Draft Minutes - PVS ExCom Meeting – November 14, 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, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Bob Knopes, Marianne Soponis, 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 September 19, 2023 ExCom meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no comments regarding the minutes. Rosemary moved to approve the minutes, Bob K. 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 \$11,435.66 in the Treasury. Dick reported that the treasury amount has increased due to renewal dues received. Dick brought up another topic, i.e., a member who recently hosted a monthly meeting submitted a request for reimbursement for more than \$500.00. PVS policy states that a monthly meeting host be allowed reimbursement up to \$200, in addition to keeping the \$3.00/per person fee collected at the door. After discussion, it was decided by motion made by Kathy, seconded by Bob K, and approved by voice vote that the reimbursement be allowed.

This matter led to more discussion about the club's policy in general. Ultimately, it was decided that the per person door fee collected at monthly meetings be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00, the reimbursement ceiling for monthly meetings be raised from \$200.00 to \$300.00, and the reimbursement ceiling for the three special meetings (annual meeting, SummerFest, and holiday party) be raised from \$400.00 to \$500.00. A motion to that effect was made by Bob K., seconded by Don, and approved without objection by voice vote

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership coordinator, Barry Lake, electronically submitted the membership report in advance of the meeting. He reported that 70 members have renewed, eight have affirmatively declined to renew, and 12 have not responded. Barry intends to continue with reminders to the 12 non-responders through the end of the year.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that Dave Warthen is the layout editor for the December TOOT. A short article will continue to run in the TOOT seeking members interested in the TOOT coordinator position and a layout editor position. Cara suggested that the option of job sharing the coordinator position be offered. Those positions are being vacated by Ellie Thayer and Dave Warthen, respectively, after issuance of the March 2024 TOOT on March 1, 2024.

SKI TRIP COORDINATOR REPORT: Ski Trip coordinator, Kathy Lake, reported on Snowmass 2024 stating that 32 people have signed up and that there are no more reserved rooms available. Kathy stated that she would be writing about future BRSC trips in detail in Ski Talk, but gave ExCom a short recap about BRSC's proposed Winter Carnival, Eurofest (or Asiafest), and Winterfest trips.

2024 – Lake Tahoe, Kitzbühel, and Sunday River, ME;

2025 – Park City, Chamonix, and Mont Tremblant or Sugar Loaf; and 2026 – Banff or Breckinridge, either a European or Asian ski destination, and a Winterfest destination.

Cara informed Kathy that she might be interested in leading a PVS contingent to Park City in 2025.

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

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm. Saturday, December 16, 2023 – Holiday party, Jablons, 1:00pm. Wednesday to Wednesday - January 10 - 17, 2024, Snowmass, CO.

OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There were two items of new business.

Searching for new members through the local media: Don suggested that the club look into running an article about skiing and the club in local newspapers, if possible. Cara asked Jan to send her articles from old TOOTs that appeared in the media many decades ago.

Next ExCom meeting: The next ExCom meeting will be a Zoom meeting on January 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Cara declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer.