

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – January 23, 2018

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held telephonically. On the call were: Bob Jablon, Dick Schwartzbard, Barry Lake, John Smith, Tom Tycz, Nancy McKinley, Ray McKinley, Dave Warthen, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Marianne Sponis, Kerry Hines, and Ellie Thayer. President Bob Jablon chaired the meeting, which began at 7:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments. Tom Tycz moved to accept the minutes, Nancy McKinley seconded the motion, 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 \$14,473.68. Bob declared the Treasurer's Report approved.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave reported that the updated data base is now working with iOS High Sierra.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chairs, Ray and Nancy McKinley, reported on upcoming activities.

Saturday, February 24, 2018 – monthly meeting, Jan Marx, Springfield, VA at 2:00pm.

Monday, February 26, 2018 – ExCom meeting, Jablon, Washington, DC at 7:30pm.

Nancy said that they were looking for a host for the March meeting. Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair are again hosting the annual meeting in April. Nancy is anticipating a hiking event in the spring.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, and Bob complimented Kathy and Barry Lake for leading a successful and fun Snowmass trip despite the lack of snow. Rosemary reported the welcome news that the Lakes had agreed to lead the Snowmass trip again next year. Rosemary said that the proposed Mt. Snow trip had been canceled for lack of participants. BRSC is proposing several attractive 2019 ski trips including trips to Italy and Sun Valley. Inge Lesjak has proposed that she lead a PVS contingent to Sun Valley from February 2 - 9, 2019. Rosemary asked that Inge's proposal, sent electronically to ExCom in advance of the meeting, be approved. Ellie moved to accept the proposal. Nancy McKinley seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote. *

With respect to local skiing, John Smith reported that there had been successful local skiing in recent weeks. John also proposed a one or two overnight trip to Wisp on February 27 – 28, 2018. Ellie Thayer said that John's proposal would be in the February TOOT.

TOOT REPORT: Kerry Hines, the February TOOT layout editor reported that all was in order and that he was waiting for more articles.

*On February 22, 2018, Rosemary sought a vote by email on a ski trip proposal to Snowmass to be led by Kathy and Barry Lake on January 9 – 16, 2019 to the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Six of the eight voting members of ExCom voted to approve; the remaining two did not vote. The proposal was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: There were two items of old business.

Nominating Committee: Jan, chair of the nominating committee, was unable to be on the call. However, it was reported in her stead that the committee was in the process of searching for candidates for the vacant ExCom positions. The nominating committee is: Jan Marx (chair), Dave DeVilbiss, Louann Eadie, Nancy McKinley, John Smith, and Tom Tycz. The committee composition will be in the February TOOT.

Interest in changing the PVS logo: Peter Russell reiterated his interest in the logo to Bob. Bob suggested that he put his thoughts and ideas in writing.

NEW BUSINESS: There were four items of new business.

PVS lunches: Nancy McKinley researched the viability and price of a PVS luncheon in six local restaurants. The average price was roughly \$33/person and some restaurants could seat up to 80 people. Nancy queried whether any such luncheon should serve as a monthly meeting (such as the March meeting) and whether it should be subsidized or partially subsidized by club funds. Discussion ranged from these comments, among others: luncheons should not be subsidized because too costly; luncheons should not double as monthly meetings because luncheons are social events; luncheons could serve as self-paid monthly meetings as occasionally done in the past, such as Culinaire events; luncheons should not be held in winter ski trip months; in lieu of striving to find a luncheon place or a willing home host have fewer meetings; if a home host cannot be found, then why not a restaurant; and restaurant room rental fees would prove very costly. In the end, there appeared to be no definitive answers, but the general feeling appeared not to be in favor of having luncheons subsidized or serve as meetings. However, PVS luncheons were encouraged with a suggestion that a fall luncheon be planned.

PVS meeting reimbursement policy: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, suggested that two changes be made to PVS guidelines regarding reimbursing hosts for their food and beverage expenses. At present, the guidelines allow reimbursement of expenses up to \$150.00. Additionally, hosts retain the \$3.00 per person door fee at meetings where the fee is collected. Dick proposed that the reimbursement limit (1) be increased to \$200.00 for meetings where the \$3.00 door fee is collected and (2) be increased to \$400.00 for the three meetings/events where members contribute food and no door fee is collected, i.e., the annual meeting, Summerfest, and the holiday party. A lively discussion ensued, but in the end there was a general agreement with the proposals. Ellie moved to increase the reimbursement limit to \$200.00 where the \$3.00 door fee is collected, Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion passed on voice vote. Nancy moved to increase the reimbursement limit to \$400.00 where no door fee is collected, Tom seconded the motion, and the motion passed on voice vote.

The discussion led to a corollary issue of clarifying the guidelines to hosts. Bob asked Carolyn and Nancy, with the participation or coordination of Sue Lyon, to present a proposal to ExCom for such, including a revised draft of the letter that is sent to a host in advance of a meeting.

Attracting new members: Kerry began the discussion by querying whether younger people are not as likely to be “joiners” as in the past, reflecting a new social reality. Bob stated that our club was in danger of becoming a social club, not a ski club. Others questioned whether that was an entirely negative thing and that our club might be “aging out.” Others expressed the need for monthly meetings, the observation that most new members were brought in from personal connections and ski trips, the desire for younger members in their 50s and 60s, and other

observations. As noted during the discussion, the thorny issue of attracting new members has arisen in the past. To conclude the discussion, Bob requested suggestions from the group and said that he would send an email before the next ExCom meeting with ideas and comments on the issue.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be in-person at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.