SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

July 12, 2023

Present:

Ruth D’Alessandro, President

Larry Langer, Vice President

Carole Howe Secretary

Bev Ashcraft

Rita Togni

Cheryl Wiseman

Mary Thibault

Sylvia Harris

BJ Barger

Carol Thomas

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ruth D’Alessandro, President, at 7:28 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by BJ, seconded by Bev, passed unanimously.

**June Minutes:** Motion to approve June 2023 BOD meeting minutes was made by Bev, seconded by Larry, passed unanimously.

**President’s Comments:** According to Gary, our current membership has increased to 1120, with 16 new members in the last 30 days. The recent growth is mostly related to the 2024 ski trips schedule (80+) on the first day registration opened. We currently have 43 overdue renewals and 29 pending renewals. Gary plans to send a “ recovery” email to overdue members and a welcome message to this year’s 130 new members. The weekly Ski and Sports gram newsletter open rate has remained steady at over 60%. Current subscriber count is 1987.

Our annual picnic on Saturday at the Shipgarten was very successful. 130 participants signed up and 111 people attended the event. We had 15 guests and 5 sign-ins at the event check-in. Thanks to all who came to socialize with fellow members and guests. It is important for our members to gather and socialize. The rain and storms passed us by with a few sprinkles. Thanks especially to the event leaders who attended and to the volunteers who helped with check-ins. Our next event at the Shipgarten will be September 17th from 4 to 7 pm. Save the date.

**Budget and Finance:** According to Bev, all Ski flights trips have been finalized and listed on our website for sign up as of July 1, 2023 with the exception of Sunday River. We have been unable to find a leader for Sunday River and the BRSC contract is still being finalized so SCWDC will not be running this trip.

Initial deposits for all other trips have been made to our vendors for all completed contracts.

**Travel Report:** The Bedford weekend golf trip has been completed and was a very successful trip. There were a total or 16 participants and 15 golfers. The Kiawah Island Golf trip now has 20 participants and will be closed for registration soon. The Netherlands biking trip budget was approved by Ying, Travel Chair and Larry, Budget and Finance Chair.

On June 25th, 2023 BJ made a motion to approve the Netherlands Biking trip with Brigid as trip leader via email. Three days after the Netherlands Biking trip was approved, Brigid decided she could not be the trip leader due to finances and work. BJ Barger has been approved by Ying, Travel Chair to lead the Netherlands Biking trip. Motion to approve BJ as trip leader made by Sylvia 2nd by Rita passed unanimously. We have a very short time to fill this trip. VBT will giving up our spots for this trip on August 10, 2023. Please contact any one you might know and help promote this trip.

**Old Business:** A check for the FY 23 Viking Cruise was mailed to Bernie Joiner’s Estate to the address provided by his son Andrew after our last BoD meeting.

**New Business**: Pete C. submitted a budget to Brigid and Larry for approval for a weekend golf outing to Front Royal, VA. The date for this golf outing is August 18-20, 2023 and Larry has approved the budget. Motion to approve Pete as trip leader made by Bev, 2nd by Larry passed unanimously. Whitney W. will be assisting Pete with this trip. Brigid O. submitted a budget to Larry for a fall foliage weekend biking trip to scenic and historic Hanover/Gettysburg PA for the weekend of October 20-22, 2023. Larry approved the budget. Motion to approve Brigid as trip leader made by Bev 2nd by Larry, approved unanimously.

Kudos to Brigid and assistants for helping to revive our weekend and international Biking trips.

Gary has sent a budget to Ying for a trip with Windstar Cruises on March 2-9 and 9-16. Member will be able to sign up for a week-long trip either week or for a standard discount for the second week for a two-week cruise. Both cruises are from St. Maartin to St. Maartin but with different itineraries each week. The cruise for pricing purpose the base fare for our club members would be $2,149.00 per person including, taxes, port fees and our club assessment. It does not include airfare which will be added separately. Motion to approve Windstar Cruises made by Larry 2nd by Bev, approved unanimously.

David Toms is working on a cruise for BVI. The company wants $20,000 up front, Ying has decided not to go forward with a proposal for that trip at this time.

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss a motion to Adjourn was made by Larry, 2nd by Bev, passed unanimously.

**Future Meetings;**

August 7, 2023

September 11,2023 (Meeting to be held at the SCWDC office

October 2, 2023

November 6,

Dec. 4, 2023, Christmas dinner meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Howe

Secretary