

Garden State Ski Club
Zoom Membership Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 7:34

PRESIDENT: Dennis Young

Welcome. Hans from High Point will speak tonight. You can use the chat feature if you have a comment or question. You can also chat with someone else. We have a Board meeting in two weeks. Topics of interest should be sent to Michele. Kevin seeking someone to takeover Meetup responsibilities and will be speaking Katie Sparrow who has offered her assistance.

SKI VP: Ron Levine

Introduction of Hans. Owner of High Point ski resort:

“There’s not much snow there as a result of a big melt. There were great conditions when we had some snow. We ended up being the first center that opened up for skiing. New England is doing better. Need to go to Maine or Canada for much natural snow. Bought lots of snow guns and are waiting for the power company to hook us up. Takes us about three days to open up trails with manmade snow. Open for night skiing. No lights. Skiers can bring their own headlamps. You don’t need a lot of light. Moved into a new lodge that is about six times larger than the old one. Good for social distancing. Huge fire place. Great old ambiance. Very nice building. If we had snow we would be welcoming all of you. We are Covid focused. We speak with other areas in US and Canada and we’re comparing notes. We operate as usual because we have space and can handle the crowds. We can handle about 240 cars. That’s where we max out. Must wear masks coming into the building. We follow all the guidelines from the state. We need about five inches of snow to open up. We cover the trails that need them with wood chips. Others are gravel or paved. We can open up just about every trail with a little bit of snow. We also have snow shoeing on a trail about 8K but there’s also other areas of about 17k that you can shoe on. Can also ski on cross country trails as long as they ski on the side of the trail.” Comments: Micki advised they have rentals of good equipment.

Hans added he is always looking for instructors and welcomes recommendations if we know anyone who could instruct. More people enjoying outdoors. Records being set at all parks. People trying to get outdoors. We’re experiencing the same with Cross Country. No lifts, No lift lines. Cost is about \$19-20 for a full day. Manufactures are sold out of equipment now for all outdoor activities so we have to work on first come, first serve basis and we try not to run out of equipment.

Member Comment from Barbara: NY is banning rentals at facilities and asked about possibility of donation of equipment. Hans advised it is up to new equipment guidelines and it is difficult to say they could use donated equipment without knowing what type is being donated.

Ron:

- Received text that Hunter was closed today and may be closed the next couple of days due to Ski Patrol Covid issues
- Big Snow is open, you can ski there. \$35 for two hours. No weather and a good two-hour workout.
- We have a Facebook page. You should check it out and if you are doing something outdoors, mention it and there may be others interested in joining you.

Dennis:

- Big Sky trip next year may be Feb. 5-12. Hopefully, you can sign up soon.

LODGE VP: Micki Goldberger-Levine

Guests are having a good time and we are happy to be hearing that. Looking forward to meeting with lodge committee and planning for a 'normal' winter season next year. Lodge committee will go up there and look for improvements and operations next year. We still have three rooms available so let us know if you are interested

SOCIAL VP: Lou Mortaro

- Wine tasting coming up on the 12th. If you have signed up, you can go to the pickup counter and you can pick up your package when you get there. You can also order the appropriate cheese.
- June 15 we will have the Black Bear golf outing. Not too early to sign up.
- Sky Top is Aug. 27-29. You can stay early. Please sign up. Hopefully, virus will be behind us and we can enjoy that as well.

Awaiting outcome of vaccinations before we start planning other events. Clearly the club would prefer to have the virus behind us before scheduling anything else.

I know someone on the pro billiards schedule. Thinking of an event. A lot of interest based on show of hands. Perhaps early summer

TREASURER: Gary Enrich

We have \$78,096 dollars in our account

JUNIOR DELEGATE: Michele Bondurant

We have blankets, and throws red, navy and grey. We also have masks. Two layers that fit nice. Order by sending a check to me or pay via PayPal. Masks are \$8 or \$8.50 through PayPal

SUNSHINE AND RAINY DAYS: Marie Rivara

Nothing to report

MEMBER COMMENT:

Chet Monroe: Been a member for 45 years, but no longer. I live across from Sugarbush. If you can quarantine and get up here, the skiing has been great. We may do a wine tasting sometime and may do it for the Sugarbush Race Club.

Micki Goldberger-Levine: Public service announcement: You can go to NJ public health and register yourself for the vaccine. Site is slow. Go to NJ Department of Health. Good information there that will help you. Ron will put link on the Facebook page. Dennis will put it on Lift Line.

OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:27