

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – October 24, 2017

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held telephonically. On the call were: Bob Jablon, Jan Marx, Dick Schwartzbard, Inge Lesjak, John Smith, Tom Tycz, Dave Warthen, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Marianne Sophonis, Kerry Hines, and Ellie Thayer. President Bob Jablon chaired the meeting, which began at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections to or comments about the minutes. Tom Tycz moved that they be accepted, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. The amount in the treasury is \$15,352.77. Dick noted that all dues have been collected from the biennial dues cycle.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave reported that 11 members did not respond to the dues notice and that they would be dropped from the rolls on November 1. Fourteen other members informed Dave that they did not wish to renew. PVS now has a total of 144 members. Dave also thanked Mary Ellena Ward for all her efforts researching the possibility of finding a suitable search engine for the club's website, which effort ended with no suitable search engine being found. Finally, Dave offered to send Eloise Strand a get-well e-card on behalf of the group.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chairs, Ray and Nancy McKinley, were not in attendance, but approved the following list.

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - monthly meeting/ski equipment display, Sun & Ski, Falls Church, VA, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – Pajama Game, Arena Stage at noon.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 – monthly meeting/holiday party, Hotaling, Arlington, VA at 7:30pm.

Rosemary made a plea for members to attend the November meeting at Sun and Ski, the first for our club at that venue. She will organize members to help with a simple menu of, for example, a deli tray, veggies, cookies, wine, and soft drinks. Carolyn is bringing paper products. It was decided that it is not advisable to charge the \$3.00 door fee at this meeting.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, urged those interested in going on the proposed ski trip to Mt. Snow to let her and Alice McNulty know. The TOOT flyer lists the end of November as the deadline to respond. Rosemary noted that the deadline could be advanced to some extent. The flyer will run again in the November TOOT.

Tom asked about the response to the club's recruitment and outreach efforts at the recent Sun and Ski weekend. Dave responded that he had received a request for an application. Rosemary said that she thought the club's exposure to the public and the strengthening of the relationship with Sun and Ski were positive developments.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT Coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that Kerry Hines is the layout editor for the November 2017 TOOT. Many articles have been submitted. We are waiting for only a few more.

OLD BUSINESS: There were two items of old business.

President's proposed addendum: Bob drafted an addendum that he proposed be added to the President's Message in the November TOOT. He asked for comments from ExCom. Bob writes:

John Smith has been successfully coordinating local day ski trips for many years. John also plans an informal system under which he would disseminate information about local music and other events and invite interested PVS members to join him.

Later in this TOOT, John has a proposal in which he recommends and offers to coordinate extended local ski trips. These would be more informal than our extended ski trips. John's proposal can expand PVS skiing (and perhaps restaurants and sightseeing opportunities). Those who have an interest in having this opportunity should inform John so that he can organize potential trips. Extended local trips could be combined with tourist activities, such as visits to the Wright architectural houses, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, etc. Others may have ideas for local outings in which PVS members may be interested. Examples would include cultural events, plays, concerts, hiking and biking, museums, and the like. We hold many such events now, for example, theater trips such as *Pajama Game*, hikes, and local concerts such as the *Eclipse Recital*.

Any who have suggestions for events and trips that they want (or are willing) to lead should please inform any member of ExCom. If a proposal is approved as an appropriate PVS event, we shall publicize it in the TOOT, if there is time, or by email. Of course, nothing prevents club members from jointly participating in events, but where it is desired to have an event open to all club members, subject to space limitations, we would be pleased to facilitate communications among club members.

The group agreed that the paragraphs should be included in the TOOT. Ellie suggested that the first sentence of the third paragraph be changed by adding the following italicized phrase: "Any who have suggestions for events and trips that they want (or are willing) to lead should please inform any member of ExCom, *who will then inform the Events and Meetings co-chairs.*"

John Smith's proposed Local Skiing and Beyond column: John and Bob asked for comments regarding John's Local Skiing column. John writes:

During ski seasons, we currently have and are continuing a program of daily, local ski trips. In addition, if there is member interest, PVS could consider making opportunities available for local skiing a bit further away from Whitetail and Liberty mountains, such as Wisp, Seven Springs, Hidden Valley or other more distant, but still relatively close, areas too far for day trips. Note: at Wisp those who are over 70 years old, ski free; at Hidden Valley those over 70 ski for half price and those over 80 ski free. One ticket is good at Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, and Laurel Mountain, allowing us to visit multiple areas. We could add non-skiing events, such as the Frank Lloyd Wright houses, Pittsburgh sites, restaurants, and the like.

We could go to one or two of the further away "local areas," staying at lodges on selected mountains. Convenient arrangements ought to be possible midweek. If there is interest, PVS could coordinate lodge and carpool arrangements. If you may want to participate,

please contact John Smith (301-299-8376) or at johnhsmith@juno.com. If there is sufficient interest, we shall look further into possible arrangements, logistics, and costs.

There was agreement and Bob announced that both his addendum and John's column would be in the TOOT.

NEW BUSINESS: There were three items of new business.

Use of PVS contact information for business or other purposes: Dave Warthen and Bob drafted language that they proposed including in the TOOT, at the end of the club's quarterly rosters, on application forms, and the like:

It is club policy that contact information in the club's roster not be used for promoting personal business, for advertising, or for personal financial gain without the advance permission of the individual member(s) to be contacted.

This generated a bit of discussion, but with agreement that the language was appropriate. A second sentence was offered: "Membership contact information shall not be disseminated outside PVS." A consensus formed that the second sentence was not as imperative as the first, but could be added to the TOOT reminder. Finally, the president was urged to call any member who violated the policy and discuss the policy.

Certain members unable to read or print the TOOT: John brought to the group's attention that two members had relayed to him that they either did not have a printer or were at present physically unable to reach their computer positioned on another floor and, thus, were hampered in printing or reading the TOOT. The group discussed the club's policy, which is to send the TOOT electronically to every member who has an email address, and determined not to make exceptions in these cases. It was also noted that nothing prevents another member from sharing his or her copy or making a copy and mailing it.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic and held on December 5, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.