club websites. Mike reported Warren Ski Club and Snowballers would like to help with the next paddling fundraiser. Mike also noted all CMSC clubs are trying to grow membership and Stark County Ski Club is the largest club in CMSC. CMSC Snow Trails race day is January 28. Mike reported the 40th Club Anniversary Party (delayed due to Covid) will be held December 4 from 4-8 pm at the Richville Park Hall. The meal will be catered by Top of the Viaduct and AVI is donating a couple kegs and / or BYOB. See newsletter for details and how to RSVP.

Treasurer Report: Melba Gasque reported on recent highlights, noting that \$1,300 has been taken in for membership; AVI totals are double last years and amount to \$29,854; \$3,725 was raised for Friends of Stark Parks; and \$720 in AVI tips was donated to Miss Amazing Ohio. With regards to vouchers, \$6,028 has been redeemed for Costa Rica, \$2,355 for Stratton and \$5,684 towards Whitefish. Last year no trip lost money. Melba had certificates for the current officers and chairs.

Secretary Report: Jennifer reported the amount for the 50/50 raffle and noted she would sell after the meeting if necessary.

Merchandise/Marketing: Gail Vogt was absent. It has been previously reported that Gail needs items for the embroiderer.

Membership: Jennie Stephan reported with the new members at the meeting, membership total is 199, including 11 new members.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported it has been a busy year. McKinley will have a home playoff game October 28 and home field advantage could remain if they stay in the playoffs. There will be 7 games for the state finals held at Tom Benson Stadium. She will send out updates on volunteer opportunities as she gets details.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop was not present. Mike will continue as newsletter assembler through this fiscal year but is looking for a replacement.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported there was an October social at Bravo. Diane also noted the November social will be the Ski Shack's SCSC Appreciation Sale (club members receive 20% off) on Saturday, Nov 5 from 1:30-4:30 PM followed by dinner at Don Ponchos in Alliance. Please RSVP for dinner to Joyce at 330-581-9278 or skis@copper.net. Diane noted there is a coupon in the newsletter for the soap and essential oils shop across from the Ski Shack where there will be wine tastings.

Trip Reports

Jim Kovach reported that bus pricing has significantly increased and the enforcement on how many hours bus drivers can work will likely lead to an increase in trip pricing and possibly make two-day trips comparable in pricing to one day trips. The trip committee is looking at one day trips to Blue Knob and Kissing Bridge or possibly combining into two-day trips with Peek'n Peak. More details will be coming about the one-day trips.

Snow Trails January 8 Andy reported you can advance book your lift ticket for that day. He is also going to have some reserved tickets for the outing. If you have a pass, you will not have to advance book.

Holiday Valley/Holimont Jan 11-13 \$314 Trip leader Drew Gonyias. Drew reported 53 signed up.

Stratton, VT Jan 29- Feb 3 \$940 Trip Leader John Masalko. 17 are signed up for the modified self-drive trip and spots available.

Timberline-Canaan Valley, WV Details coming

Whitefish, MT Mar 7-14 \$1,369 Trip Leader Donna Brancifort / Mike Bush. Base Price is lodging, transfers and air. 51 signed up and possibly one spot open.

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

Miscellaneous:

*Joyce Tolerton spoke at the meeting and noted that Tolerton Lumber Company in the late 60s is where the Ski Shack started. She and Gary gave a presentation on the evolution of ski equipment and had samples of different ski shapes. She also noted that the Captain and his cohort Fireball will be at the Ski Shack Open House on November 5 and Club members will receive 20% off.

*Jason Stephan reported due to rising costs of bikes, Elves and More is in its final year. Contact Jason at jdstephan5858@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of this years' build team. The date will be in mid-December and a warehouse hasn't been secured yet but as in the past, it is a half days work building approximately 1,500 bikes that will go to a designated neighborhood where every child receives a bike. Jason is also checking into being part of the delivery team.

*Andy Findlay reported Snow Trails passes aren't close to selling the limit yet, but he expects passes with rentals will sell out sooner.

*Bill Demsky stated he has one more hurdle, but he has been accepted into the Kidney Donation Program and can accept a kidney from either an A or O blood type.

*Donna Brancifort is selling Snowfall Raffle squares, \$2 per square.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Stephan; seconded by Alyssa Givens. New Member, Denise Lincoln won the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary