SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2021

**APPROVED MARCH 8, 2021**

Present:

Bill Johnston, President

Leo Boelhouwer, Vice President

Guests:

Donna Harris Howard Fisher

Mary-Jo Swinimer Gary Rubens

Mary Kaye Hrivnak Beverly Ashcraft

Ruth D’Alessandro Charlie Lorenzetti

Rita Togni

Rene Thierry

Carole Howe, Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Johnston, President, at 7:06pm. Bill presented opening remarks.

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

**December 2020 Minutes:** Motion to approve December board meeting minutes made by Mary Jo, second by Donna, passed unanimously.

**January 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve January board meeting minutes made by Rene, second by Leo passed unanimously.

**1. Financial Manager Report:** Budget versus actuals shows actuals through January. The refund from Aspen shows a profit on the books but refunds to members have not gone out yet, so it’s misleading. See Attached.

**2. Election Meeting Change:** Due to Covid the election meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Voting will be electronic. Gary will conduct a meeting of the election committee this week. Motion to hold Election meeting on March 30th 2021 made by Mary Jo second by David, passed unanimously. Motion to hold election on April 9th 2021 made by Mary Jo second by David, passed unanimously. Discussion about floor nominations tabled. (See Attached)

**3. Travel Report:** See Attached

**4. Future Credit Card Fees:** A full discussion is deferred until after 2021 Budget comes out. Charlie proposed eliminating payment by check, thus saving check processing costs.

**5. Board Member Discussion:** Bill is asking for volunteer nominations.

**Next Meeting:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss a Motion to Adjourn at 8:19pm was made by Rene second by Donna passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Howe

Secretary

1. AGENDA ITEM, ELECTION CHANGE

# SCWDC POLICY COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

**FEBRUARY 2021**

Howard Fisher, Policy Chairperson

1. **Board Action Requested**

This proposal is presented to the BOD to propose to the Membership for the April 2021 annual meeting. My proposal is replacement for a proposal that the BOD approved at the December 2020 BOD meeting.

1. **Nominations from the Floor** (majority vote by membership is needed to pass)

Current Rules of Procedure, Article IV Section 7:

“. . . A nomination may be presented from the floor, provided that four (4) Club members second the nomination.”

This was passed by the BOD:

“A nomination may be presented from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that four (4) Club members second the nomination.”

I request that the above be rescinded, and replaced by the following:

Proposed: “. . . A nomination may be presented by the meeting attendees at the annual meeting or a membership meeting not more than 30 days before the annual meeting, provided that four (4) Club members second the nomination.”

Rationale: This is a better proposal in terms of flexibility. It allows for the option of a pre-election membership meeting in which candidates may be nominated from the floor. This elections format is under serious consideration by our Elections Chair, Gary Rubens.

The resulting text according to the BOD decision will be entered onto the ballot. Gary Rubens and I will see that it is done.

1. TRAVEL REPORT

**TRAVEL CHAIR**

**TRAVEL REPORT TO BOD, FEBRUARY 2021**

-----Original Message-----  
From: Gary Rubens <gkrubens@verizon.net>  
To: bjohnston2@aol.com <bjohnston2@aol.com>; david.toms@comcast.net <david.toms@comcast.net>; donkayhar@gmail.com <donkayhar@gmail.com>; howe505@verizon.net <howe505@verizon.net>; leo.j.boel@gmail.com <leo.j.boel@gmail.com>; mjsinrussia@hotmail.com <mjsinrussia@hotmail.com>; mkhrivnak@gmail.com <mkhrivnak@gmail.com>; radal16@cox.net <radal16@cox.net>; renea.thierry@verizon.net <renea.thierry@verizon.net>; rita.togni@longandfoster.com <rita.togni@longandfoster.com>  
Sent: Mon, Feb 1, 2021 9:42 am  
Subject: Travel Program Status Report

All,

**Club Med Sandpiper Bay, May 2-9, 2021**:  we currently have 40 registrants, in a mix of single and double rooms.  I had to add one double room at a higher cost to accommodate the last two registrants, who were willing to pay the higher rate.  Today is the last day that I can cancel rooms without penalty, so I plan to keep 44 spaces to optimize the number of potential comps.  We have already booked 13 seats with United Airlines for a nonstop flight from Dulles International (IAD) to West Palm Beach International (PBI).  I have also arranged for a ground transfer package with a local shuttle service at $50/pp roundtrip between the airport and the Club Med resort, in a 14-passenger Mercedes van, with a separate smaller van for luggage.  We have offered the air/ground package to participants at a $300/pp. Due to a recent cancellation I still have one air spot available. surcharge.  Almost everyone is now paid in full. One exception is Charlie Lorenzetti and his wife Karen.  I will contact him today to determine his plans.

