

MONTAIN LAUREL SKIERS

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUES

Held at Zabbara's Restaurant

Date: June 7, 2005

Presiding: JH - Jonathan Houck – President

Present: AR – Alison Reno – Vice-President – MTL Ambassador
JM – Jim Mays – Secretary
TO – Tina Oswald – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
TK – Tom Knudsen – Past President
JB – John Bazzano – Director
LD – Linda Dinda – Director
DG – Dan Giordano - Director
FM – Fred Murray – Director
RP – Russ Pacino – Director
SW – Stan Wasel – Director

Absent: Kevin Neary
Eric Ardolino

JH – Called the meeting to order @ 6:30 PM

JH – Asked for approval of minutes from 05/04/05 BOD meeting

Discussion

JH – Moved to approve minutes as presented

AR – Second

Approved – 10 – 0

JH – Suggested using modified Robert's Rules for all BOD meetings

director's hands to be raised for selection of comment with President to select next speaker in succession of hands based on current rules moved to vote approval of rules modification.

AR – Second – Vote 7 – 0 – Approval

JH – Presented list of selected New Board Members to complete Board

Candidates: John Bazzano
Linda Dinda
Fred Murray

SW – Reminded the board to insure new members will be active and involved with all aspects of board activity

SW – made a motion to approve slate of candidates.

TA – Second Vote 7 – 0 – Approval

TO – Treasurer's Report – TO reviewed current P&L report to BOD
main aspect of contention: Lodge expenses – Current reduction in club assets, year over year have totaled \$5,899.50 for 2005 which the board feels is a major obstacle to the financial health of the club.

SW – Commented the club could be non-solvent in less than 5 years if not corrected. The club could cease to exist.

SW – Wanted a cash value amount for 2005 activities and called for a YE financial audit.

JH – Insisted a budget for each events and activity which is not a self sustained. Point of context Club Race – loss of + 1,000 for 2005

SW – motion to approve Treasurer's Report for 2005.

JM – Second Vote 7 – 0 Approval

AR – Gave report on membership. Stated that membership forms have been

printed, both renewal and prospective. We are planning an extensive drive to encourage not only more participation at the September Open House but also active sign-up of new members. At meetings current members will be encouraged to bring friends to meetings as well as the Open House. Mentioned refund of \$1.50 for roster printing. A mail merge will be used in sending out membership renewals.

DG – mentioned possible changes in membership requirements. Bylaw change needed.

JH – Wants to see the club become more user-friendly to prospective members.

TO – feels membership requirements require close scrutiny before any changes are proposed.

TN – Feels discussion of membership requirement changes to be discussed at a future meeting specifically for that purpose.

SW – Requested \$600 startup budget for the July Weekend. Stan is optimistic about repeating the success of 2004. Dates are July 15th, 16, & 17th. He had a great flyer printed to hand out to people at meeting and Monday Night Bike rides.

Karen Grossman – Planning a fantastic 60th Annual Banquet. To be held at Wethersfield Country Club, dinners to club @32.50 with all amenities, \$500 hold Deposit requested. Verbal booking with Bobby Darlin Band. Will Have capacity for 150 – 180 people for event.

JH – Made motion to accept banquet plan 2006
AR second vote 7 – 0 approval

Dave England – Gave Jay Peak trip proposal. March 5th through 10th 2006
Will be requesting \$150 deposit from participants by Oct 15th
Balance required Jan 15th 2006. Doesn't anticipate needing club support advance at this time wants option to have non-members come on trip if there are unsold spots.

SW – Feels non-members should join in order to protect club liability on such trips.

TO – Challenged with fulfillment of membership requirements – tabled.

SW – motioned to approve of trip as it stands. DG Second Vote 7 – 0

RP – Has received fantastic response to questionnaire about lodge use. received optimistic interest from Meriden Ski Club about sharing room. Will have more info after June 22th meeting.

JM – Mentioned that any non-members from other clubs will be subject to current lodge rules as guests are now.

TO – Wants explanation to members not using lodge.

RP – Reasons suggested by questionnaire are aged bedding, co-ed rooms, unreceptive winter weather among others. More will be given after June 22th meeting.

JH – Stated because of Eric's absence there would be not discussion of the Winter Club trip out west.

SW – Wanted reminder of Open House date.

AR – To be held on 3rd Wednesday in September; Sept 18th?
Wants invitation to be sent out to individuals and families as well.

New Business – No

Old Business – Yes

TO – No other trips to be planned or promoted for 2006.
Business plan for Insurance requires liquor permit fee of \$25
Okemo Tickets to be sold back to club using reserves first.

JH – made motion to close meeting @ 7:50 pm

Second by AR Vote 7 – 0 approval