

Board Meeting Aug 13, 2024

Call to order: George Koscs, President, presiding. A quorum is present.

In attendance: George Koscs, Bob Keithler, Anne Bloomenthal, Carla Olsen, Bob Kivlen, David Stern, Pat Russell, Debbie Munther, Dianne Kelly, Carol Christensen, Steve Friedlander, Dmitri Rizer, and Kate Goelz.

Minutes: Motion to Approve – 1st George Koscs 2nd Carla Olsen

Treasurer's Report: Pat Russell, Interim Treasurer

It was a quiet month for check writing. Unrestricted funds remain about the same. Carla asked about two old outstanding checks. Pat will provide that info to the Board.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report -- 1st George Koscs 2nd Bob Kivlen

Membership Report: Steve Friedlander

Three new members have joined the club. There are currently 274 members; membership is lower than the previous three years (e.g. last year's membership was 293). Steve will send his report after the meeting.

Newsletter: Anne Bloomenthal

Anne asked David Stern for a write-up and photos from the recently completed Azores trip. She praised the contributions to the newsletter by Vanessa Roth. Mid-September is the deadline for contributions to the next newsletter.

Website: Dmitri Rizer

Activity was up 2% last month (208 sessions), likely due to publication of the newsletter. He will send his report to the Board after the meeting.

Facebook: Anne Bloomenthal

No new news to report. Anne continues to post events on our FB page.

Summer Activities: Reported by George Koscs

Two barbeques left in the season. The Harvest Fair Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 28

Sailing Updates: Dave Stern

The Azores trip was completed with many great moments but also several not so great. The Canal Boat trip in July 2025 to France only has 16 people signed up, of which only 5 of those include the boat portion of the trip. September 15 is the deadline. Dave will reach out to SEAS, the organization that we collaborate with on many of the sailing trips to advertise this trip. He will also make sure that several additional announcements are made to club members.

Skiing Updates: Dmitri Rizer and Bob Keithler

Dmitri reported that 21 have signed up for the Deer Valley trip. September 10th is the sign-up deadline. An e- bulletin should go out reminding members of the deadline. On September 15, a \$13,500 payment will need to be made to Alpenhorn. There is room for 34 participants.

Bob Keithler reported that only 6 people signed up for the January trip to Stratton and the February trip to Steamboat Springs. Sign up deadlines are November 21 for Stratton and September 10th for Steamboat Springs. Bob will be aggressively advertising these two trips. Carla Olsen said that Ski Barn near Princeton had offered to advertise our trips. She will confirm whether that offer still stands. Dmitri and Bob would both like to advertise their trips with Ski Barn.

Bob's March trip to Killington does not present any financial risk for the club. The owner will work with Bob on accommodating any skiers that sign up for this trip.

George Koscs reminded the trip leaders to give Pat Russell sufficient notice for deposit checks required for their trips.

New Year's Eve Trip Update: Reported by George Koscs

Dave Corbishley was forced to cancel the trip when the travel company backed out and not enough members could be found for an itinerary proposed by Gates1. Dave will work with Gates1 for next year's trip.

New Business – Morven Museum: Kate Goelz

Kate described the Festival of Trees event. PSSC has participated before by providing tree/mantle decorations for the Museum. Diane Kelley expressed interest in working with Kate to participate in this year's festival.

New Business – Holiday Party: Bob Kivlen

Bob discussed three venues for the holiday party and proposed that it be held on December 8. Though the Cranberry Inn is more costly, it is a nice venue and large enough to accommodate the number of members that typically attend.

George Koscs made a motion to choose the Cranberry Inn venue and December 8th date with a price for members of \$53.00. Carla Olson seconded it.

New Business - Backup for Essential Functions: George Koscs

George proposed that the club should name backup members to take over essential functions of the club. This need became apparent this year when a back-up was needed for the Treasurer's position. The leadership group agreed with George's proposal and he will develop a list of essential functions for discussion at the next meeting.

Bob Keithler raised the issue of a need for back ups for the club trips. Kate Goelz noted that backups for trips is mandated in the by-laws. Carol Christensen volunteered to be Bob Keithler's back up for his ski trips this winter.

New Business - Software to automate sign up and payments for new members:

Steve Friedlander

Steve expressed a desire for greater automation and more rapid payment of dues by new members. This led to a broader discussion among the group of the need to automate and integrate the same functions for current members and for trip sign-ups. Security and backup of our member database was also discussed.

George Koscs will follow up and learn more about a software program that impressed him when he signed up for a trip with a different club.

Closing remarks: George Koscs

Our next meeting will be held on September 10th.

Motion to adjourn: 1st George Koscs; 2nd ??