



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 6:00p

Location: Virtually via Teams

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Lane.

Directors Present: Elaine Tait, Jake Burden, Molly Stanifer, Peter Lane, Bryan Travis, Rick Gruber, Kim Marian, Nate Elkins, Marc DeCubber

Ex Officio Non-Voting Participants: Tonya Lewandowski, Nora Chartrand, Craig Davidson

Also Present: Janelle Schillinger, Steve Damman

Directors Absent: Josh Traeger

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Kim moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Jake seconded, all remaining Directors voted in the affirmative.

3. Officer Reports

- President – Peter Lane thanked the golf event committee for a great fundraising event.
- Vice President – Elaine Tait also praised the golf event work.
- Secretary – Josh Traeger absent; no report.
- Treasurer – Molly Stanifer thanked golf event work, and Josh for meeting agenda template.
- Executive Director – Tonya Lewandowski praised Kim and Rick and all involved in the golf event.
- Program Directors – Craig Davidson
 - Craig asked that Board members, if possible, attend the Fitness Assessment at West HS on September 21.

- Great Fall Camp meeting led by Tonya, lots of coaches in attendance.
- FIS, Region 3 schedule is almost done; next meeting scheduled for September 14.
- All things feel like things are going in the right direction – appreciation to all and for hearing about the golf event success.
- Peter asked about how we choose which races to participate. For the FIS athletes, look to see where they will score the best result; three races to attend selected by Craig, Tonya, parents, and athletes. U16 & under is basically a set schedule, but will go beyond region if an athlete is doing well to get more points.
- Peter also asked Welborne date – Tonya answered schedule is typically the first Sunday in March, but not set.

3. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee – Elaine Tait
 - Reported that the EC is focused on fundraising and urgent needs and systems improvement.
- Fundraising Report – Rick Gruber
 - Committee is meeting more frequently given recent fundraising push.
 - Golf outing feedback so far is positive; Rick is going to send a recap summary to all.
 - Annual dinner planning is going well so far, learning from previous years in how to best utilize volunteers.
 - Rick will send a “what can I do to help the fundraising committee” email out to the Board.
 - Private donor event – committee held a call today with plenty of notes to best prepare; also sending out a “what can I do to help” email.
 - Tonya reminded all that the event schedule was intentionally on the next Board meeting time (October) for as many Board members to attend as possible.
 - Invite list was shared to the Board; asked for the whole Board to look at the list and fill in any contact info they may know.
 - Elaine and Marc helped craft a five-minute video for the event.
 - Peter asked for a staging meeting for the Board to be prepared prior to event.
- Finance Report – Molly Stanifer
 - Kim suggested three signers instead of two on bank accounts – committee will discuss.
 - Tonya is doing a lot of work on grant applications, with the committee identifying new grant opportunities.

- Community Relations Report – Kim Marian
 - Ski Swap update – good, unique location identified, not ready to share yet.
 - Consideration of new GTSC Logo – will discuss in New Business.
- Legal & Policy Report – Josh Traeger absent.
- Programming & Coaching Report – Bryan Travis, not available on call, see written report to Board.

4. Old Business

- Executive Director: Directors to renew/register for USSS Membership - email Tonya with questions; due date is December 31, but please try to complete it ASAP.

5. New Business

- Community Relations Committee: Consideration of New GTSC Logo
 - Kim & Marc gave a wonderful presentation.
 - Peter asked for one more design with Jake's input and to table until November's Board meeting.
 - Motion from Molly to discuss moving forward with two suggested logos; Elaine second.
 - Elaine asked if the established year could be honored somewhere.
 - Plan is to roll out slowly, over a year to capture input like including the established year.
 - Peter wants to wait to vote at November meeting.
 - Kim moved to postpone the decision on which logo to use until October meeting, Jake second, all remaining Directors voted in favor.
- Executive Director:
 - October 22, 6pm in person TBD on location for next Board meeting.
- Steve Damman and Janelle Schillinger introduced themselves as new Board candidates.

6. Announcements

- In addition to events listed on agenda:
 - Target date for ski swap is October 18th
 - Next Board meeting date is October 22nd
- Announcements from agenda
 - **September 15** - GTSC Registration **opens at noon** via our website for any interested skiers.
 - **September 21** - USSS SkillsQuest Fitness Assessment hosted by GTSC @ TC West High School. **Event begins at 8:45am**. All Board members encouraged to attend and help volunteer. Signup here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ftzSnNfHohUhNErPmeet8s4n3Sn7cUS6waEYJh4ADg/edit?usp=sharing>

- **September 25** - Hickory Hills Advisory Committee (HHAC) Meeting at **9am** @ Hickory Hills Lodge. Open to all to attend.
- **October 14** - Donor Event at Mittelstaedt Home - Tracks to Success. Event date of normal October Board Meeting. All Board Members watch for invite and **please plan to attend!**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

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Submitted by Molly Stanifer, Treasurer, Grand Traverse Ski Club

Date: September 10, 2025