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DEPARTMENT of NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
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October 24, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to make a **Retroactive** payment the National Ski Areas Association (VC #164099), Lakewood, CO the amount of \$6,444.48 for membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income).

Funding is available in account, Cannon Mountain, as follows:

	<u>FY 2023</u>
03-035-035-351510-37030000-026-500251-35CA0313-Organizational Dues	\$6,444.48

EXPLANATION

Cannon Mountain has four primary memberships. We typically submit these annual membership agreement approvals to the Governor and Executive Council together because it's more efficient, which occasionally puts one or two of the payments into "retroactive" status. For this reason, we seek **retroactive** approval for our membership with NSAA. We receive services from these membership organizations on a year-round basis, regardless of their invoicing schedules, and we do not incur any late payment penalties as a result of paying them out of cycle.

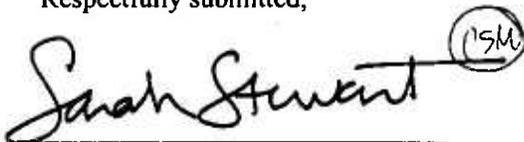
The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) promotes growth in the sport of skiing and snowboarding and ensures the overall health of the industry. NSAA's website is one of our most valuable tools for ordering catalog materials and registration for upcoming events. As a member of NSAA we have access to information and materials that help with training of our employees and staying abreast of the industry issues and statistics. As a matter of practice, membership relationships are considered an ongoing and fundamentally necessary practice within the ski industry.

Listed below are the answers to the standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organizational dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? **NSAA was established in 1962 and Cannon Mountain has been a member since 1971.**
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? **They are the only national organization.**

3. How many other states belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member? **NSAA has members in 39 states, though membership is established by individual resorts rather than individual states.**
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.) **The following formula is used to compute our dues payment: the total gross winter lift receipts (GWLR), including season pass sales, for the previous season (if below \$175,000, minimum dues are \$200); multiply .114% (.00114) x GWLR up to \$5,000,000 plus .057% (.00057) x GWLR in excess of \$5,000,000 equals membership dues as calculated.**
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? **NSAA provides safety information, training modules and industry statics to resorts, including but not limited to, OSHA regulation information, water rights info, resort employee education, public safety initiatives (helmet campaigns, lift safety, terrain park education), etc.**
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. **Training and education materials can be an added cost depending on what each resort is looking for. NSAA does send out a complimentary packet of safety information to every member resort for January's National Safety Awareness week. All other materials for purchase can be found by logging into the NSAA website.**
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain. **No.**
8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known, and purposes of membership supported trips. **No.**
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.) **General Manager John DeVivo, Marketing Director Greg Keeler, and Operations Manager George Lemerise.**
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. **Cannon Mountain would not receive any of the benefits as explained in questions 5 and 6 above which we feel are a necessary part of operating as an active and informed ski industry member.**

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner



DUES INVOICE

Tax ID. # 13-1973926
July 1, 2022

Cannon Mountain

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Ski Area Membership dues for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.
Please use the following formula to compute your dues payment.

Total gross winter lift receipts (GWLR), including season pass sales, for the 2021/2022 season (if below \$175,000, minimum dues are \$200)	\$6,306,106.16
.114% (.00114) x GWLR up to \$5,000,000	\$5,700.00
Plus, .057% (.00057) x GWLR in excess of \$5,000,000	\$744.48
Membership dues as calculated	<u>\$6,444.48</u>

Dues over \$10,000 must be paid via check. To pay by check, remit dues in U.S. Funds to:

National Ski Areas Association
133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 300
Lakewood, CO 80228
(303) 987-1111
Fax (303) 986-2345

To pay by credit card (Visa, MC, or Amex), complete below and email to nsaa@nsaa.org or fax to: (303) 986 – 2345. Or you can pay on line at www.nsaa.org/PayDues. Login required.

Card Number: _____

Card Expiration Date: _____ CVV _____

Name on card: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

Contributions or gifts to the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restriction imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. The NSAA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your fiscal year 2022/2023 dues allocable to lobbying is 2.13%. Annual membership dues include \$25 for a 1-year subscription to the *NSAA Journal*.