

Mountain Laurel Ski Club

Board Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2016

Call to order: 6:12 p.m.

Attending: Milli Arnold, Kathy Augustyn, Norb Church, Lisa Durland, Joy Dutra, Brian Kirkpatrick, Mike Korby, Gretchen Marx, Rick Sullivan, Marge Wasel, Bob Zawacki

Absent: Jonathan Houck, Clyde Proch, Cathy Riley

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTION
APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES	The minutes of August 3, 2016 were approved as amended.	Lisa Durland, Norb Church
APPROVALS, TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Treasurer's Report: Brian Kirkpatrick reviewed the Statement of Activity showing total for the period of June 1 through September 14, 2016 as \$27,229.46. Rick Sullivan suggested having last years figures to compare. Motion to accept the Statement of Activity. Motion Approved.</p> <p>Discussion of blanket approval for monthly, recurring expenses of Lodge that exceed \$1500 annually: It was agreed that the membership needs to be aware of and understand that bills come in regularly and must be acted upon. An example was the cost of propane which fluctuates and to get best price, it is sometimes necessary to act immediately. The Finance Committee would be responsible for monitoring that estimated figures are not exceeded. In which case the bill would come back to the Board. No Motion.</p> <p>Check Approval: Crime Shield Advanced Insurance \$558 Professional Non Profit Liability, \$1,125.00.for bond and liability coverage for Board. Motion to approve payment. Motion Approved.</p> <p>Brian will be changing certain procedures in bookkeeping and may need more information but feels that in the long run, it will result in simplifying the Treasurers report.</p>	<p>Norb Church, Bob Zawacki</p> <p>Gretchen Marx, Milli Arnold</p>
MEMBERSHIP	<p>Kathy Augustyn reported that to date 434 members have renewed for a total of 287 memberships. This is an 81% renewal rate but many regulars have not renewed as of yet. FYI Last year by end of year there were 545 members. So far this year there are 5 new memberships with 8 new members. Kathy listed them by name to introduce to Board.</p> <p>The Open House is October 12 at 7:00 p.m with the raffle taking place at 8:00 p.m. Alpine Haus and Suburban Sports will be present. No Motion</p>	

<p>LODGE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE</p>	<p>The Lodge work weekend is scheduled for September 28-October 2 with painting as the main task. From now on one color, beige, will be used as repainting occurs throughout the building. Tom Knudsen will be redoing the decks. No Motion.</p>	
<p>CSC</p>	<p>Joy Dutra reported that Mountain Laurel will host the Ambassador Tea at Pat Revoir's house on October 16. The Snowball is November 12. Joy is selling Snowball tickets through Oct 12 meeting. FYI: There are 8 Ambassadors from the 42 clubs. No Motion.</p> <p>Marge reported Okemo ticket vouchers are \$67 adult this year. Ticket returns: 82% credit on Okemo ticket returns applied to member's 2016-17 purchase.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Warren Miller film will show at the Bushnell on Nov 5. Betsy Gaudian is coordinating group attendance. We should have an MTL table at the show and recruit new members. Motion to approve up to \$250 for expenses. Marge Wasel will investigate opportunity. Motion Approved.</p> <p>Marge Wasel reported on the need to change meeting venue from the Whinstone, <u>at least</u> for winter, due to new management being sought by Town of New Britain. A similar agreement to our present would need to be arranged once the new management is arranged by Town Hall.</p> <p>For now a new meeting place will need to be arranged ASAP. Some features for the substitute that will be considered are the size of the room for all our events, the ability for members to eat a meal before the meeting and the willingness of the venue to work with us without rental cost in lieu of meal/drink business.</p> <p>Suggestions have been: Angelos at Rockledge, Casa Mia at the Hawthorne and Tavern 45 in Plantsville. Marge will be going out to visit and will ask for volunteers to accompany her. No Motion.</p> <p>Monday Night Racing: race dues, pizza, and rebates need to be discussed at next Board meeting for upcoming racing season. No Motion.</p>	<p>Gretchen Marx, Lisa Durland</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>World Cup Race scheduled at Killington in November.</p> <p>A ski film is scheduled at Southern Connecticut University. Attendees receive a voucher to ski at Mt Southington.</p> <p>MTL will not be maintaining an inventory of Okemo bulk tickets for sale to members this year as the order periods for vouchers occur regularly, allowing members to buy what they need. Ideas: The club will also make available an online ticket site (MTL Facebook), a ticket exchange corner at each meeting and trading tickets between clubs (will investigate).</p> <p>Pico is being considered as a change in venue for the club race on February 4, 2017. Marge will discuss with Tom Knudsen</p>	

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.	Norb Church, Gretchen Marx
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Respectfully submitted by Milli Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed at Regular Membership Meeting: 67 members present

A statement was distributed (see attached) outlining estimated operational costs of recurring and annual bills for lodge operation in 2016-17.

A motion was entered to request approval for estimated costs allowing payment up to a total of \$56,201

Motion: Rick Sullivan, Second: Norb Church.

Approved, no opposition or abstentions