

Greek Peak Board Minutes

5/15/23

Trax Deck

6 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Marisa LaFalce, Wendy Weichert

Board members not attending: George Tamborelle, Karl Granroth

1. Previous Minutes Approval– postponed until next month.
2. SWAP: Columbus Day weekend again, October 6-8.
 - a. All of the vendors except Miguel have verified they will participate, and we expect to hear from Miguel this summer.
 - b. Jenn Pluta and Kimberly Gorey will help run the swap. It will be Jeff's last year.
 - c. We could rent a more complicated point-of-sale scanning system. It would cost \$1600 to rent, but we can still use our current system.
 - d. We need new scanners like our current scanners, which are breaking. They cost \$65 each.
3. Program Director Report – Marisa LaFalce
 - a. Summary from NYSSRA meetings: Our program matches up with the NYSSRA values.
 - i. At the Development Committee, there are conversations thinking about retaining athletes through U18. They want to support pathways to skiing in college, especially for our typical U18 racers.
 - ii. Changes in U16/U18 schedule. Because of the slow arrival of winter, they're going to cut to 2 races in January and offer more races with training. February will be stacked with more racing opportunities. They have moved speed to the week after Empire State Winter Games.
 - iii. There is conversation to moving the dates of Empire State Winter Games back a week.
 - iv. Several board members don't like the idea of training days before races.
 - b. Mo would like to implement regular SkillsQuest fitness testing, work with the mountain to build more terrain, keep working on building the club's and coaches' technical repertoire.
 - c. Mo and Wendy met with each of the coaches. Most of the conversations went 45-60 minutes. Coaches are engaged and thinking about the ski season.
 - d. USA Ski and Snowboard Congress is this week. Total random seeding was well-regarded and we should expect to continue to see at the U16 level.
 - e. U14 States may be split into two weekends. They will still require two speed training days for U14 states.
 - f. Kandahar was split into three races last year. They are looking at balancing the races so their numbers are more even. Greek Peak Mountain Resort would like to host Kandahar

here at Greek Peak. It's typically the third week in March. NYSSRA wants to continue an open Champs event after Kandahar Festival.

- g. There's a new coaches' education committee at NYSSRA. They've got some good ideas.
 - h. Cost of sport came up. Vermont did a fee waiver across all of their races. Parents registering could ask for a discount on race fees. NYSSRA is looking into this for New York.
 - i. NYSSRA head fees and membership fees are not changing.
 - j. NYSSRA has a surplus of money. They've decided to use this money, in part, to give to the Councils.
 - k. The Council is talking about working together to offer more low-cost opportunities such as a Big Snow event, early season Sunday River trip, local Skills Quest fitness testing.
 - l. Mo hopes we can host a USS course setting clinic at Greek Peak.
 - m. Greek Peak does not reimburse coaches' when they travel to training clinics. Mo wants to benchmark with other clubs to find out if this is consistent.
 - n. Mo talked to coaches' about better integrating video.
 - o. Wendy: Debriefs with GB and BD coaches went well. Coaches are looking for opportunities for mentoring in-house. Coaches like the radio harnesses. Coaches want more information about how to use skill environments, long-term plans, etc . Coaches liked the mid-season review process.
4. Member survey
- a. Brian: The survey results were overwhelmingly positive.
 - b. Sheri: The most negative comments were about the potluck.
 - i. Jeff and Kim suggest a volunteer/potluck committee. It could be difficult to get people to sign up for more volunteer opportunities.
 - ii. Rebecca suggests a code of conduct that we share with all families and any parents can enforce, including rules such as cleaning up after yourself. We should post a sign of expected behaviors.
 - iii. Josh: This is not a ski school where you drop your kids off.
 - iv. Mo: Let's ask people to label food in the pot luck.
 - v. Matt: Can we rotate age groups that are in charge of the potluck each day?
 - vi. Consensus: The club will host fewer organized potlucks. Maybe 4 throughout the year?
 - vii. Josh: Results were positive. People said they would recommend the club to friends, they thought it was good value for money, and felt it had good communication.
5. 2023 BOD Election Planning
- a. Matt, Rebecca and Amy are finishing their board terms and not running again.
 - b. Karl will run again. Tim Macconaghy wants to run as a new member. Josh will run as the treasurer. We need more people: we have a Vice President and an At-Large position open.
 - c. We will run the election on Survey Planet.
6. Committee
- a. Hill Committee
 - i. Last year we spent \$12,000 on b-net and gates.

- ii. This year, Mo is proposing \$8800. We are going to apply to a Kelly Brush Foundation for grant that would bring the total cost down to \$5800.
 - iii. We have a lot of extra poles. We have three bundles of good poles, which will go with 42 complete nets. Does it have to be a complete set up to get a Kelly Brush grant? We might get more grant money for complete sets of nets.
 - iv. We should see if we get a grant first, and then make the motion for spending. We'll write the grants for 42 nets – complete sets.
 - b. Facilities: Lease agreement discussion
 - i. Jeff and Brian met with Wes about the lease. The Mountain thought the lease was too complicated and wanted a simpler one. Jeff agreed to simplify it and make some changes, and then will bring it back to the Mountain.
 - ii. The A-frame is leased through a memorandum of understanding, which is confirmed verbally with the mountain. We pay in January.
- 7. Josh motions to adjourn, Jeff seconds it. Meeting ends at 8:07 p.m.