



## **Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

### **Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Amanda Viebrock (President); Chip McElearney (Secretary); Heather Neff (Treasurer); John Barnett; Libby Siebens; Roger Taggart (Executive Director); and Ethan Howell (ex officio, absent).

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.

### **Overview**

The board discussed exit interview plans for member families leaving the program and reviewed administrative matters including minutes and financial statements. The group evaluated potential candidates for fundraising roles and discussed ticket sales and logistics for upcoming events including an auction and race hosting changes. They concluded with event coordination details and a brief discussion about volunteer needs, while also touching on various operational matters including race officials' training requirements and website updates for board recruitment.

### **Action Items**

- Amanda to draft and send out an email regarding board member recruitment.
- Roger to follow up with Cindy Uren about her interest in joining the board. If interested, Amanda to follow up with board member information.
- Heather to send a final email reminder to families about buying auction tickets.
- Heather, Lindsay, and Carson to finalize table assignments and provide attendance numbers to Laura.
- John to develop an exit interview form for families leaving the team.
- Board members to continue considering methods for conducting exit interviews with departing families.

### **Outline**

#### General Business

- Board approved financial statements and previous meeting's minutes.

#### Old Business

- Board recruitment. Chip posted board documents and past minutes on the MRST website, and will continue to post new documents as needed, and Amanda will send out a board recruitment message to team families. Roger discussed two people who may be good potential new board members, and he would check with Cindy Wren but will hold on the other until some other commitments pass. The board discussed conducting exit interviews with long-term families to gather insights about cultural issues and stress factors. They agreed to create a standardized form for uniform interviews, with John and Amanda planning to lead the process rather than coaches.

#### Director Update

- Roger discussed ongoing registration, stating that Ski Stars did fill up as quickly as in past years and some families are not continuing, but most younger athletes who received recommendations to advance are doing so.

- Coaches have been working hard on the auction and the silent/live auction has been doing well.
- In on-hill operations, the Western Region has reconsidered having the two additional slalom races at Mission Ridge and those races will be moved elsewhere, making our event easier to conduct. We also have four of six Thursday Night Drag sponsors already worked out and the Eco boxes were moved up the hill this week. The conex containers and nets should go up next week or soon thereafter.
- Roger also mentioned that the PNW is going to be hosting official and training clinics, with referee updates being annual now.

#### Auction Updates

- Heather discussed the upcoming event setup on Saturday at 9 AM, where volunteers are needed, including athlete volunteers for tasks like swag and raffle. Lindsay is coordinating volunteers through WhatsApp, but Heather agreed that a sign-up genius would be more efficient. Heather will send a final email reminder to families about buying tickets and recruiting volunteers.

Meeting concluded at 5:36 PM.

Next meeting to occur on October 14, 2025 at 5:15 PM.