

# ***Princeton Ski and Sail Club Board Meeting Minutes***

***July 9, 2019***

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m. David Carroll, President, presiding

**In Attendance:** David Carroll, Vic Auerbach, Steve Friedlander, Gloria Gietz, Kate Goetz, Alice Harper, George Koscs, Jack Mason, Carla Olsen, Dmitri Rizer, Pat Russell, Kurt Schmidt, Karen Shannon, Chester Trubinski, Hans Weinrich, Gladys Wood.

**Distributed:** Meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report, Proposed options for European Canal Trip in September 2020, Proposed Changes to Board Policies and Procedures Section of Answer Book

Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting approved. (Carla, Chester)

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack

Report discussed briefly.

Iceland Trip paid.

Overall, healthy cashflow.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, approved. (Carla, Alice)

**Membership Report:** Steve

Current Membership is at 306.

This is less than July of last year, but more than in July of the years 2014 thru 2017.

**Ski Council:** George

No Report

**Newsletter:** Alice

Deadline for submission is July 18.

Alice asked (again) that any photos submitted for the Newsletter include a date and place.

Dave will mention deadline date in President's Report.

**Publicity:** Hans

a. General: Day Sails were advertised in *US 1*.

An ad was placed for the first time in *Princeton Online*. An ad for the Day Sail was also placed in *Planet Princeton* but did not show up, most likely because it was not specific to the Princeton area.

b. Website

*Stuff for Sale* section was added to the PSSC Website, in the Members Only area.

c. Facebook

Dave continues to work with Kurt on resolving Facebook issues.

Kurt had created a group page which can be publicly viewed, but only club members can post.

FB currently remains a Business page, Club has so far not been able to change to Group page, which would give members more access to post comments and photos.

A community page would also make it more public, as the primary goal is to advertise the Club and attract members. People would be permitted to join (friend) once approved by moderator. Carla will assist in posting information.

Kurt will prepare a list of guidelines for Club members to use to post information.

### **General Meetings:**

Summer BBQ's: one was cancelled due to rain, others have had good attendance.

September Meeting: Emil DiVito scheduled to speak.

October Meeting: There will be a talk on exercise and physical fitness.

### **Summer/Fall Activities 2019:**

#### **a. Sailing**

Labor Day Week Sail August 30- September 6, 2019

Twenty-seven have signed up. Four boats have been filled. Crew list will be available in August.

Day Sails

On June 29, one boat was taken out with 5 persons, including the skipper.

There was discussion as to how many persons should be on a day sail, Chester stated 4 should be the maximum considering the size of the boats.

Jack was trained to skipper day sails.

Finding skippers for the Day Sails continue to be a challenge. Asking SEAS members to skipper was mentioned, but they are generally busy with SEAS activities.

#### **b. Iceland Trip, September 21 through 28, 2019**

Seventeen PSSC members along with 10 members from Ski 93 attending.

#### **c. Columbus Weekend Sail**

Two boats have been reserved, four persons have signed up.

### **Winter Trips 2019-2020:**

#### **a. Ischl, Austria: January 24-February 1, 2020**

Twenty persons have signed up, four are single. This may reduce the number of persons he can accept. Deadline for deposit is August 8, 2019.

#### **b. Steamboat Springs, Co, February 22 through 29, 2020**

Seventeen have signed up. Twelve of thirteen rooms reserved have been filled. Deadline for deposit is August 10.

E-Bulletin for both winter trips will go out later this month.

### **Summer/Fall 2020:**

#### **a. Sail and Land Tour of Italy June 18 - July4, 2020**

Will increase advertising for the September 2019 sign up deadline.

#### **b. Canal Trip Europe September 2020**

Proposals for three choices of Canal trips distributed. Destinations included the Erie Canal, River Shannon in Ireland, Thames River in England. Trip tours and costs were discussed. One of the benefits of sailing a Canal barge is that skipper certification is not required.

Main concern is pulling people from the Amalfi trip, given the time, location, and cost of all trips.

Ultimately it was agreed that an Erie Canal trip would be the least competitive against the Amalfi trip, and the least costly. A European Canal trip would best be put off and scheduled for 2021.

### **Old Business:**

Draft amendment to policy for trip leaders:

Dave proposed adding four items to Chapter 3: Trip Policies under Trip Administration.

Regarding Item 5 *Write-Ups*, Pat suggested that the Trip leader enlist a volunteer at the beginning or during the trip rather than at the conclusion. This would allow the person to be better prepared.

Regarding Item 2 *Participant Package*, Chester questioned the need to include contact information, as this creates extra work, may not be necessary, and the contact information is available in the directory. Chester proposed to delete the language on contact information. Following discussion, the Board voted to include the contact information in the Package.

Regarding Item 4 *Evaluations*, Dmitri asked what purpose they serve and who other than the Trip leader should see them. Following discussion it was agreed that the Board should receive a summary of the completed evaluations; evaluations provide the participants an opportunity to comment either positively or negatively on various aspects of the trip; evaluations can provide a general consensus and constructive comments on the trip; it may be better if someone other than the trip leader hands them out and collects them.

Jack brought up the Report format, suggested using the format in the Answer Book. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Vermont Ski Trips for 2020 are being planned. Chester proposed a trip for March 15 through March 18 to Killington, Vermont. This will occur immediately after the spring rates commence. Concern was voiced as these dates coincide with General Meeting. A week earlier the rates would be higher; later in the month the probability of sufficient snow is reduced.

Motion made to approve proposal of Killington Trip March 15 to 18, and to change the date of the General Meeting to March 24, 2020. Motion approved.

Ski trip proposed for January. In the past the January trip to Stratton, Vermont would be scheduled for the weekend of Martin Luther King. In January 2020, these dates will be too close to the Ischl, Austria trip. Chester moved to propose a trip to Stratton, Vermont on January 12, 2020. Approved.

Carla mentioned the possibility of having a General Meeting at a Brewery rather than a winery. The Board was in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting. (Steve, Dmitri)

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

South Brunswick Library

110 Kingston Lane

Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Submitted by Gladys Wood