

Greek Peak Board Minutes

3/13/23

Zoom

6 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Brian Boerman, George Tamborelle, Todd Shilliff, Sheri Freemantle, Jeff Rachlinski, Karl Granroth, Josh Finn, Amy Derito, Kim Gorey, Josh Finn, Rebecca VonBergen

Others in attendance: Marisa LaFalce, Columbia Warren, Rob Gault, Amanda Elliott

Board members not attending: Matt Hoff

- I. February minutes
 - a. Table approval until all board members have a chance to review the document.

- II. Special announcement – Brian Boerman
 - a. GPSC has been awarded seed money to start a post-season racing fund to cover the cost of coaches travel and expenses related to post-season events. The donor is interested in starting a match fund in the fall matching up to \$5000 that GPSC could receive if other donations are received. Total donation of up to \$10,000. Thank you to the donor and thank you to the board. Because we have brought this item to the agenda more than once, it showed a real passion and concern about this issue. The views of this board are in line with our members.
 - b. Josh: Can we as a board articulate our gratitude? I think it's appropriate that we do something.

- III. Program Director's Report – Marisa LaFalce
 - a. We are in the middle of the championship season. Exciting things at all levels. U14 and U18s states last weekend, U16s the weekend before. Kandahar next weekend for U10 and U12s.
 - b. There are six different post season events kids would qualify. U12 –Piche. U14 – Champs and Piche. U16 – Champs and Finals. U18 – Finals. We had GPSC athletes qualify for 5 of 6 events. We are doing the right things for our club, we are development focused, then the results come at the end of the season and future years to build. I hope this is the beginning of a wave that will climb with time.
 - c. Mo has been doing values work with coaches. Fun, fundamentals and fearlessness. At U14 States, I saw a lot of fearless skiing. SG was challenging. There were 3 sled transports early in the girls' race. Our kids skied fearlessly. All of our athletes finished in the top half of the state. That felt energizing that these strong values are represented in our racers.
 - d. Second year u12s had 2 days of tall pole training.
 - e. We had an amazing Christy's race last weekend. So many people came up to me in the last week and complimented what a great job we did with the race. We hosted Skillsquest with scoring and a 2-run race, and we were done with awards by 3:15 p.m. It is a testament to our volunteers. It's the least exhausting race I have ever run because we had so many volunteers helping.

- f. Coaches' ed: Clinics are going to be at Whiteface mid-week, which is expensive. I hope to get a level 100 clinic closer to GP in the first half of the season next year.
 - g. We are going to save travel expenses for Kandahar this year. Coach Amelia's family owns a house up there and offered it to our coaches. This could allow us to send a coach to the U12 Whiteface event in April.
 - h. Spring races at Holimont are coming up.
 - i. End of year celebration will be March 26. Snowpack is looking good. We may do a Rokus-style dual slalom. Jamie is interested in doing that and it would be good to do a test-run. 25-second course. Six runs in total. Reseeded after every two runs.
 - j. Confirmed athletes traveling to post-season: Braelyn VonBergen to Eastern Champs at Whiteface, Aaron Freemantle to U16 Finals at Attitash, Pacey O'Grady Specht to Piche's.
- IV. Member Survey – Sheri Freemantle
- a. A member survey will go up on Survey Planet starting April 1.
 - b. We have the option to do a coaches' survey as well.
 - c. Kim Gorey: I'm happy to help. She had methodology behind how you ask a question.
- V. Committee reports
- a. Marketing: Brian Boerman.
 - i. We are not ready to start fundraising for the building yet because the lease agreement with the mountain hasn't come back.
 - b. Facilities:
 - i. We need to fix a spring on the door at the lower clubhouse.
 - ii. George: We need to get the crash-bar fix on the door to the A-frame. The set-screw is stripped. Brian: The mountain should fix that.
 - c. Hill Committee – Karl
 - i. I want to buy at least 20 nets. We have enough poles for 20 nets. This will cost \$3,160. That gets us through the poles that we have. We were short about 2 nets when we did the whole course.
 - ii. Mo: When we go to set GS top-to-bottom on Odyssey, we were short. It was okay because it was not a USSA race. If there had been a situation where the jury wanted more nets, we would have been in trouble. Mo would like to do an assessment of what nets need to be replaced and come up with a more firm number at the May meeting. We try to order in May or June. Mo will make a summary of gates needed at that time too.
 - iii. We need to pull all of the nets this week. With all of this snow, they need to be pulled. They are already buried and it's only going to get worse. We need to make sure there is nothing falling down tomorrow.
- VI. College teams
- a. We did the final billing for ICART. We are ready to do the final billing for Cornell.
- VII. Kim Gorey:

- a. Are there any thoughts in putting together a volunteer committee for next year. This could put some rules into play and put people in charge to promote more volunteerism.
- b. Can we do a two-day Black Diamond? There are kids who aren't ready to race, and who would like more than Gatebusters.
 - i. Brian: We do not want the BD program to compete with the Mountain's ski school
 - ii. Mo: A lot of kids are attracted to BD b/c they are concerned about the intensity of racing; some have transitioned to racing successfully from this, but not all. It can be challenging to transition at the U14 level.
 - iii. Josh would like to talk about alumni membership and how to address kids who are not enjoying the intensity of the race program as much as others.

VIII. Next meeting is Monday, May 15.

Motion to adjourn: Jeff motions, Karl seconds. Unanimous approval.