

Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – December 5, 2017

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held telephonically. On the call were: Bob Jablon, Jan Marx, Dick Schwartzbard, Barry Lake, John Smith, Tom Tycz, Nancy McKinley, Ray McKinley, Dave Warthen, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Carolyn DeVilbiss, and Ellie Thayer. President Bob Jablon chaired the meeting, which began at 7:03pm. At the outset, Bob expressed condolences to John Holt and his family upon the death of John's wife, Barbara Holt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments. Nancy McKinley moved to accept the minutes, Barry Lake seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. The amount in the treasury is \$15,102.02. Dick noted that the Treasury account is stable and there is generally about \$200 a month in expenses.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave said that membership matters had calmed down now that the biennial dues period has ended. Bob thanked Dave for his many services, particularly noting his role in sending email information to membership.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings co-chairs, Ray and Nancy McKinley, reported on upcoming activities.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – Pajama Game, Arena Stage at noon.

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

Sunday, January 21, 2018 – Eclipse Recital, Alexandria, VA.

Nancy said that they were looking for hosts for the January, February, and March 2018 meetings and had a lead or two. Nancy will provide a flyer for the TOOT announcing the January 21 Eclipse Recital. Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair have again offered to host the April annual meeting in the party room of their condo.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported on behalf of Inge that the Big Sky ski trip has 31 participants. Barry reported that Snowmass has 29 participants and in need of one male roommate. Rosemary said that the viability of the Mt. Snow trip would be decided in January based on deposits received. John Smith hoped that local skiing could start in January. Bob thanked Rosemary for organizing the successful Sun and Ski meeting.

TOOT REPORT: Bob asked Jan Marx, the January TOOT editor, if there was a TOOT status report. There was nothing to report at this early date.

OLD BUSINESS: There was one item of old business.

Use of PVS contact information for business or other purposes: Bob reported that all was quiet on that front.

NEW BUSINESS: There were three items of new business.

Nominating Committee: Pursuant to Section III (H) of the PVS By-Laws, the President is to appoint a nominating committee chair at least three months before the election date. Bob asked the group to email him with suggestions for the appointment. Dave said that he would provide a link to past nominating committees, PVS officers, and ExCom Board members. Ellie noted that the process might not be as onerous as usual this year if the current President and Vice President agree to serve a second year of their terms. That would leave only three ExCom members, who are at the end of their two-year terms, to be nominated.

ExCom voting: Bob suggested that the group consider expanding the voting numbers of ExCom to include committee chairs and appointed officers. He noted that these members contribute greatly to ExCom meetings and provide constant leadership to the club. The by-laws provide that the voting members are the president, vice president, and six Board members. Section III (A). There was little enthusiasm for this idea. "If it ain't broken, why fix it?" was one comment. Other comments suggested that the voices and views of nonvoting members were already heard at meetings. After a short discussion, Bob noted that he was not hearing much support for his idea and that he would let it drop.

Weather control: Bob was not clear what this agenda item meant, but Rosemary optimistically noted that some Colorado slopes just got snow.

Next ExCom meeting: It was decided that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic and held on January 23, 2018 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Ellie moved to adjourn, Tom seconded the motion, and Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.