Princeton Ski and Sail Club Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 p.m. David Carroll, President, presiding

In Attendance: David Carroll, Steve Friedlander, Gloria Gietz, George Koscs, Jack Mason, Carla Olsen, Karen Shannon, Chester Trubinski, Gladys Wood

Distributed: Meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report, New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council May 13 Agenda, Membership Report.

Motion: minutes of the April 9,2019 meeting approved. Proposal for the Steamboat Springs Ski Trip approved via electronic vote, addendum attached. (Carla, George)

Treasurer's Report: Jack

Preliminary Budget discussed.

Jack suggested having more speakers for the General Meetings. Will allocate \$600 for four speakers, add \$500 to General Meeting budget, increasing the total to \$2000.

No change in subsidies for the Holiday Party and Installation Dinner.

Jack suggested the Club make a charitable donation to an organization such as Adaptive Skiing or Special Olympics.

The Club agreed to include \$500 for donations at end of Budget year April 2020.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report, approved. (Chester, Carla)

Membership Report: Steve

Membership is at 295.

Increase from last month is due mainly from persons signing up for sailing events.

Ski Council: George

Last Council Meeting for the season was May 13.

A contest will be held to choose a picture for the Guidebook cover. Must be submitted by August 20. Carla has prepared and submitted several artworks for the cover contest.

Winner will not have to pay membership dues.

Newsletter: Alice (not present)

Jack suggested including a For Sale link in the Newsletter where members can post articles for sale.

The idea was discussed. Other club newsletters provide this feature.

The Board voted to add a classified section to the newsletter provided the articles posted for sale can be used in Club related activities, and pending Alice's input and approval.

Publicity: Hans (not present)

a. General

Club events continue to be published in US 1 and other local publications.

b. Website

Dmitri will continue to maintain website up to date.

c. Facebook

Dave continues to work with Kurt on resolving Facebook issues.

Chester had sent Kurt a photo with caption to be posted, but has not heard back.

General Meetings:

Summer BBQ's

First will be at Fred Brodzinski's house on May 20.

Subsequent dates and locations are posted in Newsletter.

Summer/Fall Activities 2019

a. Cultural Activities

A list of free Chamber Music Concerts held at the Princeton University campus was submitted by Vic Auerbach for approval. These are similar to the concert and picnic events the Club has held in the past and incur no cost to the Club.

Dates are June 20, June 27, and July 12.

Motion made to advertise these concert events in the Newsletter. Approved. (Chester, Kareen)

b. Sailing

Memorial Weekend Sail May 24-27, 2019

Three boats have been chartered. Roy had to turn down applicants for a fourth boat as he was unable to provide another skipper. Matter of training skippers was briefly discussed.

Labor Day Week Sail August 30- September 6, 2019

Three boats have been filled, working on filling a fourth boat.

Day Sails

Dates have been listed in Newsletter.

c. Iceland Trip, September 21 through 28, 2019

Nineteen have signed up so far, expect to have at least twenty-one participants.

d. Bicycling

Three more Bicycle rides planned for the spring. Dates listed in Newsletter.

e. Columbus Day Sail

Deposit check sent. Trip has not been advertised.

Winter Trip 2019-2020

a. <u>Ischl</u>, Austria, January 24 through February 1, 2020

Trip will be advertised in the June Newsletter.

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

Ad complete.

Price of \$2115 is based on 24 participants. The price will increase if there are under 20.

No senior discount on lift tickets. First deposit of \$900 will be due from members by August 10, 2019.

Alphorn is requesting their deposit by August 15, which is the same week the Austria trip deposit is due. The trips are a month apart. Chester will inquire about changing the August 15 date.

Motion to approve Steamboat Springs trip, approved. (Carla, Karen)

Summer / Fall 2020

a. Sail and Land Tour of Italy June 18 through july4, 2020

Dave Stern has expressed concern over having only 17 sign ups so far. Deadline for sign up is in September 2019. The Board does not foresee a problem in filling the trip.

b. Canal Trip Europe September 2020

Plans for a Canal trip to British Isles or Ireland will continue to be discussed further in the future.

Old Business

Dave Carroll called David Corbishley for an update on the Iceland Trip. David indicated that he has 17 participants. He expects more to sign up in the next couple of weeks before the deadline.

If not, David will ask those that have signed up for the trip, if they will choose to pay more or just cancel.

New Business

Plans and ideas for future General Meetings were discussed.

- Carla suggested having one meeting at a winery; there are 47 wineries in New Jersey.
- May contact a speaker to talk about the NJ Pine Barrens.
- Marvin can be asked to give dance lessons.
- George's son may speak about improving senior's ability to ski.

Chester was asked if he would sponsor a BBQ at his home's community center along with a golf outing, as in the past.

Chester asked whether he should bring the leftover bottles of wine (from ski trips) to the BBQ. It was agreed he would save them for the Harvest Fair in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11,2019 Time: 7:00 pm South Brunswick Library 110 Kingston Lane Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Submitted by Gladys Wood

ADDENDUM

The following proposal for a ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado was submitted by Chester Trubinski via email to the Board for approval. On April 24th the Board approved the trip by electronic vote, 11-0.

Board Members and Activity Leaders,

As discussed at the last board meeting, I am providing details of the Steamboat ski trip for your consideration. Alphorn has not placed a hold on the hotel rooms or airline seats, but will do so once I confirm the Board favors the trip. The hold is not contractually binding at this time; it just assures lodging and air will be available once a contract is signed. You early response will be appreciated.

Trip Dates: Feb 22 -29, 2020, Saturday to Saturday Cost: \$2,175 pp double; single occupancy adds \$795

- Price includes: Round trip air Newark to/from Denver; bus travel Denver to/from resort (3.5-4 hrs.)
- Bus from Princeton to/from Newark
- 7 nights Ptarmigan Inn; ski in/ski out convenience
- 5- day lift pass
- Hot breakfast daily
- Hotel welcome party; 5 club sponsored après ski gatherings
- Comp for 26th sign up

Additional details:

- The trip cost is higher than I anticipated due to on going renovation of the Ptarmigan Inn, which will materially impact 2020 room rate, according to Alphorn. Still, the Inn is one of the cheapest properties on the mountain with ski in/out.
- Direct flights to/from resort are sold out for trip dates and other dates in Feb. Alternative to bus from Denver to resort is second flight. Given the opportunity for lost luggage, bad weather delay at regional airport etc. bus is considered better option. I'll include a stop to pick up box lunch.
- Lift tickets at US western resorts have increased significantly over the last few years further affecting trip price.