

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – September 24, 2019

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held telephonically. On the call were: Tom Tycz, Dick Schwartzbard, Melissa FitzGerald, Barry Lake, John Holt, Jan Marx, Jannes Gibson, Mary Rose Valladares, Dave Warthen, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Nancy McKinley, Marianne Sophonis, Bob Jablon, and Ellie Thayer. President Tom Tycz opened the meeting at 7:03pm. A number of those on the call reported that they had difficulty in calling in on the local (202) number and had to resort to using the toll-free (800) number.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments and minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There is \$13,820.18 in the treasury. Dick reported that the treasury amount increased substantially due to the biennial dues collection.

Dick also commented on conference call billing. After the last telephonic conference call in June, the club was billed for 510 hours of on-call time. Dick straightened that issue out for the most part. He learned that PVS is charged a reasonable \$.19 per minute for every 10 persons online. That rate may be applicable only to users of the local (202) number.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Regarding the status of 2019 – 2021 membership and the biennial dues collection, Dave reported that to date PVS has 128 members. 106 members have renewed; 19 affirmatively indicated that they did not wish to renew; 10 have died over the last two-year period; and 22 have not responded. After October 1, Marianne and Inge will contact the 22 members who have not responded. In response to Nancy's request, Dave will provide a spreadsheet noting the 19 who did not renew.

Tom asked Dave if he should bring up the continuing problem with the BRSC website at the next BRSC meeting, i.e., that the site is blocked to those who use Safari and have Norton. It was suggested that it might be mentioned casually to the webmaster or President, but not in the course of the meeting.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Jan Marx is the layout editor for the October TOOT. We are awaiting one article, which will be submitted soon.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported that Tom, Inge, and Kerry would be attending the fall BRSC meeting on October 5 at Liberty Mountain. Rosemary reminded the group that Sun & Ski is having their big sale next weekend. With regard to AsiaFest, Inge informed Rosemary that there has been no interest from members in joining her on this Pentagon sponsored trip. Nonetheless, Rosemary advocated for continuing the model, having a member volunteer to coordinate an informal PVS subgroup within another club's trip, in the future.

Snowmass has 38 participants and there are a few rooms still available. Bob informed the group that Park City has 13 participants and the hotel has extended the time to hold rooms through the end of October.

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

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – Boat Trip on Anacostia, Soponis, DC, at 10:00am
Saturday, October 12, 2019 – monthly meeting, Nossuli, Potomac, MD at 2:00pm
Sunday, November 10, 2019 – monthly meeting, Gibson, Potomac, MD at 2:00pm
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – monthly meeting/Holiday Party, Hotalings, Arlington VA at 7:30pm.

Marianne answered questions about the Boat Trip on the Anacostia, saying that the tour needed 15 attendees. Three ExCom members expressed strong interest and will receive information from Marianne.

Nancy said that Shirley Rettig planned to organize a trip to The Little Theater of Alexandria in January 2020. Details will likely be announced in the November TOOT.

OLD BUSINESS: There was one item of old business.

Recognizing the club's two centenarians: Peter Russell is turning 100 in October and Suzanne Boisclair in December. At a previous meeting, it was agreed that PVS would try to interview them and publish the resulting articles in the October and December TOOTs, respectively. Peter was interviewed by Marianne Soponis and the interview article will be published in the October TOOT. Peter also agreed to a champagne toast at the October monthly meeting.

Suzanne has indicated that she wishes to keep any birthday celebrations private. After some discussion and some expressed unease, it was decided that a champagne toast to her would be appropriate at a future meeting.

Marianne Soponis will bring birthday cards to be signed to the October meeting at Kal's house. Peter's will be presented and Suzanne's will be mailed.

NEW BUSINESS: There was one item of new business.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic and held on October 22, 2019 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.