

Stark County Ski Club March 15, 2022
In Person at Coaches Burger Bar (63) / Zoom Meeting (4)

Call to Order: President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed attendees and reminded all to wait until recognized to have the floor. Mike Bishop asked for a motion to not review the previous meeting minutes. Art Pokopak made the Motion, and it was seconded by Alyssa Givens. New attendees were asked to introduce themselves and we welcomed John, Lynn and Carter Blakeney and Matt and Janet Stear. Guests of Ida Lesh were Tom and Christine Davis. Keith and Stephanie joined later in the meeting. Mike Bishop called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Mike Bishop noted there was no old business. Under **New Business**, Mike Bishop reported nominations for officer and trip committee had ended and the following officer positions nominated and accepted are, for President, Diane Marzec and Gail Vogt; for Vice President, Mike Bush and Diane Marzec; Trip Committee nominations accepted: Drew Gonyias, Roberta Graham, Scott Hunsinger, Jim Kovach, Mike Lockhart, John Masalko, Art Pokopak, Rich Ramsey and Matt Stear. Mike noted the Treasurer and Secretary were running unopposed, and Melba and Jennifer were willing to stay on. Elections will be held electronically between April 1-April 21. Mike noted that Adaptive Sports Connection thanked the Club for their donation of \$350 from the Snow Trails pass auction.

Treasurer Report: Donna Brancifort reported on the amount in the Treasury.

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt reported our group was asked to man a water stop for the HOF Marathon on April 24. They would like 15 people and we may get two stops if we have more people. Instead of shirts, money will be donated and that could be turned into trip vouchers. Volunteers are also needed for the water stop at Craig Pittman Park for the Huntington 101 bike ride. Contact Gail to help at either event. Gail reported all CMSC trips went this year. CMSC would like trip planners to coordinate between the clubs.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported she needs a few more items to make the minimum for embroidering. Cost is \$3.50.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan stated the 50/50 raffle had \$200 and she would sell more tickets before the drawing.

Membership: Debbie Scherer reported we have 26 new members and total membership is 230.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported she has been asked for 12-15 workers April 30 at the Akron Football Stadium. More information is expected. Donna noted she isn't sure if graduations will be held at Benson. First confirmed event at Benson is the USFL game on June 25. Donna also noted the HOF concert and enshrinement will be held on the same day. Donna highlighted that over \$78,000 in trip discount vouchers have been given out in 4 years at Benson.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop reported he has not found an efficient way to create newsletter pages on the website so creating pdf versions will continue. Mike reported the main reason to create pages on the website is for increased security.

Website Report: Bill Bail added that website security is a concern. He sees activity from all over the world trying to sign on to our website. Bill noted he will be updating the website for voting.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson thanked everyone for trip pictures, noting they get the most views/traffic on our site.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported there will be a social the next Tuesday, March 22 at Royal Docks in Jackson. Diane noted she has 18 confirmed for the Euchre tournament at St Michael's on April 30. \$5 cover charge for the room, other games besides euchre available. There will be a golf scramble June 12 at Legends. There are 16 confirmed, room for 8 more. The Mohican camping trip is July 15-17 at Mohican Reservation. Activities include kayaking, biking, or playing in the river.

Kayaking Report: Jason Stephan reported he will post the Friday Float schedule in the newsletter. He is planning a Tusc River paddle, a full moon paddle at Sippo, a trip on the Mohican during the camping trip and also plans to promote the Blazing River paddle on the Cuyahoga River, which is July 23. Jason noted that he posts on Facebook and cross promotes on other kayak sites.

Trip Committee Report: Scott Hunsinger reported that the trip committee is already working on next season. Also, Gail Vogt is attending MTS and will be looking primarily at Ikon resorts. Scott noted with inflation and rising fuel prices to expect trip costs to increase next year. Scott reported since the last meeting, 26 members went on the Timberline/Canaan Valley trip, there were several "Andy's Bake Sales" at Snow Trails and Park City is the only trip remaining. Regarding Snow Trails season passes, they have been selling out so if you think you are going to want a pass for next year, be prepared to buy as soon as they go on sale.

Costa Rica, November 12-21, 2022. Bill Fry announced a tour to Costa Rica for \$2,359. He will be accepting trip discount vouchers but the deposit of \$350 will need to be cash or check. He will save the club 12 spots and final payment is due September 1. This tour includes beaches, volcanos, and mountains. You will need a passport and Covid vax to go on trip. Bill noted the trip is running in 2022 because the price will go up after that.

Miscellaneous:

- Donna Brancifort reported there was no clear winner on the Bill Demsky hair contest (it came in the same). A drawing was held and Gary Johnson won a gift card to Coaches.
- Joyce Tolerton noted you can get Spring tune-ups at The Ski Shack. Joyce is donating (10) \$40 Ski Shack gift certificates to use as door prizes.

- Jason Stephan reported there had been a couple break-ins at club members during ski trips and while it may be a coincidence, he recommended waiting till you are home to post on social media so you aren't advertising you aren't home. Always get permission before tagging someone in your photos.
- Jason also noted that Vail Resorts will be making investments at our local resorts and employees will be seeing raises. He recommends avoiding peak hours to avoid long lift lines.
- Gail Vogt thanked the trip committee for all their hard work and noted the trips went fantastic.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Stephan. seconded by? 50/50 winner was Lynn Blakeney.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary