

## **PSSC Board Meeting April 14, 2026**

**Call to order:** Chester Trubinski, President, presiding. A quorum was present.

**In attendance:** Bob Keithler, Anne Bloomenthal, Bob Kivlen, Pat Russell, Debbie Munther, Carol Christensen, Peter Shearer, Dmitri Rizer, Jim Nowicki, Kate Goelz

**Minutes:** Previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Russell

Pat provided both the current fiscal year budget and actuals as well as a proposed budget for the new fiscal year that begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. The actuals for this year will be finalized after the year closes. The budgeted and actual expenses are in line with expectations. No major changes were made in the proposed next fiscal year budget. Pat noted that our insurance (Directors and Liability) is a major club expense and asked whether our policies should be reviewed for some economies. Chester will discuss with his insurance agent and report back. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**Membership Report:** Steve Friedlander

Steve did not attend the meeting but subsequently emailed his report. The year began with 166 members and there are currently 210 members. There were 233 members at this time last year.

**Ski Council Report:** Bob Kivlen

The council asked the clubs to provide their list of ski trips offered during the past year. The survey results will be available later. Bob said that he learned that IKON passes may be discounted for veterans. He will verify and report back to the Board.

**Rocky Hill General Meetings:** Bob Kivlen and Bob Keithler

There is a speaker for the 21<sup>st</sup>. Bob Kivlen also checked with Rocky Hill and they are willing to let the club be flexible about the dates for our March meetings there, to avoid ski trips conflicting with our annual business meeting.

**Newsletter/Facebook:** Anne Bloomenthal

No major news to report.

**Website:** Dmitri Rizer

The site has been updated to include this summer's activities and other events and new trips. Activity on the website is down as expected with no new major trips. There were 208 sessions and 171 unique visitors. The other stats from the website are the following:

In the last 30 days, there were 208 sessions (-26% from last month) of which 171 were unique visitors. Average session lasted ~ 3.0 minutes; Referring sources: Direct link - 118, Google - 60, Bing - 8.;Page

views by device: Desktop - 312, Mobile - 201, Tablet – 10.; Top 5 pages were: Home, Members-Only, Private-Content, Events-Calendar, Club-Info; Updates: BBQs, Bike Rides, Install Dinner, Ski Big Sky, Day Sails, Canary Island Bike, Member Directory.

### **Summer Activities: All**

Board members reported that pickleball continues and the first bike ride had occurred.

### **Ski Trips: Dmitri Rizer and Bob Keithler**

Dmitri reported that the Big Sky ski trip in late January 2027 already had 7 paid sign-ups with other members expressing a strong interest in the trip. Bob Keithler reported that he netted a small surplus of funds from the three ski trips that he led in 2025-26: Copper Mountain, Stratton and Killington. He surveyed club members who were on his trips this year about their favorite ski destinations. Jackson Hole received the most votes but high on the list was Alta/Snowbird. In keeping with using IKON pass resorts for our trips in 2027, he is working with Alphorn for pricing and dates for an Alta/Snowbird trip in late February. Jim Nowicki suggested that Bob also explore pricing and availability for Solitude. Several others on the board agreed that Solitude would be a good destination. Bob agreed to explore that option.

### **Sailing Trips: Peter Shearer (Dave Stearn not present)**

The July 3 tall ships cruise is set (and see e-vote below) and has 25 paid participants. The Memorial Day weekend sail on Chesapeake has 2 boats. Peter said Dave is debating whether to add a third boat. Several board members thought a third boat was a very good idea. Dave is concerned about dropouts before the trip.

### **Installation Dinner: Bob Kivlen**

The dinner is scheduled for April 26 at Carlucci's. Notice of the dinner was late to be advertised. Bob reported that there were 12 fully paid participants and typically there are 36-40 attendees. Kate will send an e-bulletin within a week with a follow-up shortly thereafter.

### **New Business - Canary Island Bike/Hike Trip: Jim Nowicki**

This trip was recently approved in an e-vote (see below). Jim reported that 3 members had already signed up. A total of 12 members can join the trip. Jim is leading his first trip and sought advice on checking membership in PSSC which is required of all participants. He was advised to check membership status both upon receiving trip deposits and before starting the trip. For the most current membership information, contact Steve Frielander.

### **New Business – Ski Pole PSSC Flags: Chester Trubinski and Kate Goelz**

The Board liked the idea of creating the next generation of ski pole flags that identify PSSC skiers as members of PSSC. A tapered flag was considered the best design. Questions were raised about what should be on the flag; is it the logo, what wording, and should the website be displayed. Questions were raised about offering the flag for free or having members pay all or most of the cost. And if the flag is offered free, then should the whole membership be offered the flag or should it be offered to skiers participating in ski trips? This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

**New Business – Membership Voting for the Board:** Dmitri Rizer

Dmitri asked Kate Goelz to send an e-bulletin to the membership about voting. So far 47 members have cast ballots. Typically, we receive 60-70 ballots. Kate will send an e-bulletin.

**New Business – Board E-Votes before meeting:** Chester Trubinski

A Board majority approved adding 10 additional seats on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> tall ships cruise. There were no Board disapprovals.

A Board majority approved adding a November bike/hike trip to the Canary Islands that will be led by Jim Nowicki. There were no Board disapprovals.

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2026.

**Motion to adjourn:** Unanimously approved

**Post meeting e-vote:**

Bob Keithler's proposed ski trip to Brighton/Solitude in February 2027 was approved by 14 Board members and no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christensen