

## Minutes – PVS ExCom Meeting – February 25, 2020

MEETING ATTENDEES: The meeting was held telephonically. On the call were: Tom Tycz, Dick Schwartzbard, Melissa FitzGerald, Jan Marx, Mary Rose de Valladares, Jannes Gibson, Marianne Soponis, Dave Warthen, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Kerry Hines, and Ellie Thayer. President Tom Tycz opened the meeting at 7:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary, Ellie Thayer, submitted the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting electronically in advance of the meeting. There were no objections or comments and Tom declared the minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Dick Schwartzbard, submitted the Treasurer's Report electronically in advance of the meeting. There is \$13,592.31 in the treasury.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS REPORT: Membership chair, Dave Warthen, submitted the Membership Records Report electronically in advance of the meeting. Dave reported that he had performed his usual monthly duties such as posting PVS files to the website and distributing the TOOT electronically.

TOOT REPORT: Ellie Thayer, the TOOT coordinator, reported that Kerry Hines is the layout editor for the March 2020 TOOT. Most articles have been submitted. Cara Jablon and Kathy Lake have submitted their profiles as candidates for ExCom. We are still awaiting Don Vierimaa's profile.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ski Trip Committee chair, Rosemary Schwartzbard, reported that injuries have forced several dropouts to the upcoming Park City trip, but that the trip should nonetheless flourish with reduced numbers and with a certainty that all will be eating well. Happily, the Lakes have agreed to lead the January 2021 Snowmass trip and a trip proposal will be submitted in due course. Rosemary is actively pursuing PVS trip leaders for the BRSC-sponsored trip to Davos, Switzerland in 2021 and searching for trip leaders for the BRSC-sponsored trip to Telluride.

John Smith sent a recent email to those interested in local skiing lamenting the recent high temperatures and rain, but hoping for a possible ski day next week.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS REPORT: The Events and Meetings chair, Marianne Soponis, reported on upcoming activities.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Hexagon, Synetic Theater, Soponis, Arlington, VA at 2:00pm.

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – monthly meeting, Van Nuys, Fairfax, VA at 2:00pm.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – annual meeting, Heitchue and Sinclair, Reston, VA at 7:30pm.

Saturday, August 15, 2020 – Steak & Swim, Hines, Delaplane, VA.

Marianne reported that she is searching for hosts for the May meeting and for the SummerFest/June meeting. Several members have offered to host meetings, including Kathi Daylor who owns a lakefront home near Winchester, VA. Kathi prefers a daytime meeting during the week. There was some discussion whether a weekday meeting would be suitable, whether the property is too distant from Washington, and also whether I-66 traffic should be a consideration. It was concluded that Marianne would follow up with Kathi to see if a weekend date was feasible.

Marianne has formed a planning committee for the club's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon in the fall. In addition to Marianne, the committee members are Rosemary Schwartzbard, Jan Marx, Nancy McKinley, and Carolyn DeVilbiss. The opening of the time capsule will be part of the event also.

OLD BUSINESS: There were three items of old business.

*Nominating Committee selections:* The nominating committee has selected Cara Jablon, Kathy Lake, and Don Vierimaa as the nominees for the three expiring ExCom positions.

*Meeting Attendance Report:* Sue Lyon submitted the 2019 attendance numbers electronically in advance of the meeting. Tom noted that the April annual meeting and the December meeting/holiday party were the best-attended events and both were evening events. The other meetings generally had attendance in the 20s.

*Transitions:* This item addresses the mechanism for ensuring that incoming PVS officers, ExCom board members, and Committee chairs have knowledge of past practices. Ellie Thayer submitted her summaries for the Secretary position and the TOOT Coordinator position. Tom submitted his summary for the President's position and a copy of the letter sent to incoming ExCom members. Rosemary and Marianne said that their position summaries would be forthcoming. It was suggested that the letter sent to hosts be included also. Tom and Ellie both said that they would keep folders on their computers with the summaries.

Marianne queried whether the "Membership PR Reps" (under Membership Records) in the PVS Officer/ExCom box published in the TOOT should be deleted. Marianne and Inge are listed as the Reps. It was agreed as long as Dave can seek assistance, if needed, during the biennial dues-collection cycle.

NEW BUSINESS: There were two item of new business.

*Member flags for ski trips:* Per a member suggestion, Kerry Hines investigated ordering PVS pennants that could be attached to ski poles so that PVS members could recognize each other on the slopes. The price for an order of 50 – 150 pieces was generally around \$5/per pennant. The discussion points included: (1) pennants are unnecessary because fellow PVS skiers are a smallish group, (2) pennants on poles are distracting and annoying to the owners, (3) identification items such as armbands may not fit or stay on the upper arm, and (4) as a historical matter, members do not as a whole use or wear items like these. Discussion then turned to using neon colored or bright colored ribbons or masking tape as markers on poles or clothing as an inexpensive alternative. The consensus was that the issue be tabled and that the Lakes experiment with an inexpensive alternative at Snowmass next January.

*Next ExCom meeting:* It was agreed that the next ExCom meeting would be telephonic and held on March 24, 2020 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellie Thayer.