

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – September 26, 2017

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon. In addition to the hosts, in attendance were: Jan Marx, Dick Schwartzbard, Barry Lake, John Smith, Tom Tycz, Nancy McKinley, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Ray McKinley, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Marianne Sophonis, and Ellie Thayer. President Bob Jablon chaired the meeting, which began at 8:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections to or comments about the minutes and Bob declared the minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report at the meeting. The amount in the treasury is \$15,099.39. Dick reported that it had been 18 weeks since the last report and the influx of money was due to the collection of dues.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave was not in attendance at the meeting and there was no discussion about the report.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chairs, Ray and Nancy McKinley, reported the upcoming meetings and events.

Sunday, October 1, 2017 – Eclipse Recital at Lyceum, Alexandria, VA

September 29-October 1, 2017 (Friday through Sunday) - Sun & Ski Annual Ski Clearance, Falls Church, VA.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - monthly meeting, FitzGerald, Reston, VA at 2:00pm.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - ExCom meeting, telephonic at 7:00pm.

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - monthly meeting/ski equipment display, Sun & Ski, Falls Church, VA, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 – monthly meeting/holiday party, Hotaling, Arlington, VA at 7:30pm.

Nancy reported that she had just received an email from the Eclipse group announcing a recital on Sunday, October 1. Nancy will ask Dave Warthen to send out an email blast to membership. The group decided to defer a decision about the scheduling of a November/December ExCom meeting until the October ExCom meeting.

Rosemary sent around a signup sheet to find final volunteers to work at PVS's table and hand out PVS brochures at the Annual Clearance Sale at Sun and Ski the weekend of September 29 – October 1, 2017. Rosemary will ask Dave to send out a reminder email blast to members.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported that the Snowmass and Big Sky 2018 ski trips are flourishing with 28 and 25/27 participants, respectively. Rosemary, Barry Lake, and Tom Tycz will attend the annual BRSC meeting on Saturday, September 30. BRSC has chosen Sun Valley and Val Gardena as its 2019 ski trips. Rosemary commented that PVS might be interested in joining the Sun Valley trip.

Additionally, Alice McNulty and Dick Lau are proposing to lead a trip to Mt. Snow, VT, March 18 – 24, 2018.* A flyer promoting Mt. Snow will appear in the October TOOT. A number of those present indicated strong interest in the trip.

TOOT REPORT: TOOT Coordinator, Ellie Thayer, reported that Jan Marx is the layout editor for the October 2017 TOOT. All articles have been submitted as of the date of the ExCom meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There were three items of old business.

Peter Russell's logo request: Regarding Peter's comment that the PVS logo was lacking because it did not have the word "skiing" in the logo, Bob reported to Peter that we would consider a specific proposal if he presented one, but there was a reluctance by ExCom to consider changing the current 50-year old logo. The matter is deemed closed.

Local Skiing: Bob reported that at the last monthly meeting in September, there was discussion about exploring overnight ski trips led by Peter Russell with input from John Smith. Bob drafted a paragraph focused on this, which he suggested be included in a future President's Message. The draft stated:

Many have ideas for local outings in which PVS members may be interested. Examples include cultural events, plays, concerts, hiking and biking, museums, and the like. We hold many such events now. Others have expressed interest in expanded local skiing events, including overnight visits to slightly more distant areas, such as Seven Springs, Camelback Mountain, etc., than those that are included in our local winter daily ski trips led by John Smith. Such trips could be combined with tourist activities, such as visits to the Wright architectural houses, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, etc. Any who have suggestions for events or trips that they want to lead can inform any member of ExCom. If a proposal is approved as an appropriate PVS event, we shall publicize it in the TOOT, if there is time, or by email. Of course, nothing prevents members from informally participating in events, but where it is desired to have an event open to all club members, subject to space limitations, we would be pleased to facilitate communications.

Bob suggested that ExCom review and comment on the paragraph by email.

There was general discussion, led by John Smith, about the notion of "extended local skiing," which would entail a one or two overnight ski trip to places, among others, such as Wisp and Seven Springs. The idea would be to announce a trip about a month in advance, arrange car pools, but let members make their own lodging reservations. These trips could incorporate suggestions for nearby sightseeing. It was decided that John would write an article for inclusion in a future TOOT.

*As an addendum to these minutes, it is noted that ExCom, during the course of the month of September, voted by email to approve (without dissent) the proposed ski trip to Mt. Snow, which had been previously approved by the Ski Trip Committee.

As an aside to this discussion, John offered to introduce an informal system where he would disseminate information about local music and other events and invite interested PVSers to join him. The group agreed that it was a good idea.

Clarification of the \$3.00 door charge at meetings: Ellie reported that the May 23, 2017 ExCom minutes reflected that motions had been made, seconded, and approved that the \$3.00 door charge be eliminated when members bring food to meetings and that the \$3.00 fee be eliminated for guests.

NEW BUSINESS: There was one item of new business.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be on October 24 and be conducted telephonically.

ADJOURNMENT: Ellie moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.