SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

October 2, 2023

Present: Absent:

Ruth D’Alessandro, President Rita Togni

Larry Langer, Vice President

Carole Howe Secretary

Bev Ashcraft

Mary Thibault

Sylvia Harris

BJ Barger

Carol Thomas

Cheryl Wiseman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ruth D’Alessandro, President, at 7:15 pm.

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

**August Minutes:** Motion to approve September 2023 BOD meeting minutes was made by BJ, seconded by Sylvia, passed unanimously.

**President’s Comments:** As of September 10, 2023, we have 1,069 members. We have 27 overdue renewals and 18 pending renewals. We have had 10 new renewals in the past 7 days and 29 renewals in the last 30 days. Our click rate on our weekly newsletter this month is 75%.

According to Bev, our ski trips are selling well. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Jackson Hole ski trip due to the few numbers of sign-ups. We should be receiving a partial refund from our vendor. Currently, we have sold 330 spaces or about 65% of our ski trips. Big Sky is full and wait-listed and Whitefish has one opening at this time. Our other western trips are selling well although Mount Bachelor has only 7 participants and Kitzbuhel and Aspen continue to sell slowly.

Our Canaan Valley trips are selling well. According to current information on the website, the first Canaan Valley ski enhancement trip scheduled for January, 2024 has 48 participants signed up.

The Back to the Slopes Party scheduled for September 17 from 3 to 6 pm at the Shipgarten in McLean was very successful. Members were still signing up the day of the event although rain was forecasted and a few members even showed up and paid at the venue. The rain held off until 5 pm and we all stayed dry inside. Several prizes were won during the raffle drawings including a stay at a Club Med venue.

**Budget and Finance:** Bev has made interim deposits to our vendors for all ski trips through October, 2023.

We received a bill from Delta Electric in the amount of $11,950.00 when the outside and inside electrical problems were resolved and the final inspections were completed. We have paid the bill and will be working with the townhouse association for their portion of the payment. The process which began on June 5th was finally completed on September 18th, 2023.

Verizon is going to cut our telephone service; we will be going with Vonage as our telephone service provider and Ring Planet will be sending us our telephones in a few days.

**Travel Report:** The Club Med trip to Turkoise is full with 50 participants registered and has a wait list. All participants have paid for the trip and an interim payment has been made to our vendor. A 5-night 4-day trip to Kiawah Island, SC scheduled for Nov. 12-17 2023 is full with 20 members attending. Brigid O’Brien, our Sports and Travel Chairs has bike trip to Gettysburg, PA in October with 19 members signed up for the trip.

Brigid has also worked with some of our members to revive the indoor Volleyball program. The leader, Alison a Ski Club member has scheduled 9 sessions beginning September 11-November 13, 2023. The first two weeks the volleyball program had a few participants, but last week 20 participants signed up to play volleyball.

In other travel news, the VBT (Vermont Biking Tours) boat and bike trip to the Netherlands scheduled for April 2024 is full. The Windstar sailing trip to St. Marteen in February has been expanded with 2 more cabins available. Also, for the participants requesting airfare, Gary was able to reserve a night in a hotel in St. Marteen a day early including and airfare reduction so there is no additional cost to participants.

**Old Business:** As mentioned at our last meeting, Pete has retired. His last day was Sept 5, 2023. At this time, we have a ski club member Andrea “Lee” Negroni who will be working in the office once a week during the month of October. As mentioned last month, Larry, Bev and Ruth as well as Gary and trip monitors will be available to assist trip leaders and members. A list of email contacts was given to our volunteer “Lee” last week. She has spent 2 days working with Bev and Ruth on her office duties and seems to be comfortable with her responsibilities. Larry, Bev, and Ruth have assumed responsibility for entering check payments into Wild Apricot, all payments into QuickBooks and completing ACH forms for our vendors.

**New Business**: On September 13, Larry made a motion to approve the Horseback Riding Event scheduled for October 14, 2023 with Shannon Elliott as the leader. BJ seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by the BoD. The vote was affirmed this meeting.

**Liaisons:** Does the BOD liaisons have any new information/concerns to report from their Committee Chairs.

This is a reminder if you have to miss a board meeting you can contact Ruth or any other board member to find out what we discussed. You should not miss more than 3 BOD meetings in a year. Most of our BOD meetings will be via zoom but we will have a few in BOD meetings at the SCWDC office and a dinner which Ruth will pay for out of the President’s fund on Dec. 6th. This is a list of our meeting dates through Dec. 2023, the meetings begin at 7:15pm except for in person meetings and the Christmas meeting.

At the end of the meeting, we discussed scheduling our BoD meetings through the end of the fiscal year. year:

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 6, 2023

January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 4, 2024

March 25, 2024

April 15, 2024

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss a motion to Adjourn was made at 8:25 pm by Larry Langer, seconded by BJ, approved unamiously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Howe

Secretary