

# Mountain Laurel Ski Club

Board Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2016



Call to order: 6:07 p.m.

**Attending:** Milli Arnold, Kathy Augustyn, Norb Church, Lisa Durland, Joy Dutra, Jonathan Houck, Brian Kirkpatrick, Mike Korby, Gretchen Marx, Clyde Proch, Cathy Riley, Rick Sullivan, Marge Wasel

**Absent:** Bob Zawacki

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTION
<b>APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES</b>	The Board approved the minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting as corrected.	Norb Church, Lisa Durland
<b>APPROVALS, TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b>            Brian Kirkpatrick reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee. It was decided to pay off the Lodge Finance notes of those members requesting repayment which totaled \$9,700. After March, if revenue is sufficient, payment of additional notes up to a total of \$15,000 per year as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee recommended that there be no Spring fundraiser, such as Beatlemania this year. The Club has a \$900 credit from CSC ski vouchers which can be used as needed for tickets. Members should use buy periods to purchase Okemo ski ticket vouchers as the Club will not be maintaining an inventory of vouchers. <b>No Motion</b></p> <p>Brian reviewed the Statement of Activity. Revenue remains about the same as last year. Winter rental payment came in earlier this year. The importance of group rentals was discussed. The Club cash balance is currently \$71,725 and was \$72,197 for this same period in 2015. Donations that were made by the membership will not be allocated at this time but will be earmarked at a future date for the lodge. <b>No Motion</b></p> <p><b>Check Approvals:</b>            Motion to approve retirement of 3 notes, \$9,700 with interest for a total of \$10,123. <b>Motion Approved</b></p> <p>Prior to above payment, there was \$50,234 in notes and interest outstanding. \$38,611 will be the balance owed to date after payment.</p> <p>A payment of \$1,500 annual interest to the remaining \$5,000 note holders, will be issued in amounts approved by the President, Marge Wasel. <b>No Motion</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion to reimburse Susan Grant \$1,892.59 for expenses of Lobster Cookout. <b>Motion Approved</b></p> <p>Motion to pay Nikdown PL \$1,557.00 for the period 10/1/16-9/30/17 for website maintenance. <b>Motion Approved</b></p>	<p>Gretchen Marx, Jonathan Houck</p> <p>Milli Arnold, Lisa Durland</p> <p>Norb Church, Gretchen Marx</p>

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<p>Kathy Augustyn reported that there are presently 458 members with 298 memberships which is down from last year. To date, 84% of old members have renewed. Three new members have joined this month. Kathy reported that several VT mountains will be at the Open House on Oct. 12. The new member orientation will take place on Nov 16 before a short business meeting followed by lodge safety presentation by Tom Knudsen. <b>No motion</b></p>	
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	<p><b>Lodge Operations Committee:</b> Jonathan Houck reported on the August LOC meeting. The LOC contracted for 4,000 gallons of propane at \$1.49 per gallon. Nikki will again be doing the cleaning for next year. The work weekend was very productive. The suites and apartments were painted using the color, cream fresh, which will now be the only color used in the interior of the lodge. The rug was replaced in room 12. The exterior of the lodge is now uniformly blue and white. Kay Leatherman has a list of regulations that have been placed in the lodge. Photographs chosen from those submitted by members have also been placed in the lodge. <b>No Motion</b></p>	
<b>CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL</b>	<p>Joy Dutra, MTL Ambassador, reported that 23 Snowball tickets have been sold. She will be returning unsold tickets at the Ambassador tea on Oct 16. The Marriott is offering a discounted price of \$105 for CSC members. Marge and Stan will run the Hospitality Suite. <b>No Motion</b></p> <p><b>CSC Racing:</b> Motion to approve Scott Farrar's proposal to offer a \$15.00 rebate for every race to those members who race 3 or more times and for pizza at each race to be paid by MTL. A discussion followed. The rebate to racers this season was \$3,555 and the cost of the pizza was approximately \$1,500. There were 10 races with 228 starts. The high degree of participation resulted in the Clubs first place finish. It was pointed out that it attracted new members. <b>Motion Approved, One Opposed</b></p>	<p>Norb Church Cathy Riley</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p>The Club will have a recruitment table at the Bushnell for the Warren Miller film on Saturday, Nov. 5. We have advertised the movie among the members through the Squall and the Newsletter. The table will be manned by 4 members.</p> <p>The Club race will be held at Okemo on January 28, 2017.</p> <p>There will be 3 periods for Okemo bulk ticket buying for members.</p>	

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Whinstone's contract with the Town of New Britain expires as of Dec. 31 but management cannot guarantee that they will be open till then primarily due to staffing problems. It was suggested that we have meetings at Billy T's till April and then try to get back in to New Britain. Dakotas is another suggestion. Everyone was in agreement that we should stay at Whinstone's as long as possible. Marge will be looking into the options. <b>No Motion</b>	
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.	Jonathan Houck Norb Church

Respectfully submitted by Milli Arnold, Secretary

**Motions presented at the Regular Membership Meeting:**

Motion to approve retirement of 3 notes, \$9,700 with interest for a total of \$10,123. (Gretchen Marx, Patty Clairwood), **Approved**

Motion to reimburse Susan Grant \$1,892.59 for expenses of Lobster Cookout. (Gretchen Marx, Stan Wasel) **Approved**

Motion to pay \$1,557.00 to Nikdow for ongoing Lodge reservation system support for the period 10/1/16-9/30/17. (Gretchen Marx, Charlotte LeClair) **Approved**