

Hello,

Whew! That is the feeling (among others) I have this morning when I realize that an old week has passed and a new week has begun. A virtual flood of information on the coronavirus, significant changes to schedules and routines with still many unknowns and more changes to come, roller coaster of a ride emotionally, financially and mentally! I know many of you are feeling the same way - riding the roller coaster of this unprecedented time - but we really don't know when this ride will end. Meanwhile, we need to be very cautious and heed the guidelines recommended by our city, state, and country leaders as well as our healthcare officials. Naturally, this has not been an easy process, as these guidelines change each day and even hourly as more becomes known. Where we once were given time frames of two (2) weeks, we're now learning of eight (8) week periods.

I'm sure many of you have seen the ski industry news of so many closings - all of Colorado, all Vail Resorts, Alterra Mountain Company Resorts, Montana, Crystal Mountain in Washington, European Resorts, and some Canadian Resorts and more. Some of these have closed for the season, and others have planned to close through March 22 at this time. Many of you know that the CSC Spain trip was cancelled with all 88 attendees agreeing. Sean with Holidayze is working with the hotels, transfer companies and tours to recover as much of our money as possible. Sean successfully worked with the airlines to get refunds for all of us - with only a 24-hour period to cancel everyone's flight! You may notice a reimbursement (with your airline) that is less than the amount you paid. Sean informed Lisa we would receive 100% of our airline fees, so he will correct these. With the passing of each day, Sean has had even more information (ammunition) which should work in our favor. Please give him time (7 - 10 days) to do this work and meanwhile direct any questions you may have to Lisa Beregi. Several clubs - fortunately none of ours - reached their destination, only to have the resort close and the lodging evacuate and close. Charlotte has cancelled their trip to Zermatt, Utah. Several of you have cancelled your club activities through mid-April. MTS (Mountain Travel Symposium), scheduled March 29-April 4 in North Lake Tahoe has been postponed. Please stay abreast of health-related concerns and take any steps necessary for your club members to stay healthy and safe.

Close in our thoughts is Crescent's next event - our Spring Convention. I'd like to inform you that Michelle and I have been working together with Kingston. Michelle made inquiries a week ago with regards to whether or not the Spring convention should be cancelled. At the time of her inquiry, Kingston Plantation stated we were under contract and would be held to our performance clause financial responsibility of close to \$7000. Michelle contacted Kingston today because of the revised CDC guidelines (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/live-blog/coronavirus-updates-live-americans-fly-home-europe-intensifies-lockdown-n1159296/ncrd1159761#liveBlogHeader>) recommending events of more than 50 people over the next eight (8) weeks be cancelled and the SC Governor's endorsement. This new recommendation put the resort in the parameters of our "Impossibility" Clause of our contract, meaning they would not be able to perform their duties as listed. They agreed, which placed us in a position to cancel without any penalty, financial loss, or having to reschedule within this calendar year. ExComm felt that we should follow the recommendations put forth by the CDC and Governor McMaster and sadly agreed to cancel the Annual Spring Convention Meeting.

Meanwhile, ExComm is planning to hold a meeting via a virtual conference (Zoom, Meet Up) to discuss options for those items usually scheduled during the Spring Meeting - namely the budget and elections. Additional information will be shared as we have it.

Please continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

Thanks,

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