

Mountain Laurel Skiers Board Meeting Minutes

MTL Board Meeting on September 5, 2007

Meeting called to order by JH at 6:30 pm

Present:

AC – Aletta Chamberland
CH – Chuck Hannah
EA - Eric Ardolino
EG – Ellen Gilbert
FM – Fred Murray
HB - Hank Berger
JH - Jonathan Houck
KC - Kathy Culhane
ML - Mandy Lavallee
TK - Tom Knudsen
PP - Phil Palermo

Absent:

CW – Cheryl Woodin
KL - Kay Leatherman

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from August 1, 2007 board meeting with one change (replace policy with guidelines) by FM and seconded by HB.

Lodge

Lisa Durland attended the first part of the board meeting to set the lodge pricing for the 2007/2008 season. The Vouchers will go on sale October 3rd. Motion by EA to open the lodge pricing discussion, seconded by FM. Lisa provided a spreadsheet with historical lodge pricing information and attendance to assist with the decision making process.

There was discussion on the pricing as well as ways to increase member use of the lodge as well as the income of the lodge. The standard season member price was increased as an incentive for members to purchase vouchers for the season in advance. It was discussed and re-confirmed that the family week rental is for family use only.

2007 Lodge Prices	Voucher	Standard Season
Members Weekend Night	40 *	30
Members Midweek Night	15	20
Guest Weekend Night	n/a	40
Guest Midweek Night	n/a	25
Member Child/Night	n/a	10
Asia Weekends	n/a	15
Family Week Rental – Whole Room	150	200

*Price is for two nights

- Motion by FM to raise the Guest Weekend price to \$40, seconded by AC. 7 approved, 3 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion by EA to accept the remaining prices, seconded by FM. All board members approved.

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Treasurer's Report / Approvals

- The club will order 10% less Okemo tickets this year for member purchase during season.
- EA reviewed the profit & loss budget vs actual, previous year comparison and balance.
- There was a severe newsletter bill this month. There is a potential billing error which will be researched
- Event Reporting Format - Greater expense detail for events over \$5000 should be submitted. EA is creating the template for event reporting over \$5000.
- EA requested an approval for \$362 for Winding Trails. Motion by KC to approve, seconded by AC.

Member News / Membership

Membership Renewals

- To date, there are 12 Prospective members, 93 Family members and 12 Lifetime Members
- Susan Forsdick is now under John Pappalardo's Lifetime membership. Motion by AC to refund Susan her membership fee that she paid, seconded by EG.

Ski News

- The Western Ski Trip has 1 room left.
- The Jay Peak Trip has a waitlist of 8 to 10 people
- The CSC Snowball is on November 10th.

Wednesday Night Programs

- October 10th – Yoga Presentation
- October 17th – Alpine House
- Oct 31st – Halloween Dance - A chairperson is needed for this event.

Other Mountain Laurel Events

- The Cape Golf Weekend is sold out.
- The Hike Weekend at the lodge is September 28th – 30th
- Lobster Cookout is next weekend. Participation is low and the event needs to be promoted at tonight's meeting.
- The NYC Bus trip has 24 open seats

Old Business

Online Newsletter – JH put an announcement in the Newsletter, but did not receive any feedback. A committee will be put together for the Newsletter transition.

New Business

No new business reported.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm. Motion to adjourn by AC, seconded by FM.