SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

August 24, 2020

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Absent:

Bill Johnston, President Carole Howe, Secretary

Leo Boelhouwer, Vice President

Donna Harris Non-Board members present

Mary-Jo Swinimer Charlie Lorenzetti, Budget and Finance

Mary Kaye Hrivnak

Ruth D’Alessandro

Rita Togni

Rene Thierry

David Toms

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Johnston, President, at 7:15pm. Bill presented opening remarks.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Donna & seconded by Mary Kaye. Unanimous approval.

**August 10, 2020 Minutes:** Motion to approve the August 10, 2020 BOD Meeting minutes was made by   
Mary-Jo, seconded by Donna, and approved by unanimously.

**Name Change with David Toms as primary speaker: David provided slides.** “When someone is asked to join the ski club, they often say, why should I join a ski club, so a name change would help us with attracting members to our club. Also, skiing is not a growth sport compounded by the COVID problems and limits. Some of the late season skiing: Vail and Beaver Creek were COVID HOT SPOTS. Many ski clubs have changed their name to include “Ski” and “Sports.” David got a positive response from 32 of 35 members surveyed, skiers / current officers / past officers, etc. David contacted program and committee chairs, and most were positive. There be some changes: Skigram to Ski&/Sportsgram. David suggested that the President send an email or letter to membership announcing this change. No one else has this name. Discussion of waiting until later, about January 1. Future steps: David recommended an immediate change, some BOD’s thought differently. Question was raised, if we begin to go by a different name, this will mean some signups under Ski Club of Washington DC, and then other signups by Ski and Sports Club of Washington, DC. Would that invalidate some signups? Suggestion: Delay until most signups are completed. David suggested a “pre-announcement” message from the President and the BOD to the membership. Motion by David: That 1) the BOD approves a name change from “Ski Club of Washington DC” to “Ski and Sports Club of Washington DC” and 2) that the date and rollout plan will be considered and adopted at a later BOD meeting. Rene’ seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The rollout plan and effective date will be taken up at a future meeting. A final comment was made about the possibility of reversing the new name, “Sports and Ski Club of Washington DC.” David replied that various new name possibilities were floated to program and committee chairs, and the “Ski and Sports…” version was voted the best combination.

Note: After the meeting, Bill contacted Peter Hartogensis, General Counsel about contract relationships…: would adopting “A Doing Business As Name”, change any contract relationships, invalidate, or jeopardize signups? He said no.”

**The previous BoD did not vote on annual awards in March. Bill brought forward three nominations.**

BOD Vote: Joan Hauswirth to Gary Rubens; Honorary Membership: Bernie Gilbert and Bob Sobun, motion to approve made by Donna, second by Mary-Jo, vote was unanimous.

NEW WEB PAGE: Under Home, “The Recognition Slope.”

“Note” was misplaced here, it now shifted to below.

EASTERN TRIPS: Jay Peak approved for FY 21 with leader Tom Kanatous; Caanan Valley approved with leader Joe Balintfy. There was discussion of the Ski School and Eastern trips in general. Charlie L, guest at this meeting, commented that the Eastern program has been the source of training for Western leaders. BOF vote to approve: Donna, seconded by Mary-Jo, unanimous vote.

Rental of 2nd floor: Discussion of the contents of the 2nd Floor (Entry level) and bottom level, and the opportunity to rent, target, 2nd floor as most desirable. Rita investigated it, commercial real estate is not doing well, Rita suggests contacting Summit Engineers for any interest in our second floor. Rita also suggested putting a sign on the Heritage Square property, so that we might find a tenant on our own without paying a commission. Bill discussed the possibility of “staging” the property, to improve the attractiveness of the property, because both floors have many files and objects. Size of the 2nd floor: 600 sq ft. The discussion went on to some of the logistics, that packing up the items in the bottom floor would take considerable effort, but we would ask for volunteers. The sense of the BOD was to proceed to investigate the rental of the 2nd floor as early as October 1.

Note: After the meeting, Bill heard back from Summit, no interest, but other entities in Heritage Square might be interested. Pete will ask the HOA president for a list of businesses. Bill Rakow, real estate agent and past president, has recommend an experienced major league real estate agency.

FY 21 Budget – on hold waiting for Brian Chollar’s input about Pete’s leave balance and the possibility of spending FY 21 dollars for consulting on our three separate accounting systems.

Discussion of August 10 BOD meeting motion: Financial Analysis – project not started, Brian Chollar. not back from vacation, wait for Brian’s return to begin this project.

**(Note as of 9/14: I am informed that Brian has returned.)**

**Next Meeting:** Next Board meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7pm.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:01pm was made by Mary-Jo second by Donna and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnston

Acting Secretary