

## Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – March 22, 2016

**MEETING ATTENDEES:** The meeting was held at the home of Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard. In addition to the Schwartzbards, in attendance were: Carolyn DeVilbiss, Marna Blanchette, Nancy Pigman, Ray McKinley, Nancy McKinley, Dave Warthen, and Ellie Thayer. President Carolyn DeVilbiss chaired the meeting. Carolyn began by expressing her thanks to the ExCom members whose terms end in April and welcoming Nancy Pigman who was appointed to serve the remainder of the term of deceased member, Celia Chen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting electronically. Marna moved that the minutes be approved, Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent by voice vote. The minutes were filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report at the meeting. The Treasury amount is \$13,012.19. The report was filed. Dick reported that there was little activity.

**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT:** Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically. The report was filed. Dave reported that Dan Churchill had withdrawn his application for Associate Active membership due to his decision to give up skiing. Dave also said that he had synchronized data that occurred in the current TOOT, e.g., calendar, obituaries, ski trip write-ups, events write-ups, as well as ExCom historical membership with the new PVS website. He explained that Mary Ellena Ward deals with designing and configuring the website via html and css files, which govern the appearance of the new site.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT:** The events and meetings chair, Ray McKinley, gave a status report on upcoming events and meetings.

March 23, 2016 Black History Museum – Rozzell, Alexandria, VA.

April 15, 2016 urban hike – McKinley, Mall, at 10:00am.

April 19, 2016 annual meeting – Heitchue, Reston, VA, at 7:30pm.

April 26 ExCom meeting – Thayer, Arlington, VA, at 7:30pm.

April 29, 2016 – Spring Ski Show, Tysons Corner, Schwartzbard, from 6:30 – 9:00pm.

May 15, 2016 Eclipse concert – McKinleys, Alexandria, VA, at 3pm.

May 17, 2015 monthly meeting – TBA.

June 11, 2016 Signature Theater – McKinleys, Arlington, VA, at 2:00pm.

For the annual meeting, Carolyn will bring paper products, Dave DeVilbiss will serve as the directional parking valet, Reg will provide the wine, the Schwartzbards will arrive early to help set up, and Ellie and Dave will include food assignments in the TOOT.

For the Spring Ski Show, Rosemary will write about it in Ski Talk and ask for RSVPs. The RSVP information will also be included in the calendar.

**SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, electronically submitted a proposal by Inge Lesjak to lead the BRSC/PVS Eurofest trip to Grindelwald, March 4 – 11, 2017. She highly recommended that the proposal be accepted. Ellie moved to approve the trip proposal, Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent by voice vote.

Rosemary electronically submitted the summaries of the Snowmass and Snowbird trip evaluations. The leaders received high praise. There were some complaints that the Snowmass Mountain Chalet was not providing the same service that it had provided in earlier years. Rosemary said that she would pass this information on to Doug Horstman. There were even bigger complaints about the Cliff Lodge in Snowbird. The biggest complaint was that it was too isolated and inaccessible, making it particularly inconvenient for nonskiing guests. This information will be passed on to BRSC.

**TOOT REPORT:** TOOT Coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that the April TOOT editor is Dave and that the deadline for articles is March 28. The editorial team is waiting for articles. Ellie was reminded that the carpooling notice should continue to be in each TOOT.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There were two items of old business.

*Vice President vacancy update:* Carolyn thanked everyone for the suggestions about replacing Bob Kramer, who resigned as Vice President. Carolyn reported that Marianne Sponis had agreed to have her name put forward. The recommendation was received with unanimous enthusiasm. Marna moved that Marianne be appointed to fill the Vice President position vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, i.e., until the April 2017 elections. Nancy seconded the motion, which passed without dissent on voice vote.

Discussion segued into whether Carolyn, who is serving a two-year term as President, and Marianne, who is assuming the remainder of a two-year term, should be voted on at the annual meeting and whether their names should be removed from the nominations box in the TOOT. It was agreed that it was not necessary to have a vote under the bylaws and that their names should be removed from the box.

*Website update:* Webmaster Mary Ellena Ward provided a report electronically. Dave Warthen explained the proposal item by item. Generally, the group agreed with Mary Ellena's conclusions and recommendations. In particular, it agreed with her recommendation that "NO personal emails be publicized in the website HTML" in order to thwart junk email and solicitations from going to personal email addresses. The group also agreed with Mary Ellena that there seemed to be no need for generic email addresses at this time, a number of unused mail IDs could be eliminated, and the number of people on forwarding lists could be reduced at this time. Carolyn expressed her thanks to Mary Ellena for all her work and to Dave for explaining it.

Marna mentioned that a future topic to be discussed with Mary Ellena could be the feasibility of using social media to find new members.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was one item of new business.

*Next ExCom meeting:* It was decided that the next ExCom meeting, which had been tentatively scheduled to be at Carolyn's house, would be held at Ellie's house on April 26 at 7:30.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.