

Princeton Ski & Sail Club
Board Meeting September 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by George Koscs.

Attendance: George Koscs, Robert Kivlen, Pat Russell, Karen Shannon, Steve Friedlander, Anne Bloomenthal, Carla Olsen, Kate Goelz, Debbie Munther, Peter Shearer, Dmitri Rizer, Robert Keither, Hans Weinrich.

Motion to approve June minutes: George Koscs, Steve Friedlander.

Board Changes

Karen Coates has resigned.

Motion to accept Karen's resignation: George K., 2nd – Peter S.

Motion to appoint Pat Russell as Treasurer for the rest of the term.

George K; 2nd- Peter S.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Russell

September had a lot of checks written, with refunds for the Azores trip.

Diane Kelly will audit the trip financials.

Pat has proposed a change from the current board policy.

Any checks over \$500 currently require two signatures. Pat proposes having any check over \$500 obtain approval via email. Once that is received Pat will write the check.

Motion to approve the change: Pat, 2nd – George.

Membership: Steve Friedlander

There are currently 276 members.

Ski Council

The first meeting will be in October; Bob will cover that meeting.

Newsletter: Anne Bloomenthal

The deadline is September 15. Anne will be away so would appreciate any additions to the newsletter early. There is no information for the September general meeting. She does have the Azores trip write-up.

Programs – Bob Kivlen

There is no program planned for September's meeting. Bob wonders if Kathy Blackwell can give a talk on her travels. Another suggestion is a "Welcome Back" social for the first meeting of the season.

Website – Dmitri Rizer

In the last 30 days, there were 217 sessions (+7% from last month) of which 146 were unique visitors.

- Average session lasted ~ 3.5 minutes.
- Referring sources: Direct link - 105, Google - 76, Yahoo - 13.
- Page Views by Device: Desktop - 248, Mobile - 205, Tablet – 6.
- Top 5 pages were: Home, Members-Only, Events-Calendar, Private-Content, How-To-Join.
- Updates: Chesapeake Sail, Harvest Fest update, Member Directory, Board Minutes.

Facebook – Anne Bloomenthal

Anne is posting our events.

Summer Activities

The Harvest Fair has a revised date – October 5.

Holiday Dinner – Bob Kivlen

The Holiday dinner will be on Dec 8th at the Cranbury Inn. No deposit is required.

Sailing – Dave Stern

Chesapeake - looking for 2 more to fill up the boats.

France - 22 signed up; 17 full and 5 boat only.

I am trying to cancel 1 of the boats with LeBoat since it is unlikely we will fill 4 boats. I am confident we will fill 3 boats. Group air is being looked into.

Skiing Updates

Dmitri has 25 people signed up; \$14,000 deposit is due.

Rates are depending on 30-32 people; the flight has changed to United airlines departing from Newark.

Bob Keither

Stratton - He has reserved 12 rooms; 10 people are signed up. The deposit is due in late November.

Steamboat – 13 rooms are reserved; 14 deposits have been received. 26 people are required. Bob knows 6 other people are sending in checks. That makes 20 people which makes the trip feasible.

Bike Ride – Steve Friedlander

This weekend's bike ride will be along the canal and Alexander Road.

Covid policy review

In reading the policy from last year, we decided we can leave the current policy as is. Our membership application has a disclaimer that is broad enough to cover our liability.

New Business

George has proposed we give a plaque to Jack Mason since he has served as our treasurer for 8 years. Carla and Hans will work on the design of the plaque. We will present it at the holiday dinner. The plaque will cost \$200.

Motion proposed by George; 2nd – Peter.

George has asked if there are any e-votes coming up between now and the next meeting; no one had any.

Items postponed to next meeting

Backups for essential functions

Membership system upgrade

Checks needed in the next month

Motion to adjourn: Geroge; Peter

Next meeting: October 8, 2024