**APPROVED, JUNE 1, 2020 BY BOD**

SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2020

Present:

Bill Johnston, President

Leo Boelhouwer, Vice President

Donna Harris

Mary Kaye Hrivnak

Mary Jo Swinimer

Rene’ Thierry

David Toms

Ruth D’Alessandro

Rita Togni

Madeline Metcalfe, Acting Secretary

Absent: Carole Howe, Bd Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Johnston, President, at 8:01 PM. This was the first virtual BOD meeting in the Club's history. This was done in adherence to governmental social distancing guidelines in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This meeting was conducted utilizing the software product Zoom, that allows each participant to join the meeting from their home. There were a few glitches that the Board worked through; and future sessions are expected to be smoother. Bill presented opening remarks.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Bill had previously provided the agenda to members.

**March 2020 Minutes:** Bill forgot to put this on the agenda, these can be approved at another meeting.

**President’s Report:** Most recent President’s message posted on the website is from Gary. Bill will create his own soon.

**Financial Manager’s Report:** A copy of the most recent Budget vs Actuals report was emailed to the Directors along with the Financial Manager’s Report, and the Flight Trips financial report.

**Old Business, some subjected retained so they will be taken up at a future BOD meeting:**

**Marketing Committee Report, carryover from March:** The DBA name change was tabled until FY21. Rene’ has contacted several digital marketing firms, but no further steps will be taken until the new Board takes up this project, soon, Bill will create a set of plans.

**Election:** The annual election meeting was completed on Thursday, April 2nd at the Club office in Arlington. Rita Togni, Ruth D’Alessandro, and Bill were elected. “Free Phone Conference” software was used, this was very effective for a small group with only minor discussion. Bernie Joiner was the Elections Chair.

**Taos Lift Ticket Omission & reparations:** this topic was not discussed…carryover from March, this topic will be reported by Brian Chollar when the FY 20 is closed out.

**New Business:**

**VP**: Leo was nominated by Mary Jo to continue as vice president, and Rita seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**4th Check Signer:** René was nominated to continue as the fourth check signer by Leo, seconded by Mary Jo. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Proposed Club Med trip in October 2020, to Miches Playa Esmeralda in the Dominican Republic.** Board had been **e**maileda copy of the budget, a copy of the Club Med proposal, and a list of 23 people who had indicated they were willing to go on the trip. Bill informed the BOD that Gary was getting additional airline bids, therefore the price in the proposed budget would likely change, but not by a major amount. By the day of this meeting, Sunday, a total of 30 had indicated their willingness to join the trip. The Travel Chair had not officially submitted the name of a trip leader.

By an email vote not official, members indicated their preference for running the trip or not running the trip. The results were four Yes’s and four’s No’s, a tie. Several the people voting “No,” worried that safe practices were not possible yet and future travel arrangements could not be anticipated. “How would Club Med enforce social distancing, if at all?” Continued comments…” Would the club be sued if someone became seriously ill, permanently disabled, or died?” The club does have a directors’ liability protection policy. About that subject, Bill had obtained some of the insurance documents that stated that our policy was active, but the actual coverage was not clearly stated in the issuer insurance company’s documents obtained from their website. One director made a comment, that this director was not prepared to approve a trip this risky on the basis that the club might be sued after a participant’s infection by the Covid 19 virus, even with protection of the liability policy.

Bill asked if anyone wished to change their vote, no one changed their vote at this meeting. The motion fails. A short discussion ensued, questions were raised about the Club Med cancellation policies and the possible airline cancellation policies that might be in effect, if the club decided on the trip but later chose to cancel. Here in these minutes, is not the place to explore the factors that might influence a future Club Med trip. The board agreed to reconsider the proposed trip in 30 days. Bill commented that Gary had extensively researched the attractiveness of the trip and put a great deal of effort into finding the lowest possible airfares.

On the basis that the board might approve this trip, Bill created an additional waiver statement with assistance from Howard Fisher, Policy chair. The purpose of the additional waiver was to clearly state that the SCWDC purchased business services from entities who know what is required to conduct safe travel, and SCWDC is not responsible for illness on a trip. The waiver was submitted to our General Counsel, Peter Hartogensis, but he did not comment on the content. A copy of the draft waiver is at the end of this document. One director commented that an official legal review was required before can be used.

**June Poland Bike and Barge trip.** Directors took up a review of this trip, which is scheduled to begin June 26. Brief discussions both in the meeting and by opinions expressed in emails, included mention of the lack of virus testing in the United States, that future airline travel was not well defined in terms of social distancing, and that Europe was experiencing its own issues with the Covid 19 infections, so adventure travel from the US and back, and with Europe carries a major risk of illness. Directors are not comfortable with this trip going forward due to their opinion that it’s risky to travel to Europe and back at this time, and the prospects that SCWDC might be sued, after an outcome that might end the life of the club due to some required financial settlement. Leo moved and David seconded, the motion to cancel the Poland trip. The vote was unanimous to cancel.

**Announcements and Comments:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM was made by Leo, seconded by David $and $approved by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Metcalfe

Acting Secretary

Note: this copy of the minutes is a draft, pending approval at the next board meeting. However, Bill intends to provide this draft to Gary Rubens, the Club Med contract expert, and to Trixie Bicknell, the Travel Chair so they can be informed of board decisions.

DRAFT/NOT DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

ADDITIONAL WAIVER FOR 2020 OVERSEAS TRAVEL TRIPS -AS OF APRIL 19, 2020

 SCWDC ACTIVITY WAIVER

I am a current Ski Club of Washington, DC (SCWDC) member, and agree to maintain my membership through the period on which I am on a SCWDC trip.

I understand that I have previously agreed to the SCWDC's standard waiver of liability statement.

I am taking an overseas SCWDC trip at my own risk.

In 2020, I am aware the World Health Organization has declared covid-19 (coronavirus) to be a pandemic. There is no approved covid-19 vaccine available. Some testing for the virus is available, but not widely available.

SCWDC stipulates that it has engaged reputable businesses to provide travel and recreation services; and that all guarantees, or assertions of safe, healthy practices are attributable to the businesses themselves, not SCWDC.

If I require medical treatment while on the SCWDC trip, I understand the trip group may leave for home without me; and that my return to my home destination is my responsibility, including repatriation in case of incapacitation or death.

If I require medical treatment while on the SCWDC trip and am transported to a medical facility, I understand that I may not be able to communicate with the trip leader, and the trip leader may not be able to communicate with me. The leader is not required to follow-up. If the participant becomes well enough to travel for the purpose of returning home, it is that person's responsibility to rejoin the trip wherever the group is or communicate with the leader.

If I require medical treatment while on the SCWDC trip, the trip leader will contact my emergency contact and tell them, to the best of the leader's knowledge at the time, where I have been taken. This is SCWDC's sole responsibility to assist in my medical treatment.

I have been furnished with a complete copy of the travel insurance policy that applies to this trip, as SCWDC requires a policy that offers some medical coverage for international travel (Canada excluded).

I agree to hold SCWDC and its officers harmless if I become sick on this trip or die.

My heirs are not authorized to fill a lawsuit due to my illness or death.

Signature:

Printed Name: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Date: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .