

EAGLECREST BOARD OF DIRECTIONS
February Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 4th, 2021, 5:30pm
Via Zoom

Agenda:

1. ROLL CALL: Mike Satre, Stephanie Hoag, Dave Hanna, Jon Dale, Shawn Eisele, Megan Gregory and Kevin Krein were present. Assembly member Wade Bryson, General Manager Dave Scanlan and Director of SSS/RRR Erin Lupro were present. Terrain park manager Frank Lentz and Fred Hiltner were also present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike called the meeting to order, Stephanie moved to approve the agenda with Kevin seconding the motion. The agenda was approved without additional changes or objections.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January meeting minutes, Dave H moved to approve, Meg seconded, the minutes were approved.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Fred Hiltner passed a big thank you from the Juneau Nordic Ski Club. He thanked Dave and all grooming staff and greatly appreciates the work grooming nordic trails before races.
5. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS:
 - a. Finance- Jon shared the results of the finance committee meeting from January 21st. (See February meeting packet for a copy of minutes). Dave S informed the board that he is continuing to work with the city to explore summer development options.
 - b. Eaglecrest Foundation – Dave H his attendance at a meeting with the Eaglecrest Foundation on February 3rd. The ECF board is excited about the tower sign fund raising project and want to help. The ECF shared that they expect fund raising to go well as there is still lots of generosity in the community. The group discussed the possibility of using the first round of funds for snowmaking and exploring the possibility of using Pitman grant funds for the road to Cropley. The ECF only has enough money for one more year of books to boards. Charlie will help the foundation with marketing for the fund-raising project. Shawn asked about funding from the Corbus fund.
6. MANAGERS REPORT:

See Manager's Report for detail.

Additional comments:

- a. Mountain Operations: A lack of carpooling due to COVID, more user groups and nordic events have led to more cars in the parking lot and parking issues. Mr. Bryson asked about signs to encourage people to park closer. Dave H advocated for people in the lot to help direct cars. Dave S agreed that control of the lot is key. Shawn thinks that signs might help.
- b. Snow Sports: Erin shared with the board that snowsports programs are exploding with lots of new users and that the team is working together to make things work. The 24-hour advanced notice for lessons is working well. Her staff has delivered school group coupons to schools to provide all students with a skiing option. Meg thanked Erin and the snowsports team. Dave H also thanked Meg and has heard rave reviews. Mr. Bryson asked Erin that is she had more available staff could they increase lessons. Erin responded that they could but there is a very small pool of instructors in the community. They did add 20 new staff this year and have a total of 65-70 FT/PT instructors. Currently there is not enough staff to support lesson demand.
- c. COVID 19: Dave S informed the board that even with the decrease in community threat level the mountain does not plan to make any operational changes as current operations have been implemented and are working well to keep guests and employees safe. Mike noted the importance of adapting policy and agreed that guests are trained on how things work. Shawn asked how the staff are feeling and if they feel safe. Dave S shared that people are monitoring their health and testing if symptomatic. To date no one has tested positive and the consensus is that staff does feel safe. Mike shared that it was important to recognize how important safety is and that safety is a shared responsibility and wished to pass along a big thank you to everyone. Dave S shared with the board that ski patrol was eligible to receive COVID vaccinations.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of proposed FY22 Budget
Jon made a motion to approve the FY22 budget as presented, Dave H seconded the motion. Dave H shared that with the mountain having a good financial year that the board might consider not asking for a full \$100k draw and could consider \$75k. Shawn asked about asking for even less and saving more for future use. Kevin inquired about funds carryover and asked if it would be of any benefit to leave funds with the ECF. Dave H shared that surplus revenue goes into the reserve fund balance and he would like to continue to build that balance to exceed liabilities (inventory and accrued leave).
The budget was approved as presented.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Frank thanked everyone for the welcome to EC and welcomes the board to provide him with feedback. Mike thanked Frank for his work. Jon

reminded Frank and the board that moguls matter. Erin thanked the board and shared that she is working hard to continue to make a place for our community to connect and come together.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Bryson thanked that board and enjoyed seeing everyone again.

Dave H had the opportunity to see lots of staff on the mountain today. He enjoyed seeing everyone smiling and appreciated upbeat attitudes. He thanked all the staff.

Jon thanked the mountain for the media support of the Juneau Ski Club. He appreciated how the mountain is adapting and remaining flexible to all the changes they are having to deal with.

Meg was happy to hear about continuity with the COVID plan. She was happy with the budget results and wished Dave a speedy recovery with his knee.

Stephanie passed thanks to Dave and all staff for their work. She loves hearing about all the success in the snowsports program and thinks that Eaglecrest is the best thing in Juneau.

Shawn shared how great it is to see all going to smoothly in a very challenging year.

Kevin passed along a big thanks to Dave and all staff.

Mike appreciated all the work in supporting Juneau Ski Club. He also noted how some COVID practices that mountain explored may become common practice as they learn how to do things more efficiently. He noted how hard it can be for an organization to re-invent its self but Eaglecrest has done it. He wants to make sure that the mountain is around for decades to come.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting date is March 4th 2021, via Zoom.

Dave H moved to adjourn, and Stephanie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.