

GARDEN STATE SKI CLUB, INC.
ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Meeting called to order 7:14

PRESIDENT: Dennis Young

Welcome new members and others who have joined. Tonight, we will review the budget and go over the P&L for the 2019-20 season. Club did very well, and you'll see that when we review the report.

SKI VICE PRESIDENT: Ron Levine

Couple of nice trips this year. Industry gearing up with plans to limit crowds. Gondolas may be limited to family groups only. Adrienne's trip to Vail is Jan 23-30 and she will speak about that

Adrienne Geffen: Air is nonstop from Newark to Eagle Vale. Staying at Evergreen lodge (close to Lion's Head). Those with the EPIC pass or group tickets will be given priority. Epic pass is only available until Sept. 9. Those interested should contact me immediately and send me a check to hold your place. I need to make a decision. If there's not enough people, I will cancel. I plan to make a decision by Labor Day. Vail is opening this season. If we have a group tickets, we can ski. Have not been able to get group ticket price but last year was about 50 percent more than EPIC price.

Ron Levine: Industry offering cancellation refunds when trips are cancelled 90 days out. So, with the Vail trip, that would be by end of October. If you wish to cancel by then you will get your money back.

Adrienne: That is true but not for the EPIC pass. They will refund if Vail is closed. Have not given out prices for lift tickets yet. They refuse to push back deadline for purchasing EPIC pass

Other trips are also planned:

- Sunday River, Maine, March 7-12 at an incredible affordable price. Runs around four or five hundred dollars
- Ski Council has a trip to Mt. Tremblant, but they've closed that out right now. Border is closed right now and not likely to open until the first of the year
- Big Sky trip, Feb. 13-20. Lodging at the Summit, Huntley, and other condos. Still have some openings. Right now, 116 people have signed up. No more nonstop flights are available. There are some one stop flights available on United
- Can still do bus trips over the winter. We can do these on a two-week notice. Skiing will be open and we will take advantage
- Anyone interested in signing up for Sunday River or to be waitlisted for Mt. Tremblant should contact Dennis.

LODGE VP: Ray Owens

We are meeting next week with lodge committee to discuss two plans that we are considering for the lodge. Also hearing new information like:

- Ski areas may open only for those with reservations and shareholders

- Ramapo Ski Club indicating that Mad River Glen doesn't expect ski lodges to open
- Stowe, Okemo, Mt. Snow may be going same way as Vail with opening just for season passes and reservations
- Ramapo Ski Club is tackling same problems. Will require social distancing and masks. May close kitchen and require individuals to bring their own food. May allow just use of Microwave
- Biggest concern is whether or not we can open the lodge and keep it safe. That's the most important. Don't want to be in charge of this lodge if someone gets sick. That's what's taking time
- Vermont requires maximum 50% occupancy, has quarantine rules and requires certificate of compliance from every member. They have an alert called Sara Alert that you sign up for. They then check on you every day to see how you are doing

SOCIAL VP: Lou Mortaro (Dennis reported due to audio difficulties)

- Big Sky trip took place with 14 people attending. Resort was very accommodating and good to us
- Mix B4 6 next Tuesday at 5:30 at Maywood Inn Twin Doors. They have a 20x70 tent with a bar setup. Dinner is available. Wear a mask. Should have a good time
- Car Hops have been good but it's getting late in the season to continue them. May do another mix in September.
- Lou needs help with Halloween and Snow Ball events
- May do a questionnaire on what members want to do. Will help us plan

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Kevin Kennedy

- Letters should have been received for membership renewal. Included is a new Covid 19 waiver that needs to be signed and returned
- Quorum approved notes from August 18, 2020 meeting
- Meetup is attracting new members. Please sign up on Meetup when attending events. It helps demonstrate to newcomers that this is an active group. It also allows other members who may wish to see you to know when you are attending

Comments followed on Meetup:

Ron Vitale: At BJ's request, I've been putting hikes on Meetup. Only two people were listed as going but it turned out that eight wanted to go. Had to turn two people down. If you are going, put it on Meetup. Suggest a disclaimer that mentions the event is also going to our club members so number of attendees won't reflect how many people will be attending. It's going to be more. Hope to do more events as weather permits. Hopefully I can get it in Lift Line. Going to get going.

Betty Jean Downing: Join. It costs nothing. If your coming, sign up so it looks like the club is active. We have 370 Meetup members. If they're not seeing that folks are going, they're not going to go.

TREASURER REPORT: Gary Enrich

We got money. Current total of \$74,450, total deposits of \$8,284 (mostly Big Sky), Net total of \$66,166. Largest recent expense was house taxes that were a little over 5,000.

- Seems like people forget email address they used to sign up for the club. If you are having trouble logging in to the Members Only page, you may have an older email address and haven't changed it. We can send you an email and reset your password. Just send a note to Webmaster@GardenStateSkiClub.com

JUNIOR DELEGATE: Michele Bondurant

- Displayed fleece throw blankets that club is offering. Blankets are available in red, gray and navy. Club is selling blankets as a fundraiser that will generate dollars to support the expense of providing condolence blankets for members. Sending one to Jim Fitzpatrick and sending one to Dave Rivara. Sold some blankets at Car Hop. Throw is \$30, and \$35 if mailed directly from ARC
- Club still has hats and visors that can be sold
- Last meeting, we discussed putting the number of years that someone was a member. Determined this may be too difficult to determine. Not going there. So blankets will just say 'In Memory Of'

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis Young

Review of last year's P&L and proposed budget. Visuals were displayed. Key comments:

- Profitable year. Lodge was very successful despite season being cut short
- Fixed expenses continue whether or not we use the lodge; need to keep heat on, pay taxes, maintenance and electric
- For now, reducing lodge revenue expectation to \$3,000. This may change after next Lodge Committee meeting.
- Proposed budget has been placed online for members to review. Need your input. 'It's your club'. Next meeting, we need to vote on the budget and will require a Quorum to do so

Tom and Marita Howald working with Jim Fitzpatrick's sister. They have ski and wind surfing equipment that they would like to sell through the club, hoping someone in the club would benefit from it. Club will put information on Lift Line

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

Notes provided by Executive Secretary Kevin Kennedy