

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – May 24, 2022

MEETING ATTENDEES: ExCom held its meeting via Zoom, hosted by Marianne Sophonis and facilitated by Barry Lake. Attendees on the Zoom meeting were: Barry Lake, Cara Jablon, Kathy Lake, Don Vierimaa, Marianne Sophonis, Jan Marx, and Ellie Thayer. President Barry Lake opened the meeting at 7:07pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the April 26, 2022 ExCom meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments. Kathy Lake moved to approve the minutes and Cara Jablon seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, who was not on the Zoom call, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There is \$12,149.76 in the treasury. The only expenditure for the last month was for the annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: There is no Membership chair at present and there was no report. However, the group discussed again how best to show appreciation to Dave, the Membership chair for the past 15 years. A plaque, a memento, a card, a certificate of appreciation, and an Amazon gift card were all considered. It was decided that a certificate of appreciation and an Amazon gift card would be appropriate. Jan will prepare a certificate, to be reviewed by Barry and Marianne, on her heavy paper stock. There was an initial motion to authorize a \$50 Amazon card made by Cara, seconded by Kathy, and passed. After a later discussion, Barry moved to reconsider the \$50 amount and increase the amount to \$100, Don seconded the motion, and the motion to reconsider and increase the amount passed without dissent. The intent is to present the certificate and gift card at SummerFest. If Dave is not in attendance, then they will be mailed to him.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Dave Warthen is the layout editor for the June 2022 TOOT. The deadline for articles is Saturday, May28. Barry sought a volunteer to contribute to Members' Corner. Marianne offered to contribute in the future about her upcoming attendance at the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Philadelphia.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, was not on the Zoom call. Relating to Snowmass 2023, Kathy reported that Doug Horstman would soon be providing pricing.* Approximate pricing will be included in the June TOOT flyer. Mountain Chalet Snowmass will again be providing a soup lunch. Ellie reported that the Val d'Isère flyer in the June 2022 TOOT would include more information than the previous flyer. Ellie will include the Generic Waiver in the TOOT also. Cara asked about an increase in cost for the European trip and Barry advised that airfare and ground transportation prices have risen.

** On June 8, 2022, Barry moved for an email vote to approve a \$9,000.00 advance from the treasury to serve as a deposit to guarantee a block of rooms for the Snowmass 2023 ski trip. All on June 8, Jannes Gibson, Barry Lake, Kathy Lake, Mary Rose de Valladares, Cara Jablon, and Salli Diakova voted to approve the expenditure by email. Treasurer Dick Schwartzbard shortly thereafter mailed a check for \$9,000.00 to Doug Horstman/Encompasse Tours.*

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm.

Saturday, June 25, 2022 – SummerFest, Jablons, Washington, DC at 1:00pm.

Saturday, August 13, 2022 – Steak ‘n Swim, Hines, at 3:00pm.

The Jablons will be traveling before SummerFest and Cara asked that attendance information be sent to Marianne rather than to her.

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

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

Funds in the treasury: There was spontaneous discussion about the amount of money in the treasury. Don queried whether we should drop the \$3.00 door fee at monthly meetings. Others wondered if we should reduce the amount for membership dues. It was decided that this issue should be discussed in the future.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be a Zoom meeting on June 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Barry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer