

Stark County Ski Club March 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., allowing for people to join via the Zoom platform. He welcomed attendees (22 logged on) and reminded all to mute until recognized to have the floor. Mike Bishop asked for a motion not to review the previous meeting minutes. Alyssa Givens made the Motion, and it was seconded by Roberta Graham.

Mike Bishop called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Under Old Business, Mike Bishop noted we received the Tahoe refund. He stated Bill Bail's report will include more on the online payment process. There were no additional Old Business and no Executive Board meetings held in 2021. Under **New Business**, Mike Bishop reported that nominations for officer and trip committee started March 1 and ends tonight. He stated with the online process that results are sent to two officers and the webmaster for review. Nominees were asked to accept or decline their nomination and those results will be posted in the newsletter and online. At the time of the meeting, the following trip committee nominations had been accepted: Drew Gonyias, Art Pokopac, Scott Hunsinger, Roberta Graham, Janet Brunecz, and Jim Kovach. Declining were Rich Ramsey and Gary Johnson (confirmed after the meeting). Mike noted that all officers were running unopposed and that the Executive Committee members supported the following motion that all club officer positions running unopposed be accepted as new officers. Joyce Tolerton accepted the motion and Rich Ramsey seconded. Elections will be held electronically between April 1-April 21 and a valid email address will be required for verification purposes.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported on the amount in the Treasury and stated refunds for the Tahoe trip will be mailed now that we have the refund. She noted there is activity with membership and the Timberline/Canaan trip.

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt reported CMSC has a new president, Peter Knife, and Justin Forbes is the VP. There is talk of not having the summer picnic or holiday party. Gail noted smaller groups are skiing in NY & PA. Gail reported she needs volunteers to man water stops for the HOF Marathon, May 2, and also assembling packets and finish boxes and those dates are April 12 and 19 at the office on 5th Street. Contact Gail if you can help. Gail reported she would like to combine the Club's 40th Anniversary party with the Kick-Off Party and will be looking at venues.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported she has facemasks and will bring what is left on the Breckenridge trip.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan stated she had nothing to report.

Membership: Debbie Scherer reported we have 54 new members and the total membership is 272.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported it looks like HOF events are a GO and there should be a need for volunteers. Details will be shared when Donna receives them.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop reported he has no changes this month. Mike will post a membership renewal reminder near a link.

Website Report: Bill Bail reported he is in the final stages of setting up, online credit card payments, which right now, will be for membership only. Bill hopes to have this ready by May 1 in time for membership renewals, which now coincide our fiscal year ending May 31. When you submit your online membership, you will be asked how you are paying and if by credit card, you will be redirected to the Strike website, which is secured, for payment with an added 3% fee, which you will see in the cost. You can also indicate if you are paying by check. Emails will be sent to the appropriate people (Debbie, membership; Melba, treasury, Mike Bishop, President) to alert a payment is coming.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson reported he has posted pictures and meeting reminders and once socials start, there will be more to post.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported the camping trip is July 16-18 at Mohican Reservation. People have their choices of kayaking, biking, or playing in the river. Diane noted for possible future socials, she is keeping an eye on the Gervasi's Piazza opening, let her know in advance if you are interested in tickets if this event happens. Diane plans to call golf courses to arrange a June golf scramble. She will be looking for large outdoor patios in the hopes that summer socials can resume. Diane contacted the Barrel Room to check on a virtual wine tasting, not sure if that will happen. If enough people are interested in a Fall white water rafting trip, Diane would investigate.

Kayaking Report: Jason Stephan reported he is still working on the June 25 event on the Cuyahoga River, possibly launching out of Wendy Park. There will be costs involved (liability insurance, on duty ranger, etc.) so there will be a need for a small registration fee to help offset costs. Anything collected over the amount needed will be donated to the Metroparks. Jason noted the Friday Float schedule has been posted. He would like to do a Float Aboard (like the Bike Aboard), the Cuyahoga Valley train will transport kayaks for a small fee. Jason also noted with many campers having their own kayaks, that he scouted another pullout spot for the Mohican Camping trip.

Trip Committee Report: Art Pokopac noted he received the 2020 Tahoe bus refund and it has been given to Donna. Scott Hunsinger reported that the trip committee is in the early planning stages for next season and is expecting bids from Banshee, Ski.com and Sports America. Art will be attending a virtual MTS and should gather information. The trip committee will be having a Zoom meeting soon to discuss next years' trips. They will keep membership informed whether they are going to Ikon or Epic pass resorts. If you have a trip suggestion, submit them to a trip committee member.

Breckenridge, CO Mar 28-Apr 1 Trip Leader John Masalko. Art reported John is leading this trip with 22 participants.

Miscellaneous:

- Gail spoke with Bill Demsky and he has been cleared for stem cell replacement, possibly taking place at the end of April. Gail would like to help Bill out by giving his property a spring clean-up which would involve picking up sticks, raking leaves out of flower beds, etc. She will schedule something after the Breckenridge trip.
- Joyce Tolerton thanked everyone for their support and that the Ski Shack had a good season. She noted that her tune up man will be having surgery in the fall so she is suggesting you get your tune-ups in the spring and summer. Hours are currently Mon-Sat, 11am-5pm and by appointment beginning in April.
- Donna Brancifort asked whether the trip committee needed alternates as it had been in the past. This was discussed with Mike Bishop's opinion being too many people results in too many contacts and not enough to do. Jeri Johnson also noted that the constitution would need revised if this issue is re-opened. For now, this topic is tabled.
- Fred Scherer had a picture of the original seven members of the Timken Ski Club. Fred shared some memories and noted he doesn't know who originated the idea of a ski club, but there was a notice on the bulletin board at Timken and they would meet at their houses. Fred stated he didn't think the club would last 40 years and it is a tribute to the quality people who have helped run the club and it is an honor to be in the Stark County Ski Club.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Art Pokopac. seconded by Scott Hunsinger.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary