

MONTAIN LAUREL SKIERS

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUES

Held at Zabbara's Restaurant

Date: October 05, 2005

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
JB – John Bazzano – Director
DG – Dan Giordano – Director
FM – Fred Murray – Director
KN – Kevin Neary – Director
RP – Russ Pacino – Director
SW – Stan Wasel – Director
LD – Linda Dinda – Director

Absent: TK – Tom Knudsen – Past President

JH – Called the meeting to order @ 6:37 PM

JH – Asked for approval of minutes from 09/07/05 BOD meeting

KN – Mentioned error on BOD minutes of 09/07/05 Meeting concerning a reference to Monday night biking which should have been Monday Night Racing.

SW – Also mentioned a error on the Golf weekend.

JM – Promised he would correct and resubmit the Minutes ASAP

JB – Motioned to approve minutes as presented

TK – Second Vote 12 – 0 – Approval

EA – Presented the treasurer’s Report which stated that the Lobster cookout made profit return to the club of \$157.

KN – Felt the expense of a band was too extravagant. Considering the price of lobsters, extras should not have been purchased, only to be given away a long with leftover hamburgers and hotdogs.

EA – Stated he had resolved much of the problems of the checking and fidelity investment accounts which have been plaguing the club for a number of years. ATM cards are now correct and transferable to new club officers elected to office. The club signature to the investment account is now under Eric Ardolino’s signature as fiduciary. This signature can be replaced when new slate of officers are elected to the club.

Money Approvals included:

\$307 To Dan Giordano for food purchased Saturday night dinner for the Hike Weekend. Accepted JB Second LD

\$158 To Jack Uhrynowski for Friday night dinner – Hike weekend
Accepted DG second JB

\$200 Pat Moore membership dues in CT Ski Council
Accepted JB second AR

\$1800 Golf Weekend for reservations at Cape House – Money
previously collected. Accepted KN Second AR

\$41.58 Accepted DG Second LD

\$19.00 Accepted LD Second KN

EA – Said he had changed the club’s checking account type to business non-profit which would be more appropriate. He is working on a club stamp for check deposits. All signed documents to rectify the club’s fidelity investment have been returned to the bank for final resolvment. The next change will be to setup the investment account with Bank of America rather than Fleet which merged with Bank of America 2 years ago.

JH – Made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

AR – Second Vote 12 – 0 – Approval

JH – I have Reiterated ideas for 2005-06 Budget. Looking over past years we need to maintain a balanced budget as much as possible. We need to

work harder to enhance the club to better serve the needs of all club members. Eric and I went over budgets, looking back five years, over some events the club has even stopped scheduling. We still need to cover past event budgets so that we can further plan a complete yearly budget the club can depend on.

EA – Suggested to the club a purchase of a Vermont Corporate Ski Pass which covers nearly every mountain in Vermont. The pass comes with coupons which could be sold to members redeemable for 1 day lift tickets. The pass comes with 8 coupons for each mountain. The sale potential could bring the club a solid excess over the cost of the pass itself.

BOD – Upon further discussion the consensus of the BOD was to discuss this matter at future meetings.

EA – Marsha Barretta requested 50 tickets be purchased for the three Lesson days which MTL sponsors each season. These tickets are given to each instructor in exchange for ski lessons offered to those MTL members who are interested in taking a lesson. Those tickets not used would be offered to members participating in Club Race. Possible date of lessons include, 12/17, 12/31, 1/14, and 2/18. Only three dates will be chosen.

SW – MTL in the recent passed years has only averaged 25 tickets for each purchase. I do not want the club to experience a loss due to excess purchase of lift tickets which are not redeemable at the end of the season.

RP – made a motion the club only buy 25 tickets.

SW – Second Vote 12 – 0 Approved

AR – Gave a membership report with 343 current members and 97 family memberships. We have 39 current prospective members and only 43 non-renewed members who will be purged from membership rolls. A prospective Booklet will be produced with required information. Two renewals were accepted without late fees charge due to acceptable circumstances.

JB – Motion made to accept renewals – Second by KN
Vote 10 – 2 Nay votes SW and DG

RP – Lodge Committee reports announcement of Volunteer Weekend scheduled for 11/14. Right now there are 15 volunteers registered. I have met with Meriden Ski Club about booking the Appalachian room. No details at this time.

KN – Frank will benefit from our labor without any actual expense. We should have Frank reimburse MTL for the expenses incurred by the club. We need more people to volunteer and should use lease leverage if reimbursement is not forthcoming.

SW – lower bunk season reservation held by Frank and also Ray Taskar should be held in question.

JH – Ray Taskar always books his bunk through Lisa Durland with vouchers throughout the season.

SW – We could have a potential problem with members requesting an open bunk on a Thursday, but then not showing up and paying for the reservation. Feels members should be required to pay irregardless whether they arrive at the lodge.

JM – though the club loss on this practice is one they would have already incurred if the Thursday call had not been made. A Member's honesty should in question if there is a pattern of phone reservations made and not paid for. Innkeeper is responsible for collecting any reservation money not submitted to Lisa Durland. Checks mailed to Lisa are subject to verification.

AR – We need to have a listing of emergency contacts for club members at the lodge during ski season in order for immediate contact should any member be injured.

JH – Wednesday night program continues with:

October 19th Lecture about getting conditioned for ski season

October 26th Halloween Party hosted by Mike Smestead and Joanne Nilsen

November 11th Fashion Show hosted by Charlotte LeClair

December 14th Christmas Party hosted by Betsy Guadian

JH – Lodge party weekends would be as follows;

Wassailing 12/10; New Year's Eve 12/31; Valentine's-X Cntry 12/14;
Club Race 2/28; On Snow 3/03; St Pat's 3/15; Pig Roast 3/15 – these
dates are the approximate weekend

JH – made motion to close meeting @ 8:00 PM

Second by JB Vote 12 – 0 approval