

Stark County Ski Club Massillon Eagles January 16, 2024

Call to Order: President Jason Stephan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that weather has finally become favorable and the Club had two trips run successfully. Jason welcomed attendees (38) which include five new members/guests who introduced themselves. Under Old Business, Jason reported that Jim Kovach had stepped down from the trip committee and Rich Ramsey, who was next on the ballot for trip committee, accepted the offer to step into Jim's place. Jason also noted the resignation of Vice President, Mike Bush and reported that per the constitution, the Executive Committee can vote on a new officer. Gail Vogt accepted the position, and the Executive Committee passed the vote. Under New Business, Jason reported that the Executive Committee met to address dwindling membership. Ideas such as hosting a Learn to Ski event next year to coincide with January's Learn to Ski month as well as setting up a table at the Gateway Center Library with information and possibly a running video. Jason noted that we are a large group so chances are if there is an activity you would like to start up, you'll find a few members also interested. Jason called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt stated there wasn't much to report since she took office. The Kickoff party was a success and the rest of the term she will be available in a support role. Gail reported that the VP is our club's CMSC representative, but she is already an active trustee in CMSC so can't be the rep, therefore Jennie Stephan has volunteered to attend the upcoming February meeting.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported there is a lot of activity at this time of the year. We don't report treasury amounts, but members are welcome to look at her spreadsheet or can audit the books. She noted she will write an article concerning the Treasurer and AVI positions. She reported donations topped \$5,000 to charitable causes.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan stated there was \$154 in the 50/50 raffle and she would sell more before the drawing. She noted there is a link in the newsletter for meeting minutes.

Membership: Jennifer Stephan reported 191 total members, which includes 16 new. Not included in that number is 3 Associate Memberships.

Marketing/Merch Report: Gail Vogt reported she needs more orders for the jersey t-shirts. They will be Carolina blue with the goggle logo.

Facebook Report: Alyssa Givens reported you can send photos from trips to the newsletter email address. She noted she is seeing spammers on Facebook.

Social Chair Report: Upcoming socials include Fat Heads on January 23.

Trip Chair Report: Matt Stear thanked Gail again for organizing the party at H&H. He noted that they are looking at ways to improve communication on trips. GroupMe App is being considered. Matt reported the trip committee is already meeting about next year's trips. The trip committee will be looking for the best prices on trips which might include having to go with an Epic or Ikon pass resort. Jason Stephan noted that resorts have changed pricing, which can be determined by the day and conditions now.

Trip Reports

Holiday Valley/Holimont Jan 10-12 Trip Leader Drew Gonyias. Drew reported 55 members attended and were joined by members of CVSSC. The Jimmy Buffet party was great, and Frank the bus driver got us home safely and will be the driver for KB.

Snow Trails January 14 Trip Leader Roberta Graham. Roberta reported 11 members braved the snow guns and cold weather for a good day of skiing.

Kissing Bridge, NY January 20 \$126 Trip Leader Matt Stear. Matt reported 38 people signed up, the bus will load at 5:45 am and depart at 6 am. The free group lessons are at 11am. The bus will depart KB at 6 pm unless the group decides earlier.

Sunday River, ME Jan 28- Feb 2 \$1348 Trip Leader John Masalko. John reported that Sunday River has a 36" base and 11 lifts running. There are 520 acres of groomed trails. Don't be late to the airport!

Blue Knob, PA CANCELLED

Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, UT Feb 28-Mar 4 Trip Leader Mike Lockhart. Mike reported there are 29 on the trip (23 flying/6 driving). If there are still people interested, he might be able to get room/lift but you would have to find your own transportation. Gail noted that Odgen is very walkable and there are a lot of dining options within walking distance of the hotel.

Miscellaneous:

*Roberta Graham gave a presentation on safety and the history of the National Ski Patrol.

*Alyssa Givens gave a presentation on the GroupMe App, a messaging and communication platform that the Club is considering using as a means for communicating during trips.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Alyssa Givens; and seconded by Roberta Graham. 50/50 winner was Tami McMinn, followed by door prize winners.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary