

EAGLECREST BOARD OF DIRECTIONS
January Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 3rd, 2022, 5:30pm
Via Zoom

Agenda:

1. ROLL CALL: Mike Satre, Dave Hanna, Jon Dale, Shawn Eisele, Kevin Krein, Mark Rainiery and Stephanie Hoag were present. The mountain was represented by GM Dave Scanlan.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike called the meeting to order at 5:30. Dave made a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved without any additional changes or objections.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January meeting minutes, Stephanie made a motion to approve the minutes, the minutes were approved without changes.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Fred Hiltner of the JNSC thanked Dave and staff for all their support and grooming efforts in challenging conditions. The new hardened section of trail has provided a nice base for grooming. The group is concerned about back country skiers and their impact hiking out on the upper loop.
Justin Spurrier raised concern about trying to make a hasty gondola purchase.
Brian Davies thanked everyone for their hard work but urged the group to consider Ptarmigan first.
5. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS: Assembly member Greg Smith passed appreciation for action on the employee pay plan. On February 7th an ordinance will be introduced for \$2 million for the pulse gondola purchase which will need majority approval and that the gondola is a significant investment. He reminded the board that this fall there will be opportunities for the 1% sales tax project funding. He thanked all board and staff for their work.

Finance: A finance Committee meeting was held on January 11th, report included in board packet.

Planning Committee: A planning committee meeting was held on January 27th. Dave H advised the board that the 2 main items discussed at that meeting were grant proposals and a gondola purchase. The GM is currently working an environmental assessment plan.

6. MANAGERS REPORT:

See Manager's Report for detail. Shawn raised concern about lift line spacing in relation to the COVID plan.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. FY22 and FY23 draft budget for approval. Dave H made a motion to move the budget as presented. The motion passed as presented.
- b. Summer Operations Funding Ordinance. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the purchase of a pulse gondola at Eaglecrest. Prior to the discussion Mike Satre and Dave Scanlan shared feedback from the Assembly finance meeting. Key components of the discussion were as follows:
 - The desire for Eaglecrest to be self-sustainable.
 - The importance of vetting concept and financial information.
 - Assembly support for Eaglecrest.
 - Lift capacities and the condition/cost of a Ptarmigan replacement.
 - Lift location and weather impact/unknowns.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Justin asked about weather minimums.

Brian Davies reminded the board that this is a lot of money and to think wisely and shared concerns about crosswinds and rime ice.

Bruce Garrison urged the board to seize the opportunity and reminded them of \$50k available for a feasibility study.

Lift rep. Zrinko joined the discussion to talk about engineering and function along with ice and wind considerations.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Smith thanked the board and will work to answer questions and help package the ordinance for more discussion.

Jon thanked everyone at the mountain for all their work in the dynamic arctic and rainforest weather patterns we have had. He also thanked the mountain for the support of the ski club. He thought that the gondola is a good idea but the plan needs lots of work.

Stephanie thanked the mountain staff for all their work to keep the mountain going in the diverse weather and thinks the tram is a great opportunity.

Shawn thanked everyone.

Kevin feels that the new gondola is a great opportunity and thanked all the public for tuning in and commenting and advised the board to move forward carefully.

Dave thanked everyone at the mountain for hanging in during challenging conditions and labor shortages. He appreciated public comment and wants to work hard to preserve what we have and make Eaglecrest a success.

Mark thanked all for their work and thanked Dave for putting together all the information on the new lift. He is looking forward to the new terrain park.

Mike passed his appreciation to all who tuned in and spent time in the work session. There are lots of steps to be taken and work to be done to get the assembly on board.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting date is March 3rd, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.