

Princeton Ski & Sail Club

March 14, 2024

Call to order: President Carla Olsen presiding

Roll Call: In attendance: Carla Olsen, Jack Mason, Karen Shannon, Pat Russell, Anne Bloomethal, Dmitri Rizer, Dave Stern, Debbie Munther, Peter Shearer, Kate Goeltz, George Koscs, Steve Friedlander, Chester Trubinski

Motion to approve the minutes: Steve F; Peter S.

Treasurer's Report:

Jack has filed with the Controller of Currency (a federal agency) and has a case number. The claim number is for \$641.94; these are overcharge fees for wire transfer for the Azores trip. The bank reimbursed some fees but not all. Jack is now dealing with a supervisor.

Jack has the report for general expenses and the trip summary for the business meeting next week.

Motion to accept the report: Peter S; Karen S.

Membership – Steve Friedlander

The latest number is 256 members which is up from last month. We are getting more members. Several have expressed interest in pickleball. Membership cards will be printed with the new president's name is on them.

The question was asked if the reminder list had results. Did people who got the reminder actually renew?

Last month's meeting was well attended due to article in Town.

Ski Council

There was Charlie Sanders, a speaker and snow-boarder.

The issues facing the ski industry were discussed, namely corporate ownership and climate change.

The ICON app has a safety guide on it; if you fall and need assistance, they will send ski patrol to assist.

Newsletter

The next deadline is March 22. Anne would like spring bike ride dates within a week.

The first BBQ will be in May. Someone will contact Vee to see if she is working on it.

Website

In the last 30 days, there were 257 sessions (-37% from last month) of which 184 were unique visitors.

-Average session lasted 4 minutes.

- Referring sources: Direct link - 118, Google - 92, Yahoo! - 13.

- Page Views by Device: Desktop - 257, Mobile - 256, Tablet – 2.

- Top 5 pages were: Home, Events-Calendar, How-To-Join, Members-Only, Private-Content.

- Updates: Member Directory, Board Minutes, Homepage Announcements.

Facebook

There has not been much activity.

Programming

March will be the general meeting and a talk by Sam Russell.

George will present the nominations for next year's board.

April meeting – presentation on curling.

Sailing

The Chesapeake Memorial day sail has 2 boats filled. Only one other person has signed up so the third boat will be cancelled unless more people sign up.

The Azores trip has 4 boats with 26 people. Payments have been made for both the hotel and the boats.

The last payment used Paypal and it worked for the boat charters. The hotel wants to wait until 120 days before the tour.

Each skipper will get a stipend for food and docking fees. He/she will also choose the GA and first mate.

Possible 2025 canal boat trip – France into Germany, Lichtenstein, and Zurich. Tie into Gate One land tour. \$500 from Gate One can be applied to the land tour after the canal boat.

Skiing

Dmitri is thinking of Big Sky land only with participants doing their own air fares. He thinks this will be less expensive.

Vail trip by Chester went well There were 25 participants with all the feedback favorable. There were 6 wonderful days of skiing with 8" of snow one day, Lift tickets for one day were \$300 up front, \$275 if purchased ahead of time.

Killington (reported by Chester for Bob) – they just got 27” new snow. 29 people were going. The new members we had seen were people Bob had signed up to Killington. There were 16 rooms reserved at the Cascade lodge.

Dmitri will write a report on the Switzerland trip for the Newsletter.
Anne is also waiting for a write up on the Killington trip.

Elections

Under the administration of Dmitri and George. Dmitri has already set up the website for voting. It will be released after the general meeting with voting to take place through April.

New Business

For our virtual board meetings, Zoom will be replaced by Google Meet. This is included in our google account. Dmitri and George will meet to set it up.

The Installation Dinner will be in May. A suggestion of having a wine and cheese event at Terhune’s Orchard in lieu of a dinner. A wine tasting with 4 oz of wines would be included.

Possibly go to Romeo’s and use both rooms.

The installation dinner arrangements will be presented via email vote.

We need new people to host a BBQ.

Next meeting: April 9 at Carla’s house.

Motion to adjourn: Debbie; 2nd – Peter.