

MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUTES

Held at Zabbara's Restaurant

Date: April 04, 2006

Presiding: JH – Jonathan Houck – President

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

Absent:

JH – Called the meeting to order @ 6:05 PM

JH – Asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 03/01/06 BOD Meeting.

LD – Motioned to approve minutes.

JB – Second Vote 13 – 0 – Approved

EA – Continued his reassuring Treasurer's report concerning our finances. With the club using the lodge at the current rate we will have at least \$1,000 over all expenses. We had also reduced our inventory of Okemo lift tickets to 70 – our lowest # in years.

JH – Made a mention of the counterfeit vouchers which were discovered by Okemo Mountain. Because of the incident Okemo is checking every voucher received.

SW – Questioned that all expenses were not yet received concerning the lodge. He wished to see a comparison between the amount of lodge vouchers purchased vs. used and when were they booked.

JH – said Lisa would be able to give us a final count in each category. He felt there were more weekends at the lodge which were full or near capacity.

RP – said we were still due a weekend in repayment for the work weekend Which was held in October.

SW – said we once had a labor day weekend for riding, golf and shopping. Perhaps we could renegotiate this additional weekend at the lodge.

JH – requested a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

AR – Made a motion to accept Eric Ardolino's Treasurer's report

SW – Second Vote 13 – 0 Approved

AR – mentioned we had a large number of prospective members to elect to full membership. She proposed 62 to full membership, there were a few refusals a number who could stay on as prospective carryovers.

SW – said we should keep everyone not elected to membership be carryover so long as there weren't any board objections.

JB – also agreed with Stan that we should keep all prospective members and give them every opportunity to fulfill membership requirements.

SW – made a motion to accept all prospective members not elected to full membership be carried over for another year.

AR – objected to this motion because there was one individual who she felt should be refused membership because of behavior at the lodge and in communication with board members.

After a brief discussion of the facts involved with a number of BOD members it was decided that one individual would be eliminated from membership consideration.

SW – revised his motion to carryover all non-elected prospective members with the exclusion of the discussed individual.

JB – Second Vote 12 – 1 Approval of motion.

AR – made a motion to accept list of 32 new members to full Membership who were designated as meeting requirements.

JB – second Vote 13 – 0 Approval of motion

RP – requested a letter be sent to each prospective carryover explaining the requirements needed to be fulfilled.

AR – Mentioned there were 3 individuals who had gone above and beyond in their promotion of the club. One of these will be recognized as Prospective Member of the Year.

AR – requested a motion that the new members elected receive from the club gifts including a license plate holder, chevron pins and MTL ovals.

KN – made a motion based on Alison's request.

TK – second Vote 13 – 0 approved

AR – wanted to thank Dave England who had brought in several new members who had come from the Sailing Club and were asked to join the club in order to participate in the Jay Peak Ski Trip. Many of these people fulfilled their requirements. She also mentioned the Sailing Club would have an Open House on April 20th at the Dock & Dine Restaurant in Saybrook. BOD members felt we could have a symbiotic relationship between the two clubs. It was mentioned that some members of the BOD attend.

JH – Announced that the New Britain Museum of American Art Was reopening with the celebration of their new building Which would display 200% more art at one time then ever before.

RP – announced the Lodge Committee was continuing to meet With objectives of Lodge Manager/Innkeeper responsibilities, a revamp of the extension of lodge use to Meriden Ski Club and/or Newington Ski Club. RP felt the language needed to be simplified to get the word out of the good deal MTL offers.

JH – mentioned the lodge activities would end for the year with The 13th annual Pig Roast which was expected to sell out.

KN – inquired about the lodge contract which the club is in the Process of renegotiating.

JB – felt we should not attack but try to be reasonable. He felt a 5 – 10 % increase would be reasonable.

SW – announced past increases were often 20 – 25 % despite the lack of club support of the lodge in past years. Lease charges in 1992 were \$9,800 and had increased to \$16,500 by 2006.

RP – said ads placed in Vermont newspapers resulted in replies of various results which would be brought to the BOD in the future.

JH – announced the Wednesday Night programs and other activities would continue with: Lip-Sync on April 12th , Annual Meeting/ Elections April 19th , 60th Anniversary Dinner/Dance April 29th , Spring Open House on May 10th , Summer Bar-b-que July 12th , Vermont Summer bike weekend July 15th and 16th , and the Lobster Cookout Sept 17th .

JB – announced he was also planning another swing dance to be held at a future date.

JH – announced that Kevin Neary and John Bazzano would not be accepting reelection to the BOD. Tom Knudsen Stan Wasel and Russ Pacino would stay on in their current positions.

EA – announced to the BOD the proposal of a ski trip to Davos for 2007. The deal would be \$1499, excluding fuel charges, a 4 star hotel, ski passes, busses and the usual extras. The trip would Run from Feb 9, through Feb 17, 2007.

KN – made a motion to accept the Spring ski trip as proposed by Eric.

AR – second vote 13 – 0 Approved

JH – announced that hiking season had begun. Gordon Gaulin was garnering leaders for hike in April, May and June. Many repeating leaders and new ones should make another hike season one to remember.

JH – announced that Summer meetings would begin in June. With the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays being with meetings and The 2nd and 4th Wednesday being off.

DG – announced that he received a letter from Bill Waltman who had signed up for the Jay Peak trip leaving a deposit. He was unable to go and requested a refund of his deposit. DG made a motion to return this amount to Bill as he had not agreed to relinquishing his deposit.

JH – announced that the club would promote Eric’s trip to Davos Giving him a full Spring and Summer to garner travelers. Dave England would be asked to hold off his proposal until Fall in respect to Eric’s financial commitment. In the past, this arrangement has not been a problem. It was also announced there could be a trip to Sugarloaf as well.

EA – announced that rules of the club state that events of the club complement each other and not compete. He would appreciate time to set up bring the trip proposal to the club and have people time to plan their ski vacations.

JH – made a motion to accept Eric’s trip to Davos as presented.

LD – second Vote 11 – 2 approved

RP – proposed that letters be sent to each of the three people who declined their refund from Dave England’s trip To Jay Peak. It was also proposed that a “no cancellation Clause” or no refund of deposit be added to his proposal.

JH – made a motion which refunded \$150 to Bill Waltman as requested. Letters to the others would be sent giving them the election of receiving their deposit in writing or electing refusal of refund.

SW – made an objection to the refund as well as RP.

KN – second Vote 11 – 2 approved

RP – announced that a member had broken a bone in her foot. She requested that she be allowed to hold over her lodge vouchers until next year.

JB – made a motion to hold over said member’s vouchers as requested.

JB – second Vote 13 – 0 approved

JH – Requested a motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:55 PM.

TK – Made a motion. Second by RP approved by BOD 13 – 0

