

Minutes - PVS ExCom Meeting – September 19, 2023

MEETING ATTENDEES: ExCom held its meeting via Zoom, hosted and facilitated by Cara Jablon. Attendees on the Zoom meeting were: Cara Jablon, Bob Jablon, Dick Schwartzbard, Barry Lake, Kathy Lake, Don Vierimaa, Salli Diakova, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Bob Knopes, Marianne Sponis, Kerry Hines, Jan Marx, and Ellie Thayer. President Cara Jablon opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the June 24, 2023 ExCom meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no comments regarding the minutes. Rosemary moved to approve the minutes, Salli seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, electronically submitted the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting. There is \$10,433.78 in the Treasury. Dick noted that the treasury had advanced the Snowmass trip \$9,000 and it has been repaid, all within one ExCom reporting period. The treasury has received a few renewal checks. Barry said that more would be coming.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership coordinator, Barry Lake, electronically submitted the membership report in advance of the meeting. He reported that the status is the same as last month and does not reflect renewals, as the 2023 – 2025 renewal period has not ended. He noted that renewals are running about 75%, about 15 members have not responded, and two members have affirmatively declined to renew. Barry will continue to send email reminders to those who have not responded. Currently there are 90 members: 1 Charter member; 1 Honorary member; 13 Absentee members; 10 Associate members; 66 Active members, and 1 Applicant member.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that Dave Warthen will be the layout editor for the October TOOT. Ellie also announced that she is stepping down from her position as TOOT Coordinator in March 2024. Also, Dave asked her to inform ExCom that he would retire as a layout editor at that time. Cara asked Ellie to include a short article in the TOOT setting out the responsibilities of the coordinator and the layout positions and asking for responses from interested members in assuming those positions.

SKI TRIP COORDINATOR REPORT: Ski Trip Coordinator, Kathy Lake, reported on Snowmass 2024 stating that 27 people have signed up and that six rooms are still available. She must give back any available rooms by the end of October. Kathy stated that she will now list the trip on the BRSC website.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The events and meetings coordinator, Marianne Sponis, reported on upcoming events:

Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Monthly meeting, Kal Nossuli, Potomac, MD, 1:00pm.

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm.

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – Art & Jazz at Windridge Vineyards, Darnestown, MD

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – Holiday party, Jablons, 1:00pm.
Wednesday to Wednesday - January 10 - 17, 2024, Snowmass, CO.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There were two items of new business.

Looking to the future of the club: With regard to membership, Don wondered if a graph could be created showing the age of club members and likelihood of future and continuing membership. That led to a brief discussion about the future viability of the club. Someone noted that recruitment had been unsuccessfully tried for years. Another member noted that a landmark event, the club's 60th anniversary, would occur in November of 2025. Cara stated that the group should think about the issue and she would list it as an agenda item for the next ExCom meeting.

Next ExCom meeting: The next ExCom meeting will be a Zoom meeting on November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Cara declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer.