

Garden State Ski Club Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Meeting called to order: 7:34

PRESIDENT: Denis Young

Looks like a quorum. (Official count was recorded as 49.)

Look forward to return to Maywood. Nominating lodge trustees tonight. On Nov. 3 we will also need a quorum to vote on the nominations.

At the Board of Director's meeting last night, we discussed opening of the lodge for shareholders. Also looking at using PayPal or other pay method for lift tickets. Next Board meeting is Nov. 17, same as our regular meeting day. Will meet an hour or so before. Let us know if you have any items you wish to have discussed. Contact either myself or the Junior Delegate, Michele Bondurant.

SKI VP: Ron Levine

Ski season will be upon us. Warren Miller releasing new movie. There's a trailer on Lift Line. Movie is online Nov. 7 and 9. You can rent it for \$30 but club has a \$3 discount online.

Skiing is alive and well at the Meadowlands - Big Snow American Dream: \$35 for a two hour session. May do a midweek ski event there. Show of hands indicated many would like to attend. We'll look for group discount. Good place to check equipment. Two hour event likely to start at 1pm.

Couple of trips: Council trip to Big Sky, Feb. 13-20. Still have a few openings. Contact Dennis if interested. Also have a drive trip, March 7-12, to Sunday River. Runs about \$500 for slope side lodging, ski in , ski out.

Mt. Tremblant trip is Feb. 7-12. Sold out but trip may not go because of the border closure. Still four months away, so it would be nice if it goes.

Mt. Everest Ski Shop in Westwood is in ski mode. They have snow shoes in stock. That's an item that is nice to have for the season. You can do it anywhere. It's free unless at a formal resort. Good this winter because other downhill opportunities may be limited. Equipment is likely to become difficult to get so you should get it now when you can.

SOCIAL VP: Lou Mortaro

Had to cancel the Snow Ball. Based on club input we will try to run a Spring Fling sometime in April. Several people have asked about Sky Top. We plan to run it again next year in August. Due to weather, questions regarding golf outing in June have been asked. We will try to plan that. Will pursue date and put both in social calendar.

Discussed success of Mix B4 6 at outdoors events. Looking for some places that have heating outdoors. Going to start getting cold out there. Marie Rivara advised that Twin Door was in pursuit of heaters. Trying to get propane heaters. Town says you must use electricity and that would be cost prohibitive.

Tents will stay in as long as possible. Twin Doors may be planning a Halloween party on Sunday, Oct. 31st. outdoors.

Anyone with suggestions of places we can explore for Nov. and Dec. Mix B4 6, please contact Lou Mortaro.

LODGE VP: Ray Owens

Nominations for lodge trustees tonight. We have two incumbents (Dennis Young and Micki Levine). And two members who indicated they would like nomination (Ed Wardell and Art Gillan). Note: A third member, Tom Dempsey, indicated he would also like to have his name placed in nomination during the New Business discussion.

Lodge plan for season was to offer shareholders of last three years and survey responders the opportunity to book. As of now we are full for the season. (new motion follows on this topic).

Following Ray's announcement, members voiced opinions on the process. Details will follow under New Business.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Kevin Kennedy

Members have received letters for renewal of membership. Included with the renewal letter is a new waiver that contains COVID -19 information. All members must sign and return this waiver with their membership renewal.

Mike Rinaldi informed the group that we have 168 renewals and also shared upcoming deadlines:

Oct. 31. Renewals postmarked following this date will be assessed a \$5 penalty fee.

Dec. 1. Failure to renew membership by this date results in membership and club benefit forfeiture. To reinstate membership, an additional \$10 reinstatement fee and board approval will be required.

Vote was taken and minutes from the previous meeting on October 6 were approved by the quorum in attendance..

TREASURER REPORT: Gary Enrich.

We currently have \$70,573. Holding \$3,144 for returns. Our current balance net of returns is \$67,429.

JUNIOR DELEGATE: Michele Bondurant

Continuing sale of blanket. We have, red, navy and grey. Next fundraiser will be black masks with ski club logo in green. One size fits all. Estimated time for arrival is December.

SUSHINE AND RAINY DAYS: Marie Rivara

Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and comments took place during Ray Owen's lodge report regarding the process that was utilized to rent the rooms at the lodge for the coming season. To advance the meeting, the discussion was postponed for continuation under New Business.

Following is a high-level summary of key points of discussion:

- Tom Dempsey voiced disappointment at the way it was done. Felt the offering wasn't open to the whole membership. When informed that a survey was sent asking which members had plans to attend, he didn't feel there would be a penalty for not responding. He felt it could have easily been missed and felt a lottery open to all members would be a better approach
- Ray Owens explained that the offering was not limited to just shareholders but they reached out to membership via the survey and then included all those who expressed interest. There was an expectation that there would be rooms available after the offering, given the cost of \$2000 per room and the uncertainties of the season. It was planned that, just as in the past, it was first offered to shareholders, then to the membership. Shareholders were not given any preference in advance of the members who responded.
- Additional member comments / suggestions included:
 - In the future, when we come out with a new policy, let's be sure it reaches everyone, so it is transparent
 - These are different times and the club as a whole can't make decisions all the time, that's why we have a lodge committee that we need to trust to make decisions
 - Members felt they heard about the plan and the fact that the lodge was full in the same communication
 - Member safety was the primary reason this approach was taken, so each renter would be responsible for the sanitization of his or her own room
 - Vermont quarantine is still in effect. Visitors must quarantine 14 days or seven days with a negative test within seven days
 - One member felt that the renters should not be reimbursed if a member was diagnosed with Covid and the lodge needed to be shut down. Previous communication regarding the renting details indicated that renters would be reimbursed based on the number of days the lodge was closed
 - On a vote related topic, a suggestion was made that the club utilize proxy voting in the future

MOTION PROPOSED: Tom Dempsey

Following the discussion, Tom made a motion for the club to change its position and institute a lottery for the rooms being rented. The lottery will be open to all members who wish to enter.

Voting took place with 20 in favor and 16 against.

Motion passed.

It was decided that those who have already submitted their \$500 deposit for a room would automatically be included in the lottery. It was also decided that anyone wishing to enter the lottery must include the \$500 deposit with their request to enter.

Dennis Young will discuss the motion with the lodge committee and prepare a communication to implement the plan.

Meeting adjourned 8:44

Notes prepared by Executive Secretary, Kevin Kennedy