

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – April 25, 2017

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held at the home of Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard. In addition to the Schwartzbards, in attendance were: Bob Jablon, Jan Marx, Barry Lake, John Smith, Nancy McKinley, Tom Tycz, Dave Warthen, Ray McKinley, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Cara Jablon, and Ellie Thayer. President Bob Jablon chaired the meeting, which began at 8:15pm. Bob welcomed the new ExCom members and thanked all who worked behind the scenes to make the club run smoothly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. Barry Lake moved to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report. The amount in the treasury is \$11,174.76. Dick reported that he had been dealing with the transfer of the club's account from now-closed Cardinal Bank to United Bank. The transfer and the club's account are now in order.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave first reported on his and Mary Ellena Ward's work on finding a search engine for the PVS website. Dave said that Mary Ellena was continuing to study and weigh the benefits and downsides of using a free public search engine, such as Google, versus a private one. Related to the efficient use of a search engine is the issue of the number of errors in coding. Dave reported that he has been correcting multiple errors in the coding on the PVS website.

The second issue discussed was the biennial collection of dues, which begins on July 1. In view of the healthy balance in the Treasury and the new infusion of money that will come from dues, Bob queried whether there should be a reduction in the amount of dues assessed. After some discussion, the consensus was that the dues collection should remain as is. Bob asked for a motion. Nancy McKinley moved that the present dues system remain the same, Tom Tycz seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent by voice vote.

The healthy amount in the Treasury led to the group discussing ideas about using some of the money to help the club. Some ideas were generated such as having the club sponsor a restaurant lunch meeting once a year, e.g., the September meeting, eliminating the \$3.00 door fee for meetings where members are asked to bring food, paying for catering for certain meetings, and giving the ski trip leaders a certain amount of money. Bob said that the item would be added to next month's agenda and asked the group to think about the issue in the meantime.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chairs, Ray and Nancy McKinley, reported the upcoming meetings and events.

- Friday, May 5, 2017 Spring Ski Show – Tysons Corner Marriott at 6:30 – 9:00pm.
- Sunday, May 7, 2017 Eclipse Concert, Alexandria, VA – McKinleys at 3:00pm.
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017 general meeting, Potomac, VA-Wyckoff /Leonhardt at 7:30pm.
- Monday, May 22, 2017 tour of National Archives, Washington, DC–Van Nuys at 9:45.
- Friday, June 2, 2017 Wilson Bridge hike to MGM Casino – Rosemary at 10:30am.
- Saturday, June 17, 2017 general meeting/Summerfest, Washington, DC – Jablons at 2:00.
- Saturday, August 5, 2017 Steak & Swim, Delaplane, VA – Hines at 3:00pm.

For Summerfest, members will bring either an appetizer or dessert as designated in the TOOT and will inform Cara what they are bringing.

John Smith talked about disseminating information about local summer musical events to PVS, which would allow interested members to attend without RSVPing, paying in advance, etc. The group agreed that it was an excellent idea and an announcement could be printed in the TOOT or Dave could send out an e-blast for such casual get-togethers. Rosemary added that she would include similar information in her Ski Talk column about kayaking on Wednesday mornings.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported on the evaluations for the 2017 ski trips and the status of the 2018 ski trips. Trip evaluations for both Snowmass and Val d'Iserre were excellent or good in nearly all categories. Some travelers to Snowmass had weather disrupt their arrival. The leaders said they would inform future members that transportation to Snowmass from Aspen airport does not operate from 2am to 5am.

Snowmass 2018, led by Kathy and Barry Lake, will be from January 10 to January 17 and the flyer will appear in the May TOOT. For the second 2018 club ski trip, Rosemary presented a proposal for a trip to Big Sky approved by the Ski Trip Committee. The proposed trip is from February 14 – 21 staying slopeside at the Huntley Lodge and includes air. Inge Lesjak has agreed to lead the trip and she and the Committee are looking for a (nonspouse) co-leader. Tom moved to approve the trip proposal, Ellie seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

Carolyn brought the remaining (fewer than 100) printed club brochures with her and asked how the club should go forward with the brochures. It was decided that Marianne Soptonis and Inge Lesjak, the PR representatives under the auspices of the Membership Committee, should keep the brochures and continue to bring them to PVS meetings. Bob suggested that they have the discretion to have more printed when indicated.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT Coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that Jan Marx is the layout editor for the May 2017 TOOT. The deadline for submissions is in a couple of days. Ellie reported that most of the articles have been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: There were no formal items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There were two items of new business.

New President's request for education: Bob asked for assistance in learning his duties, particularly from the past President, Carolyn. He also asked the group for assistance in advancing the goals of providing skiing opportunities and maintaining club social cohesion. He said that he welcomes any suggestions from ExCom relating to the club.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic and held on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom moved that the meeting be adjourned, Barry seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm without dissent.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.