

Stark County Ski Club April 18, 2023

Coaches Burger Bar

Call to Order: President Gail Vogt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed the thirty-six attendees and reminded members that although this is the last meeting of the season, social events, biking and kayaking will continue through the summer. Gail asked for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Gail Vogt reported on the 2023/24 elections. Officers ran unopposed and Donna is an interim Treasurer until someone steps up for that spot. She noted that Matt Stear received the most votes for Trip Committee Chair and the rest of the trip committee are John Masalko, Drew Gonyias, Mike Lockhart and Jim Kovach. Gail reported she could use more volunteers for the May 7 Canton HOF Marathon, which is in its last year. Our group will be stationed at Veterans Park at the 2.5 mm and 13.5 mm return loop. Gail reminded members that the Club Code of Conduct is more defined and you are agreeing to abide when signing up for membership and trips. She asked that everyone think about how they are interacting with others and be mindful that not everyone has the same sense of humor, etc.

Vice President Report: Mike Bush was absent, and Art Pokopac reported on the CMSC Metro Cup that the Club is hosting on July 30. Cost is \$75 which includes golf, lunch, BBQ dinner and prizes. Tee off begins at 2 pm and format is a 4-man scramble comprised of 2-man teams from different clubs. This is not a SCSC function and vouchers can not be used. Send checks made out to CMSC to Art. Shirts will be available for order and the Club will pick up some of the cost.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported on the treasury and noted she is still closing out trips. There was an issue with the Wingate for H & H which resulted in getting \$768 back. Donna is working with Seven Springs on a ticket price discrepancy and Donna also believes we are owed \$500 from Whitefish and she will continue to work on that.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported the shirts being ordered for the CMSC Golf outing will be offered to all Club members. The brand is Port Authority, it is a dry wicking mesh material, coral color and cost with embroidery is \$16.50, XL is \$18.50 and XXL is \$20.50. The Club will pick up some of the cost.

Secretary /Membership Report: Jennifer Stephan stated the 50/50 raffle would be a lower amount with less people attending end of season meeting. Jennie reported membership is 217 and 2 new members recently joined. Membership renewal has begun and prices are in effect through May 31, after that, new member pricing takes effect.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported we are on our sixth year at Benson Stadium. There are currently 31 events scheduled and we would like to see more people cross trained to take on different functions. Parking has changed to Stadium Park and we now enter on the east side of the stadium. Donna will be emailing reminders to sign up when she receives details on each event.

Kayaking Report: Jason Stephan reported the Friday Float schedule in the April newsletter was not the correct one and he is working on a schedule to be posted soon and will be looking to add new areas. We will not be paddling Deer Creek Reservoir this year because the dam is broke. Jason reported the Glow Paddle Fundraiser at Sippo Lake will be August 12. 6:30 pm put in and out of park by 11 pm. Friends of Stark Parks who will take on some of the tasks the club handled last year. There will be a beer garden, food trucks and poker run. Stark Parks will be showcasing the ramp from last year's fundraiser. Please consider volunteering.

Biking Report: Bill Bail reported the bike schedule will be posted and he is trying something different this year, alternating weekly with morning and evening bike rides.

Facebook Report: Alyssa Givens reported there have been over 900 likes on the page which is good engagement. She continues to post pictures of club activities and to promote socials.

Social Report: Diane Marzec reported over 30 people attended the Paradigm Shift Brewery social and she will plan another outing there in the future. Diane noted everyone is welcome to come to the April 22nd euchre tournament at St. Michaels. Other games will be available. Cost is \$7 to go towards room rental. The Club is providing hot dogs and members can bring toppings or munchies. May 6th social is the Dandelion Festival at Breitenbach Winery. This social is weather dependent, and we will gather from 4-7 at the live entertainment, bring chairs. There is a golf scramble planned for May 21. There are a few openings for the July 14-16 Mohican camping weekend. You can bike, hike, kayak, canoe. You can come for the day to hang out too.

Trip Committee Report: Jim Kovach reported the trip committee is investigating three areas for a west train trip; Taos, NM, Winterpark, CO and Snowbasin, UT. East trip being considered is Sunday River, ME.

Puerto Vallarta Jan 23-30, 2024 Bill Fry is reserving 20 spots for club members until the June newsletter. Don't wait to sign up, there is a waiting list for those spots when they are released. \$1,549 pp all-inclusive, vouchers accepted.

Miscellaneous:

- Gail Vogt noted that members have always been our best resource for attracting new members and encouraged members to take business cards to pass out.
- Gail Vogt will check on staying at Coaches Burger Bar for next year's meetings.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Alyssa Givens, seconded by Art Pokopac. 50/50 raffle was won by Stacey Marchewka.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary