

EAGLECREST BOARD OF DIRECTIONS
January Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 7th, 2020, 5:30pm
Via Zoom

Agenda:

1. ROLL CALL: Mike Satre, Stephanie Hoag, Dave Hanna, Jonathan Dale, Shawn Eisele, Megan Gregory and Kevin Krein were present. Assembly member Christine Woll and General Manager Dave Scanlan were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike called the meeting to order, Stephanie moved to approve the agenda with Shawn seconding the motion. Shawn asked to discuss the cabin project in unfinished business.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December meeting minutes, Shawn moved to approve, Stephanie seconded, the minutes were approved.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Fred Hiltner passed a big thanks from the nordic community for all their training and race usage at the mountain. The Juneau Nordic Ski Club is approaching 700 members. The club appreciates the working relationship they have between their groomers and the Eaglecrest groomers.
Christine Woll was joining the group in place of Wade Bryson. She let the board know that the city had received an extension for its use of COVID funds and that Parks and Rec had assumed operations of the Diamond Park Field House. Shawn asked about the close vote to which Mrs. Woll responded that the assembly is being very careful with funding.
5. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS:
None
6. MANAGERS REPORT:
See Manager's Report for detail.
Additional comments:
 - a. Financial Report:
Jon asked about tracking of COVID funds and their impact on the current budget. Kevin asked about revenue reports throughout the season. Dave S informed the board that season passes and multi visit cards are 75% of revenue, sales this year are going well and we are seeing new user groups at the mountain. Shawn asked about uphill passes and any liability it might bring; Dave S let him know that there is a large trend in uphill access at many mountains.
 - b. Mountain Operations

Kevin asked about Black Bear being down, Dave S let him know that it was due to icing but the fact that they are running the lift more often leads to less ice build up and operational delays. Mike asked about base area seating and how to best manage tent usage. Dave S stated that both tents are for general use and they are working to make sure that their occupancy remains inline with their COVID plan. Shawn inquired about opening the back of the tents for more air flow. Stephanie asked about limiting the number of people in the tents, Dave S stated the mountain is doing that by limiting the number of seats and tables.

c. Base Operations

Kevin asked about the road conditions and maintenance. Dave S let the board know that there had been lots of changes this year and that DOT is working with the new contractor to modify equipment to take better care of the road. Shawn asked about offering more robust face masks for employees. Dave S informed the board that fit testing requires a physical and other factors make it challenging but the mountain does offer a variety of masks to staff.

d. Ski Patrol

Mike thanked the patrol for all their work and their ability to keep the mountain open in challenging conditions.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cabin project – There is lots of community interest for a 2nd cabin. Options for grants were discussed along with the opportunity for discussion with the Eaglecrest Foundation and the Juneau Community Foundation. Land Water Conservation Funds are in the state budget for this year. Shawn let the board know that the Juneau Community Foundation is experienced with grant writing and he is willing to help. Shawn also asked about an Eaglecrest Foundation Committee meeting to discuss mountain priorities, it was decided to discuss this matter at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. None

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mrs. Woll thanked the board for letting her join the meeting and to listen.

Stephanie can't imagine any more challenging or trying times and thinks that things couldn't be going better. Great skiing, lifts are running and things are great. She is ready to help with grant writing.

Kevin is amazed at how smooth things are going and appreciates how well the mountain is working to spread folks out.

Shawn appreciates how things are going well and noted lots of support from the Assembly and the city.

Jon thanked everyone at the mountain for their work. Everyone has remained flexible and adapted to many changing conditions. He appreciated how the work force is empowered to enforce COVID rules and how they do it in a compassionate manner.

Dave H noted that all of the crew should be proud of their work and how well things are going.

Meg passed a kudos to Dave and all of the team. She has heard great things from everyone and loves all the marketing.

Mike appreciates the great job Dave is doing taking feedback and being constructive as he moves forward. This season is a great opportunity to build our user base. With all the Snowsports school activity it is a great opportunity to make for positive experiences and build a younger demographic on the mountain. He is looking forward to seeing next year's budget.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting date is February 4th at 530, via Zoom.

Stephanie moved to adjourn, and Shawn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.