

# Mountain Laurel Ski Club

Board Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2016



Call to order: 6:07 p.m.

Attending: Joan Albert, Milli Arnold, Kathy Augustyn, Norb Church, Lisa Durland, Chuck Hannah, Jonathan Houck, Andy LeClair, Clyde Proch, Cathy Riley, Rick Sullivan, Marge Wasel

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTION
<b>APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES</b>	The Board approved the minutes of the April meeting as corrected.	Jonathan Houck, Norb Church
<b>APPROVALS, TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	<p><b>Approvals:</b> No check approvals.</p> <p>Rick summarized the status of the Club's finances as of March 30.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Club is \$4,000 down on lodge income due to the poor winter ski conditions.</li> <li>2. The third floor construction expenses came in significantly over budget.</li> <li>3. The startup fee for installation of the online reservation system (\$4,000). Annual maintenance will be less.</li> <li>4. An additional \$800.00 is needed to cover the very enthusiastic race rebate costs.</li> <li>5. There was a substantial savings from changes in the property insurance and discontinuation of ski instructor liability insurance policies.</li> </ol> <p>Rick is hoping that the fiscal year-end balance of accounts in Berkshire Bank and Bank of America will be \$30,000 to be held as reserve. For the present, the account in Bank of America will be kept open (no charge). We are required to maintain savings and checking accounts in Berkshire Bank.</p> <p>Marge stressed the necessity of paying off the 5-year notes on a regular schedule. \$15,000 should be available in October to pay off 3 of the notes. <b>Motion to approve the report.</b></p>	Norb Church Clyde Proch
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Kathy Augustyn presented a proposal for Raffle Cash Management procedures and controls. A short discussion followed and it was agreed that Kathy should see how the procedures work and report back. <b>No motion.</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	<b>LODGE OPERATIONS:</b> Jonathan reported on the March 23 LOC meeting. The LOC plans to schedule their meetings two weeks prior to the Board meetings. On April 15 and 16 the Facilities Committee will be at the Lodge to do a walk around to assess for needed repairs, maintenance, and to prepare an estimate of the cost for getting the third floor on line. The rental of two apartments has been advertised on Craig's List. However, many of the responses involved children, and by agreement with the Town of Ludlow, we cannot rent to individuals with children. The notice was removed from Craig's List. There is a push to again have Weston Playhouse as a summer apartment rental and also to	

	<p>encourage groups to use the Lodge on a short term basis throughout the summer. Rental of the Lodge by Anna Siewako for a group scheduled for Labor Day weekend will be priced at \$300 per night.</p> <p>The possibility of raising funds for completing renovations to the third floor was discussed with an option for another "tribute" type event. A discussion resulted in an informal vote recommending that Eric Ardolino look into a Comedy Night event. Report at the next meeting. <b>No motion.</b></p>	
<b>CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL</b>	<p>Jan Wallace has as yet been unable to find a candidate for CSC Ambassador from MTL. Marge suggested that the role and duties of the Ambassador be clarified by the CSC. Prospective candidates might find the position more attractive if there were more information available. <b>No motion.</b></p>	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Deceased Member Memorial:</b> Chuck Hannah reported that he is working with Jane Knopf to ready a link on the Club website for a memorial page that would list deceased members. Marge responded to the request by the family of a longtime member for mounting a plaque in the Lodge, by suggesting the use of a special tribute in the banquet program, streaming a video, or using photos at the banquet as a memorial for their father in place of a plaque.</p> <p><b>MTL Banquet:</b> Marge spoke of the possibility that the banquet might come in over budget as the raffle proceeds from Lip Sync had been factored into the overall budget and now that event is occurring later. Joan proposed that a weekend voucher for the Lodge be one of the prizes for the raffle. Joan also generously personally matched the weekend voucher. It will include the use of a suite. <b>Motion approved.</b></p>	<p>Joan Albert Jonathan Houck</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Lifetime Member:</b> Chair of the Lifetime Member Committee, Maureen Gaherty, presented via Marge to the Board the committee's decision to nominate Neal Fisher for the honor. Bylaws require Board approval. The Board was unanimously in favor.</p> <p><b>2017 Drive Trip Presentation:</b> Sunday River was presented for the 2017 Club drive trip. Trip leaders Kay Leatherman and Anne Alden proposed the dates for the trip are Feb 23 – Mar 3, 2017. <b>Motion approved.</b></p> <p>A discussion followed as to the appropriate time to start publicizing the trip. The fly trip has had exclusive marketing for a period of time prior to the release of the information for the drive trip. This needs to be clarified for the next meeting.</p> <p>Request for \$500.00 check as deposit for Sunday River. President approved within approval limits. Unanimous approval of the trip by Board.</p>	<p>Jonathan Houck Norb Church</p>
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Jonathan Houck Clyde Proch</p>

Respectfully submitted by Milli Arnold, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer