

Stark County Ski Club Coaches Burger Bar January 17, 2023

Call to Order: President Gail Vogt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees (40). Gail welcomed guests from Friends of Stark Parks and Andy Haag took to the floor to thank Stark County Ski Club for their Sippo Lake Glow Paddle fundraising efforts which raised \$4,100. Friends of Stark Parks contributed \$4,900, along with a grant of \$11,000 and Stark Parks \$25,000; an adaptive kayak launch has been ordered and will be installed this spring at Sippo Lake. Andy stated they were so impressed with our efforts, he asked if we could repeat them next year for Walborne Reservoir and the following year at Deer Creek. Gail stated that she and Jason are already in talks with Andy for next year's Glow Paddle at Walborne and hope to have a beer garden set up along with food truck options. Andy passed out Friends of Stark Parks mugs to all attendees and stated he is working on getting free memberships to all Club members. Gail Vogt called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported this is the time of year when there is a lot of activity with the treasury with money going out for trips and money coming in from members. She noted that Candle Coach had been bought by LED Executive Services and bus costs we have locked in at \$1,860 with Candle will be upheld but the new company costs are \$2,500; to give everyone an idea of rising costs with bus companies.

Vice President Report: Mike Bush was absent, Gail Vogt reported SCSC is in charge of the CMSC Golf Outing this summer. Art Pokopac, Rich Ramsey, and Gail Vogt are helping Mike organize. They are getting quotes from area golf courses and the date will be either July 22 or 29. Gail stated the CMSC Trustee email list was hacked and no one from the club or other clubs will ever ask for gift cards or money; so be alert for possible scamming.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan stated there was \$170 in the 50/50 raffle and she would sell more before the drawing.

Membership: Jennifer Stephan reported 214 total members, which includes 20 new.

Merchandise Report: Gail Vogt reported that Engravers Edge, who prints our name tags, has wine and beverage tumblers they can engrave with our logo and personalize. Look for more information in the newsletter.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson reported Alyssa Givens has been doing most of the recent posts and is doing a great job. Alyssa noted that there have been 30 new likes and posts between December 20 and January 16 reached 2,700.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported those who went tubing at the HOF had a great time and were joined by a few others at Jerzees after. Upcoming socials include Fat Heads on January 24 and Gervasi Still House on February 8. There will be entertainment at 7 pm at the Still House. Diane is looking into a March social at Milestone, a game bar in downtown Canton and possibly New Berlin Brewery in North Canton.

Trip Reports

***Snow Trails January 8 Trip Leader Andy Findlay.** Andy reported 30-35 members attended and although it was a race day, everyone had a great time.

***Holiday Valley/Holimont Jan 11-13 \$314 Trip Leader Drew Gonyias.** Kelly reported it was a good time and there were no injuries from SCSC. Gail reported that Goodyear Ski Club had 27 drivers and one injury. We were also joined by 3 members of The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club from Reading, PA and it was noted that all clubs had good interaction.

***Seven Springs, PA January 27 \$111 Trip Leader Mike Lockhart.** Mike reported 26 signed up. Please pay him if you need to.

***Stratton, VT Jan 29- Feb 3 \$940 Trip Leader John Masalko.** 15 are signed up and Mike Lockhart reported that a group plan to leave Saturday at 2 pm and stop in Batavia, NY and indulge at the Bourbon Tasting Bar. Contact Mike L or Mike B for more info on where they plan to eat, stay, etc.

***Blue Knob, PA January 27 \$97 Trip Leader Mike Lockhart.** Mike reported 25 signed up and this trip is going.

***CANCELLED Timberline-Canaan Valley, WV February 26-28 \$320 Trip Leader Jim Kovach.** Jim reported they didn't have enough signed up at the bus cut-off date, the trip was cancelled.

***Whitefish, MT Mar 7-14 \$1,369 Trip Leader Donna B/Mike B.** Trip is Sold Out. Donna reported there are 52 signed up.

Miscellaneous:

*Bill Fry reported they had a great time on the Costa Rico trip and had many different experiences. He noted that \$5,089 in vouchers were used; making it worthwhile to work Benson events. Bill reported he is running an Ireland/Scotland trip at the end of September 2023. It is 10 nights, air, breakfast, 4 dinners for \$3,369. He is reserving 20 spots for the Club. Puerto Vallarta is planned for January 2024. Bill noted this is his favorite place and it will be all-inclusive. He doesn't know the price yet and is waiting on airfare. Highlights include whale watching, mountains and tequila tasting.

*Gail Vogt reminded everyone there are still Scott Hunsinger Memorial stickers available to purchase. \$2 Ski Jnky license plate and \$5 Goggle/Mtn design.

*Joyce Tolerton gave a ski safety tip – clear snow off the bottom of your boots and check your bindings. Equipment can malfunction if you have snow buildup.

*Jeri Johnson thanked those who came to New Year's Eve Service and Gail for putting the idea out there.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Stephan; seconded by Jani Middleton. 50/50 winner was Liz Neidert, followed by many door prize winners.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary