

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – March 22, 2022

MEETING ATTENDEES: ExCom held its meeting via Zoom, hosted by Marianne Soponis and facilitated by Barry Lake. Attendees on the Zoom meeting were: Barry Lake, Cara Jablon, Tom Tycz, Dick Schwartzbard, Kathy Lake, Sharon Mulholland, Jannes Gibson, Marianne Soponis, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Jan Marx, and Ellie Thayer. The meeting was opened at 7:02pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the February 22, 2022 ExCom meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments. Cara moved to approve the minutes and Kathy seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There is \$12,496.41 in the treasury. Dick noted that the only activity during the month was an increase in interest income in the amount of \$1.06.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, who was not present at the meeting, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no comments concerning the report.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Dave is the layout editor for the April 2022 TOOT. The deadline for articles is a number of days away, Sunday, March 27, and we are awaiting a number of articles.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, submitted two proposals for ExCom consideration: a proposal for a ski trip to Snowmass, January 11 – 18, 2023, led by Kathy and Barry Lake and a proposal for a PVS contingent to the BRSC Club Med trip to Val d'Isere, March 11 – 19, 2023, led by Mary Ellena Ward. With regard to Snowmass, Sharon wondered if the trip could be scheduled for later in January. It was pointed out that the following week was the busy X Games and that prices increase as the season advances and lodging availability becomes more difficult. However, the option will be considered in the future. Jannes moved to approve the proposal for the January 11 – 18, 2023 ski trip to Snowmass. Cara seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

With regard to Val d'Isere, Rosemary explained that a preliminary flyer seeking club interest in the trip will be in the April TOOT. A full flyer, with a specific deposit amount set forth, will be in the May TOOT. There may be a limit to the number of rooms allocated to PVS, perhaps 10, and sending a deposit will establish one's place on a list for a room. Tom inquired whether insurance was included in the price. Rosemary responded that insurance would likely cover some aspects of the Club Med portion of the trip. Cara moved to approve the proposal for the March 11 – 19, 2023 BRSC Club Med ski trip to Val d'Isere. Kathy seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

Rosemary reported that the Ski Travel Show will be held at the Tysons Marriott on April 29, 2023 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. There will be information in the TOOT.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings chair, Marianne Soponis, reported on upcoming activities.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – Torpedo Factory tour, Vierimaa, Alexandria, VA, 11:00am.

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm.

Thursday, April 21, 2022 – lunch at Wayside Inn, John Hotaling, Middletown, VA at noon.

Friday, April 22, 2022 – Glenstone Museum, Soponis, Potomac, MD at 10:15am.

Sunday, April 24, 2022 – annual meeting, Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair, Reston, VA at 1:00pm.

Friday, April 29, 2022 – Ski Travel Show, Tysons Marriott, 6:00 – 9:00pm.

Marianne noted that there was a good turnout of 25 or so for the March meeting at Jill Nelson's home. She added that Reg and Susan would appreciate help setting up the party room before the April annual meeting. Sharon noted that Ingrid Dallaire was a candidate to host the May meeting. For SummerFest, Marianne and Cara will confer about a possible date in late June.

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

NEW BUSINESS: *There were two items of new business.*

Easing membership application acceptance criteria: Barry observed that the applicant membership requirements are fairly onerous and wondered if they could be eased. The by-laws permit the Executive Committee to waive the requirements "if otherwise convinced of the applicant's qualifications for membership..." By-Law Section I B(5).

There are presently two applicant members: Brian Drinkwater and David Russell. It was decided that Kathy would reach out to Brian, who was on the 2022 Snowmass trip, and ask for a short profile, which could be shared with ExCom. ExCom would consider waiving the requirements via an email vote and, if approved, Dave would send out the profile to membership in advance of the April annual meeting. Brian's application would be voted on at the annual meeting.

It was decided that Dave would reach out to David Russell and ask if he is still interested in pursuing his application. If so, David would be asked for a profile and the same process would be followed as set forth above.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be a Zoom meeting on April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Barry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer