

MONTAIN LAUREL SKIERS

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUES

Held at Zabbara's Restaurant

Date: September 07, 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
TK – Tom Knudsen – Past President
JB – John Bazzano – Director
DG – Dan Giordano – Director
FM – Fred Murray – Director
KN – Kevin Neary – Director
RP – Russ Pacino – Director
SW – Stan Wasel – Director

Absent: LD – Linda Dinda – Director

JH – Called the meeting to order @ 6:40 PM

JM – read the minutes from the BOD Meeting 08/03/05

JH – Asked for approval of minutes from 08/03/05 BOD meeting

JB – Motioned to approve minutes as presented

TK – Second Vote 11 – 0 – Approval

EA – Presented the treasurer’s Report which stated that we are down \$2000 over last year and down in membership over last year. A highlight is that our membership renewal increased current balances but the totals have been continuously less and less each year.

A vote will be needed to reduce our accumulated Okemo Lift tickets carry over to a more manageable level. Currently we have 92 tickets, too many than needed for prospective members needs.

KN – Wanted to know what procedure was in place for Fiduciary Turnover on Fidelity Savings Account.

EA – Stated there was no current automatic turnover of signatures and that this has not been done for several years. A current review of procedures and policies will eventually bring us to appoint where we can reestablish a signature transfer each year once the new policies can be instated. EA is proceeding on enacting these procedures as he reviews the regulations of the fidelity agreement.

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

AR – Second Vote 11 – 0 – Approval

JH – 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.

AR – Presented a membership report which highlighted 358 renewals mailed this year; 296 have renewed with only 62 not renewed. There we 97 family memberships included in the 296 total. This figure included a few people who want to renew but various situations have postpone their renewals at this time. After passing a list of non-renewals she suggested we personally contact six individuals each in an effort to convince them to renew. Many of the board initialed six persons each would contact in the week to come. Two individuals were mentioned in a letter from two members who wish to renew but would like exemption from the \$15 late fee due to extenuating medical circumstances. A few members who are teachers also were forced to delay renewing because of summer cash flow.

KN suggested sending another letter requesting renewal should be sent.

SW – felt the \$15 late fee must be enforced and collected. Other directors agreed.

EA – Suggested each director contacting a non-renewal could hold the check pending confirmation from the board that said late fee would be waived.

TO – Stated we should let non-renewals alone. If they choose not to renew, it is not the BOD's responsibility to pursue them.

EA – motioned a vote to allow two members waiver from Late Fee due to medical expenditures.

AR – Second motion Vote 9 – 2 – Refusals were Stan Wasel – Kevin Neary

RP – Presented a MTL Lodge proposal to Meriden Ski Club concerning leasing the Appalachian Trail Room. This proposal was presented provisions which included lodge voucher procedures, reservation procedures, and cancellation requirements.

FN – Felt only New Year's Eve should be exclusive to MTL members.

TK – wised to raise the amount of vouchers and weekend reservation costs increased to non-MTL members.

SW – said to not raise fees. We should do whatever we need to have Meriden help to share the lodge.

TO/JB – no to increase fees for Meriden or current members.

SW – stated we should also include Newington Ski Club as well as Meriden. We should also have a complete listing of Meriden members for verification.

JH – felt we should see how the arrangement works with Meriden first.

KN – requested a motion to accept Meriden proposal

AR – Second Vote 2 – 9 motion tabled

JH – requested motion to submit proposal to Meriden

AR – Second Vote 11 – 1 motion approved

RP – Announced Oct 22nd will be a Volunteer Work Weekend. Frank approved and will supply needs as requested. No vote was requested to bring motion to the membership at this time.

ER – Stated to the BOD that MTL has too many carry over Okemo lift tickets from 2004-05. Out of 240 we still have 92 carry-overs. He suggested we purchase only 100 new lift tickets for 2005-06.

SW – Stated the only prospective members be allowed to purchase lift tickets. That in the past too many current members may have opted not to buy lift tickets in October or planned poorly on purchases.

JB – Suggested we purchase 150 tickets.

TK – Also felt the tickets should be reserved for perspective members only.

JB – Made a motion MTL purchase 100 more Okemo Lift tickets

DG – Second Vote 9 approved 2 voted nay – Kevin Neary / Stan Wasel

EA – Suggested setting up a listing of Car-pooling to the lodge

JH – Suggested a blurb be put into the newsletter for people to post in the club's Forum on the website who is willing to carpool and those who wish to share in the carpool

JH – Advised the BOD should review the By-law change being proposed to the club members. This change is to remove the ski-test requirement from the membership requirements. No BOD advisement to the members was decided.

SW – Proposed a \$5 credit to those visitors to the 9/21 Open House who decide to join MTL at the Open House.

TK – Made a motion whomever joins MTL at the Open House be given a weekend certificate at the lodge.

KN – Second Vote 11 – 0 motion passed

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

Second by EA Vote 11 – 0 approval