**Viking Alaska Cruise, June 8-18,2021**:  after some recent cancellations, we now have 21 current registrants for this event, all of whom are paid in full.  Viking has canceled all of their cruises through the end of March 2021, and there is some concern that further cancellations could occur.  Also, the cruise embarks from Vancouver, and Canada has not opened its border to U.S. travelers yet.  IF the cruise were to be canceled, our registrants would receive a 125% Future Travel Credit and we would probably just re-schedule the cruise for 2022.  Yingwen Prince and I have consulted with our tour operator Dan Ellis (Winter Ski & Sport), and surveyed our participants. **The consensus was to wait for further developments from Viking.**

**Club Med Miches "Playa Esmeralda", October 10-17, 2021**:  Club Med's ongoing "Limited Time Offer" for group reservations, with enhanced benefits, expired on January 5, 2021.  The current offer only applies to travel through mid-year in 2021.  I am hoping that Club Med will extend this offer in January, and make it applicable to travel into October.  I don't plan to ask for a quote until I have a better idea of Club Med's intentions.  There is substantial interest from our members for this event.

Gary Rubens  
[gkrubens@verizon.net](mailto:gkrubens@verizon.net)

**MESSAGE FROM SCWDC TRIP LEADER, VIKING CRUISE TO ALASKA**

**From:** Ying [mailto:ying2018travel@gmail.com]   
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** Ying; gkrubens@verizon.net  
**Cc:** dan@winterskiandsport.com  
**Subject:** Important Update - June 2021 Viking Alaska Cruise  
**Importance:** High

Viking Alaska Cruise Participants,

The government of Canada has issued new rules that make it virtually certain that the trip from Canada to Alaska will be cancelled for June 2021.   SCWDC and the tour operator can’t make definite plans for you until Viking cancels the current trip and verifies the prices and rules governing the potential transfer to a new trip on **June 12, 2022**.

From past experience, we feel fairly certain that the price for the new trip will be very close to the current trip with some individuals seeing a somewhat higher price and some seeing a slightly lower price.  (This has mostly to do with the time frame when each person booked and what promotions were available for air or cruise).    While the price of the trip itself might go up, you may also receive an additional credit from Viking that more than covers the price increase and leaves you with extra credit to use for shore excursions or other features during the cruise.  While we need to verify the situation after our current trip is cancelled, we don’t expect anyone to owe any actual additional payment and we imagine that you will have useable extra credits to use during the cruise.    (This assumes that Viking handles this cancellation in a similar manner to other recent cancellations.)

In order for us to be READY to commit to space on the future cruise when Viking cancels the trip for 2021, we want to hear from each person or couple if you intend to join the revised trip or you do not.    Once a new booking is made, we will have a couple of days to verify the price and policy with you but we will need a quick confirmation from you at that time.    For those than KNOW that you do not want to join us in 2022, we want to know now so we don’t make a new booking in your name.    (If you change your mind later, you would be welcome, subject to availability which could be limited after most of the people on the current trip are likely to move to 2022 which is already partially full.)    For those that want to take the trip on June 12, 2022, we would pursue a new booking and let you know the pricing and ask you to confirm your participation.   Your new booking would include Viking’s “Risk Free Guarantee” as it now exists.  (Version 2)    This greatly reduces the likelihood of a loss of value on the trip if you cancel later and you accept either a partial refund or a 100% credit towards a future cruise.

**So, please select one**

**1.      I would intend to travel with SCWDC in June 2022 as a replacement for the June 2021 trip**

**2.      I do NOT intend to travel with the club in June 2022 and do not want a new Viking booking after the June 2021 trip is cancelled.**

Thank you,

Ying Prince, Trip Leader  (703) 217-1196

Gary Rubens, SCWDC Travel Chair