Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – April 23, 2019

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon. In attendance were: Tom Tycz, Kal Nossuli, Barry Lake, John Holt, Jan Marx, Jannes Gibson, Dick Schwartzbard, Nancy McKinley, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Bob Jablon, Inge Lesjak, and Ellie Thayer. President Tom Tycz opened the meeting at 8:10pm following a lovely repast served by hosts, Bob and Cara Jablon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting and distributed copies at the meeting. There were no objections or comments and Tom declared the minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report at the meeting. There is \$11,245.47 in the treasury. Dick noted that there is a healthy balance in the treasury and the biennial dues cycle starting in July will increase the balance further.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, who was not in attendance, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no comments or objections.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Dave Warthen is the layout editor for the May TOOT. Articles are steadily being submitted.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported that the Committee has approved a proposal for a 2020 ski trip to Park City to be led by the Jablons from February 29 to March 7.* Rosemary submitted the proposal electronically in advance of the meeting. Bob spoke about the status of the planning. Jablons are working with Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours who has tentatively reserved a block of 10 rooms at the Peaks Hotel Park City. It was suggested that the Jablons prepare a short paragraph for the May TOOT asking interested PVSers to confirm their interest. Rosemary asked for a motion for ExCom to approve the trip. Jan Marx so moved, John Holt seconded the motion, and it passed without objection by voice vote.

Rosemary also submitted the trip evaluations for the three 2019 ski trips, i.e., Snowmass, Sun Valley, and Steamboat Springs. All of the trips and trip leaders received outstanding evaluations. Some Snowmass commenters complained about the worn-out lodging, but loved the trip and loved the ski-out/ski-in feature. Some Sun Valley commenters complained about the tour operator, but loved the trip and the great weather. The Steamboat commenters raved about the trip and being superbly fed by the Jablons.

Both Bob and Dick spoke about the real value of PVS trips being the camaraderie enjoyed by participants. Dick noted that inviting friends on trips was a good way to attract new members.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chair, Nancy McKinley, reported on upcoming activities.

Friday, May 3, 2019 – PRW Ski Show, Tysons Corner, VA from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Saturday, May 4, 2019 – semiannual BRSC meeting to choose 2021 ski trips. Sunday, May 5, 2019 - Eclipse Concert, McKinleys, Alexandria, VA at 3:00pm. Friday, May 17, 2019 – Urban Hike, McKinley, Eastern Market, 10:00am. *Subsequent to the ExCom meeting, the Park City dates were changed to March 7-14, 2020.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – May monthly meeting, Robinsons, Arlington, VA at 7:30pm. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – NASA Space Center tour, Janney, Greenbelt, MD from 1:00 – 3:30pm.

Nancy reported that the June meeting/Summerfest will be held at Jablons' home, date to be determined. It is also expected that the Hines will host Steak and Swim in August. Jannes Gibson reported that the NASA tour is filled at 37 people and there is a waiting list.

Inge noted that Peter Russell would be 100 years old this fall. Marianne Soponis is speaking with his family to determine whether there will be a big celebration. If not, PVS will arrange a PVS event. The group queried whether Suzanne Boisclair would also turn 100 this year. NB – after the meeting it was learned that Suzanne will turn 100 on December 6.

Tom relayed that a PVS member had bypass surgery recently and is doing fine.

OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was one item of new business.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Kal Nosulli moved to adjourn the meeting, Barry Lake seconded the motion, and Tom declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.