SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2023

Present: Absent

Ruth D’Alessandro, President Cheryl Wiseman

Larry Langer, Vice President Mary Thibault

Carole Howe Secretary Carol Thomas

Bev Ashcraft

Rita Togni

Sylvia Harris

BJ Barger

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ruth D’Alessandro, President, at 5:15 pm.

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

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

**President’s Comments:** As of September 10, 2023 we have 1,068 members. According to Gary, we have 32 overdue renewals and 22 pending renewals. Gary also reports the newsletter “open” rate remained steady during the month of August with a 65% “open” rate. Current subscriber count is up slightly at 1902. Kudos to Gary for getting our newsletter published on Facebook. At this time, 303 members have signed up for ski trips Gary reported.

According to Bev, our ski trips are selling well. At this time, Jackson Hole and Mount Bachelor have only a few registrants. Big Sky and Whitefish have one opening and the first Canaan Valley trip has only 8 openings. This is a trip that in the past, many members did not begin signing up for until December. The flights committee has made adjustments for less expensive air as it becomes available to lower the cost of some trips. Interim deposits are being made to our vendors and we have already placed a deposit for the FY 25 trip to Snowmass.

The Back to the Slopes Party scheduled for September 17, from 3 to 6 pm at the Shipgarten in McLean is going to be an exciting event. Several BOD members have signed up. If you are in the area and available, please sign up and attend this event. Be sure to wear your name tags. Two BOD members have agreed to check in participants but we need a few more to help. At this time, only 39 members and guests have registered for this event. This event is for our members to socialize as well as talk to trip leaders about ski events. This event is outdoors and the temperature will be around 75 degrees. We will have a covered tent in case of rain and the football games will be playing on several tv’s inside the Shipgarten.

**Budget and Finance:** Our FY23 is complete, and our taxes have been E-filed. Andrew Joiner, Bernie’s son cashed the check in the amount of $3,012.00 for the Alaska Cruise. The Budget vs. Actuals report is included in the report Bev sent to the BOD. We finalized our budget at the August meeting. Due to the hurricane that postponed our Club Med trip to Punta Cana, we lost money from our United Airlines airfare. This loss will affect the profit on our trips in FY 2024. We will also receive a bill from Delta Electric when the outside and inside electrical problems are resolved completely and the final inspections are completed in the next month.

**Travel Report:** The Club Med trip to Turkoise is full with 50 participants registered and has a wait- list. A 5-night 4-day golf trip to Kiawah Island, SC scheduled for Nov, 12-17 2023, is full with 20 members attending. Brigid O’Brien, our Sports and Travel Chair’s bike trip to Gettysburg, PA in October has 19 members signed up at this time. 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. We added money to our budget for volleyball and this program is less than $75.00 per person so Brigid does not need approval by the BoD for it and she approves Alison as the leader.

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 an airfare reduction so there is no additional cost to the participants.

**Old Business:** As mentioned at our last meeting. Pete has decided to retire. His last day was Sept 5, 2023. As part of his retirement, we agreed to pay him for his unused leave, 9 half days and to pay him a $1,000.00 bonus in full that he normally receives at the end of the calendar year. At this time, we have a ski club member who will be working in the office approximately once a week. We have other members who have volunteered who may come in during the week as needed. Larry, Bev, and Ruth as well as Gary and trip monitors will be available to assist trip leaders and members. A list of emails to contacts us will be given to our volunteer. Larry, Bev, and Ruth have assumed responsibility for entering payments to Wild Apricot, QuickBooks and completing ACH forms for our vendors.

**New Business**: As discussed last month Chapter 3 page 20 in our Policy Manual I.B.5 states “The club shall maintain archives to include at a minimum all copies of the club minutes, magazines, reports to the board of all programs and committees, and a summary of the annual Budget and Policy Manuals”. Motion to reduce to 5 years the time the above-mentioned records must be kept made by Larry, seconded by Sylvia and passed unanimously.

This does not include our IRS Internal Revenue Service) tax records which are kept for seven years.

In August, Sylvia was unable to attend our BOD meeting. She made a recommendation that we have an Annual planning meeting with all committee chairs to discuss potential Adventure and Sports and Recreation Trips for the upcoming 12 to 18 months excluding ski trips.

Sylvia also asked when the last time there was a survey asking members what activities they would like to see more or less of, is the pricing for trips too high, just right and do members have suggestions for trips. For example, national and international biking and hiking trips, multi-sport trips, kayaking, and water rafting. Viking cruises sell well but are there other companies that offer trips at a better price.

Lastly, do we know the percentage of members who go on non-ski trips that are skiers, tennis players, golfers etc. Sylvia has agreed to develop a survey for our members.

**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. 4th. 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.

Meetings till the end of the year:

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss a motion to Adjourn was made at 7:05pm by Larry, 2nd by Sylvia, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Howe

Secretary