

## Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – September 24, 2024

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, Kathy Lake, Don Vierimaa, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Bob Knopes, Jill Nelson, Barry Lake, Marianne Sponis, Jan Marx, and Ellie Thayer. President Cara Jablon opened the meeting at 7:04pm and introduced Dick Hubbard, President of the Snow Searchers ski club, who spoke to us later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the July 29, 2024 ExCom meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were not any comments regarding the minutes. Bob Jablon moved to approve the minutes. Bob Knopes 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 \$10,574.55 in the Treasury.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Barry Lake, reported the following: 72 current members; 1 Charter member; 1 Honorary member; 11 Absentee; 11 Associate; 1 Applicant; and 50 Active members.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT Coordinator, Jan Marx, reported that she is the layout editor for the October TOOT and that she has received some articles and is awaiting a few more.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip coordinator, Kathy Lake, reported that twenty-four people have signed up for the January 2025 Snowmass ski trip. A few more rooms are available for a short period longer. The Snow Searchers have been given the information and instructed that, if interested in joining the PVS trip, then the forms and full amount must be submitted to Kathy as soon as possible.

Kathy noted that she and Barry are going to Buttermilk two days before the Snowmass trip begins and invited others to join them if they wished. Cara expressed some interest.

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT:

Upcoming events are:

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – BYOB, Nancy McKinley, Zoom at 4:00pm.

Sunday, October 13, 2023 – Monthly meeting at the home of the Jablons at 1:00pm.

The Snow Searchers have been invited to join PVS at the October meeting. Dick Hubbard said that he and his wife were planning to attend and perhaps a few other members. It was agreed that the guests would not be asked to pay the \$5 fee at the door. Cara then suggested that we not charge anyone at the door. Bob Jablon moved to waive the fee for everyone, Rosemary seconded the motion, and it passed without objection. Cara requested that the TOOT article ask members to RSVP to whether they plan to attend the October meeting so that she can have appropriate food amounts.

OLD BUSINESS: There was one item of old business relating to the exploration of compatible ski clubs in the area.

*Guest Dick Hubbard spoke about the Snow Searchers ski club:* Dick began by saying that the two clubs share a lot of commonalities and some differences. It has 70 active members and many more on an email list. The club has more ski trips but fewer social events than PVS. The primary social event is an annual holiday party, now pushed to January rather than December, in a home. Other social events do not appear to be in homes, but rather in restaurants, at hiking trails, picnics at Wolf Trap, and the like. The club is multigenerational or, at a minimum, the ski trips are with children and grandchildren participating. As a result, the local ski trips tend to revolve around Fairfax County school holidays and breaks.

The club organizes one western ski trip a year under the auspices of a tour operator. Next year's trip is to Mammoth; recent trips have been to Banff and Whistler. Local trips are centered around the east coast and self-organized. The club is looking at Seven Springs and Snowshoe.

In response to questions, Dick said that the membership fee is \$25/year for an individual or a couple with lax enforcement; there are no requirements to join; the club is governed by a Board of Directors that conducts its business by Zoom; and get-togethers during ski trips are après ski happy hours in members' rooms.

NEW BUSINESS: There were two items of new business.

*Next ExCom meeting:* It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be a Zoom meeting on Monday, November 11, at 7:00 pm.

*Resignation announcement:* Dick Schwartzbard, who has served as treasurer for 10 years, announced that he would step down in May 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: All business having been concluded, Cara declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ellie Thayer.