

MONTAIN LAUREL SKIERS

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUTES

Held at Zabbara's Restaurant

Date: July 13, 2005

Presiding: JH - Jonathan Houck – President

Present: AR – Alison Reno – Vice-President – MTL Ambassador
JM – Jim Mays – Secretary
EA – Eric Ardolino - Treasurer
TK – Tom Knudsen – Past President
JB – John Bazzano – Director
LD – Linda Dinda – Director
DG – Dan Giordano - Director
FM – Fred Murray – Director
KN – Kevin Neary – Director
SW – Stan Wasel – Director

Absent: Tina Oswald
Russ Pacino
Fred Murray - Tardy

JH – Called the meeting to order @ 6:30 PM

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

JH – Moved to approve minutes as presented

AR – Second Vote 10 – 0 – Approval

JB – Brought to Board's attention that a \$350 donation back to the club from the Jay Peak Ski Trip was not listed separately on the Treasurer Report submitted by Eric Ardolino. The amount had been merged with miscellaneous administrative costs for the lodge in error.

JH – Recommended that a notation of this donation be announced at the meeting of July 13th so that adequate recognition could be given to Dave England in light of this donation. A motion was made to approve this.

AR – Second – Vote 10 – 0 – Approval

EA – Submitted Financial comparisons for '04 – '05 which gave an overall view of MTL financial status changes. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's financial comparison.

AR – Second – Vote 10 – 0 – Approval

ER – Proposed a ski safari bus trip which would utilize lodge for accommodations.

JB – Countered that people are using vacation time and would prefer hotel status accommodations.

KN – Requested permission to review the Fidelity Investment Statements in the light of poor growth reports and high fees entailed.

ER – proposed a motion that there is to be not any additional club Okemo lift tickets purchased until the back log of club returned tickets is substantially reduced through sales to club members. Currently we have a surplus of tickets from 2004- 05 that needs to be reduced to a manageable amount.

JB – Second Vote 10 – 0 Approved

JH – Made a motion to ask for a cash approval for a yearly amount to cover newsletter expenses rather than monthly supplements. This would give members a fuller insight of actual cost of newsletter. The amount of \$4,000 was proposed.

EA – motioned to accept cash approval.

AR – Second Vote 10 – 0 Approved

AR – read a heartwarming letter from Sally Whitaker a founding member of Mountain Laurel who is quite proud of the club's achievement of 60 years anniversary which will be celebrated in April 2006 at the annual banquet.

AR – read another letter from Kevin Burke. He was denied prospective membership status due to insufficient meetings and committee activities despite passing a ski test. AR proposed an extension of time for Kevin to fulfill requirements due to medical emergencies.

SW – reminded board of an amnesty policy allowing membership renewal after a 2year period be also invoked.

KN – made a motion to accept both proposals.

TK – Second Vote 10 – 0 Approved

AR – proposed discussion on membership requirements. This was tabled by the board for future discussion under New Business.

JB – Made an announcement of a renewal of the Shelter Island Bike Trip for August 27th. This is a pay-as-you-go trip on which a number of members enjoyed themselves in 2004. Charlotte LeClair would make up a flyer about the trip for the next meeting.

SW – Announced he had filled 21 beds out of 38 for the Bike Weekend. With over 50 for dinner. 26 and 64 mile bike rides are available as well as trips to Butter Milk Falls, a fabulous dinner of salmon and steak and the usual lodge amenities.

JH – Announced there would be future discussion about the following weekends in the fall:

Hike Weekend Oct 1st and 2nd

Golf Weekend Oct 7th through Oct 10th

AR – proposed a meeting of the Queen Mums in preparation for the Snowball Ambassador competition in November. No date set.

JH – made motion to close meeting @ 7:50 pm

Second by AR Vote 10 – 0 approval