

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – March 28, 2023

MEETING ATTENDEES: ExCom held its meeting via Zoom, hosted by Marianne Soponis and facilitated by Barry Lake. Attendees on the Zoom meeting were: Barry Lake, Cara Jablon, Dick Schwartzbard (joined after meeting started), Kathy Lake, Don Vierimaa, Salli Diakova, Mary Rose de Valladares, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Marianne Soponis, Jan Marx, Kerry Hines, and Ellie Thayer. President Barry Lake opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the February 28, 2023 ExCom meetings electronically in advance of the meeting. Barry moved to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, electronically submitted the Treasury's balance in advance of the meeting. There is \$11,220.08 in the Treasury.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: There is no Membership chair at present. Barry Lake reported that there has been no change since the last meeting.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Dave Warthen is the layout editor for the April TOOT and all articles have been submitted and the TOOT is ready for issuance.

Regarding the next TOOT, Ellie proposed that it be a combined May/June issue because she will be on an international trip from April 15 to April 29, the period when the TOOT would be readied for publication. She suggested that the issuance date be May 15 and that an e-blast to membership be sent on May 1 informing PVS of the new issue date.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Rosemary, the retiring Ski Trip Committee chair, reported that PVS had a successful year on the slopes, participating in two trips, i.e., Snowmass and Val d'Isere. Barry additionally noted that the proposal for Snowmass 2024 had been approved. An announcement for the May travel show at Tysons Corner is in the TOOT. Cara noted that she and Bob were planning to attend.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings chair, Marianne Soponis, reported that the annual meeting and BYOB are on the calendar for April. SummerFest is tentatively scheduled to be hosted by Jill Nelson in June. The Hines are hosting Steak & Swim in August and Cara volunteered to host the holiday party. Marianne will search for a host for the October meeting.

Upcoming events are:

Saturday, April 8, 2023 – annual meeting, Heitchue/Sinclair condo party room at 1:00pm.
Thursday, April 13, 2023 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS: *There were no items of old business.*

NEW BUSINESS: *There were two items of new business.*

Proposal for collecting dues for 2023 -25: Ellie suggested a different pay structure and process for the upcoming cycle of dues collection. She suggested that every member's dues, no matter what category of member, be \$10.00 (\$20.00/couple). The reduced amount would reflect the healthy amount in the treasury at the same time requiring a minimum monetary requirement for membership. Second, she recommended a simpler application form with name/address/phone number/email required without the questionnaire portion asking where one desires to ski or if one is open to hosting. She also suggested that the form be available at SummerFest.

The suggestion generated discussion about whether the \$10 amount was too low and would unnecessarily deplete the treasury. Ultimately, \$20/person was determined as an appropriate amount. Having an application form at meetings was rejected. Instead, the application would be disseminated as an attachment to the TOOT and by sending to membership in an e-blast. Barry was tasked with creating a new form and with the membership e-blast. Barry moved that the \$20/person fee be adopted, Cara seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

Discussion segued into the necessity of creating an updated roster after the biennial cycle is completed and membership is established. It was agreed that the roster should be disseminated on an annual basis. The issue whether the by-laws should be amended to ease some of the requirements for joining was tabled.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be a Zoom meeting on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Barry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer.