

Stark County Ski Club December 15, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., allowing a few extra minutes for people to join via the Zoom platform. He welcomed attendees (30 logged on) and reminded all they should enter the meeting on mute and make a hand gesture to be recognized. Mike Bishop asked for a motion not to review the November meeting minutes. Art Pokopac made the Motion; Ed Macika seconded it. Mike Bishop called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Under Old Business, Mike Bishop found that Amador Stage Lines, the bus company contracted for the 2020 Tahoe trip, received a government PPP loan. Mike reached out to Gloria Saiya from Ski.com to expedite the refund and Gloria, who was in attendance, for the Zoom meeting, noted that she had just heard back and it was to be taken care of immediately. Gloria stated; she would send the refund to SCSC as soon as she receives it. There was no additional Old Business, and under New Business, Mike stated that there was no Executive Board meeting in December 2020.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported for Melba Gasque, who is on vacation. Donna reported on the amount in the Treasury and noted that Tahoe refunds have been written but would not be distributed until we receive the refund from the bus company.

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt reported on CMSC, noting she was unable to attend the December meeting due to a glitch signing in to the meeting but sent our club report. All clubs have pulled their New York and Pennsylvania trips as we did but have kept their West trips, and are having success filling those trips. The Race Committee is still working with the Ohio resorts to fill dates that were left open when New York events were canceled. Gail stated the Club is coming up on our 40th anniversary in 2021, and she will start looking at options/venues in the hope that we can have a large celebration by then.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported she has facemasks with the club logo for \$5 and blankets with the logo surrounded by snowflakes for \$6. Gail is still open to collecting personal items to take to the embroiderer for logos and you can choose with or without snowflakes.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan reported she had nothing further to add.

Membership: Debbie Scherer reported membership is at 263, but she is waiting on a couple of membership checks.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported she is expecting a check from AVI for the last two events. She noted it was a little unexpected to have all of the football-final events pulled from Tom Benson Stadium, but she is looking forward to next year.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop reported he plans to reformat the newsletter to include more hyperlinking to the website. Mike is hoping for a smooth transition to formatting that will work on phones, tablets, or computers. After speaking with the new member, Jillian Harman, and researching what other clubs do, Mike and Bill Bail have come up with a plan to introduce some upgradable changes to the website before June. Mike stated these changes, along with club feedback, would improve security and information updating.

Website Report: Bill Bail reported he is looking at payment issues, such as credit card fees, direct payments for the website, and given the cost factor, this will take more investigation.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson reported with no social or trips right now, there is not much to post, but we have seen some traffic, and he will post resort news as they open.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported that she is not encouraging group gatherings when it conflicts with the Governor's orders, she did note that a few people could make their own plans for the new Movie/Bistro combo. Diane also said she would be willing to help if we want to organize outdoor meetups at Snow Trails or BMBW.

Trip Committee Report: John Masalko reported that with the H and H trip canceled, he spoke with Wingate in Ellicottville, and the contract has been moved to 2022. Canaan Valley/Timberline, West Virginia is still on and Scott Hunsinger is watching the Covid situation there in case they need to cancel. Art also noted that if you want to extend your stay for Tuesday night, you could still get the group lodging rate, let Scott know.

Timberline-Canaan Valley, WV Feb 21-Feb 23 \$200, Trip Leader Scott Hunsinger reported 20 people signed up.

Breckenridge, CO Mar 28-Apr 1 \$872 base price, Trip Leader Art Pokopac reported he has 22 signed up and Summit County is currently in the RED which means masks, no gatherings, restaurants/bars are closed. Art turned the floor over to Gloria from Ski.com to explain more. Gloria noted that currently one household per unit is the short-term rental criteria for lodging but she has had success with spreading people out in units at no extra cost. In addition, the criteria are reviewed every two weeks and may change. Gloria stated currently they are seeing a flattening of the curve in Colorado and ski areas will remain open if Covid status is Red or under.

Snow Trails Update: Andy Findlay reported that many members bought passes on their own or used their vouchers through the treasury to purchase. Participation increased so much, Snow Trails has given the Club a Free Pass and it will be decided the best way to auction that off. Andy would like to see the proceeds benefit the Adaptive Program at Snow Trails. Members who have not previously had a Snow Trails pass will need to provide a headshot photo.

Contact **Tina Fry** at **Snow Trails Guest Services**, PH 419-774-9818 ext 169 questservices@snowtrails.com

Andy noted that Snow Trails would prefer an appointment to ski but it is not necessary. You will need to reserve access to the lodge and they ask that you not use the rental center to change, only the locker room. There will be notices when Andy's Bake Sale is happening at Snow Trails and Andy stated he would like to set up in the parking area behind the second lift if possible.

**You must be a member to go on a trip.*

Miscellaneous: Jason Stephan reported the Elves and More bike build event has been cancelled this year.

Gloria Saiya, from Ski.com, was asked to give her thoughts on what trips will be trending for 2022 and here are some of her thoughts. Canada should be at the top of the list given that 2021 trips had to be redirected back into the States. She feels that people may have found Vail Resorts difficult to work with which may give Ikon Pass Resorts an advantage in 2022. There are new hotels in Copper and Park City that are affordable and Zermatt, Utah is also an affordable destination situated convenient to Park City, Deer Valley, and Sundance.

Meeting Adjournment: Before meeting adjournment, President Mike Bishop noted that he would leave the Zoom Meeting up for some additional socializing. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Art Pokopac, Seconded by Jason Stephan.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary