

PSSC Board Meeting

Tuesday April 9

7:00 PM

#### Attendance

Carla Olsen	Bob Kivlen	
Hans Weinrich	Anne Bloomenthal	
Peter Shearer	Bob Keithler	
Debbie Munther	Dimitri Rizer	on Google Meet
George Koscs	Jack Mason	on Google Meet

The live portion of the meeting began at 6:30 PM with a fine dinner prepared and served at Carla's home. At 7:20, a virtual meeting was added using "Google Meet". This meeting was Carla's last meeting as President as she will switch position with George K after the installation dinner in May. Carla will move to past president, as George K moves back to President.

#### **First subject was a call to accept or correct the minutes.**

2 corrections were made to the previous minutes.

- 1 Under "MEMBERSHIP" on page one the article in "TOWN" should have "Topics" added.
2. Under the Ski Report the Killington ski trip was listed for 28 people but the correct count should have been 30. In fact, due to cancellations only 24 people actually showed up.

A vote occurred to approve the minutes with the preceding corrections.

Anne B... 1st.

George K 2nd.

#### **Treasurer report**

Jack is still working with the bank and the state regulators to get money back from overcharges made for wire transfers, mostly to the Italian Sailing trip. Of the \$600. We were refunded \$191. and hope to get another \$100.

On the activity summary for the Vail trip we saw an "overage" of \$1300. It should be \$138.

Some money from the trip to Italy is not yet settled.  
Some money from the Okemo trip is not yet settled.

The income from Bob Keithler's ski trip was extremely accurate. There was controversy if the amount received was \$5 over what the bills were or 75 cents over the amount paid out. Either way the difference is excellent since the goal was for the income to just cover costs.

On Bob Keithler's trip there were some new members. Some of these new members may not have filled in an application. They may also have written one check meant to pay for membership and the trip. This was a task to untangle.

Treasurer report accepted

#### **Membership report.**

Steve F was out of town to attend a viewing of the eclipse. No report received for the meeting.

## **SKI Council Report.**

New western trip to Sun Valley (2/22-3/01) registration is to begin next week. Other trips include Snowmass, Sunday River, and Mt. Tremblant.

Next season a tune-up will be held at Blue Mountain on or about 12/21/24

There will be no ski expo for 2024.

A nomination slate for new officers and directors will remain open for another week.

NJ Ski travel show was scheduled for Sunday May 5th at the Hilton Fairfield (NJ) hotel.

## **Newsletter**

All agreed, the newsletter just released was great.

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 5/15. The information must be complete since Anne will be travelling while she is creating the newsletter.

## **Advertising**

Hans said, "not much is coming up". He has been away.

It was mentioned that there is a new website based calendar for events around Princeton. This is called "Tap into Princeton" and should be a good place to mention PSSC.

## **Website**

In the last 30 days, there were 228 sessions (-13% from last month) of which 161 were unique visitors. This is a typical. Up or down deviation.

- Average session lasted ~ 4.5 minutes.

- Referring sources: Direct link - 114, Google - 79, Bing - 10.

- Page Views by Device: Desktop - 332, Mobile - 286, Tablet – 11.

- Top 5 pages were: Home, Members-Only, Private-Content, Events-Calendar, Newsletters.

- Updates: Newsletter, BBQ Schedule, Spring Bike Rides, Installation Dinner, Member Directory, Board Minutes.

## **Sailing,**

Information was provided by email from Dave Stern.

Chesapeake

Full with 2 boats/ 6 people each boat

Azores

Full with 4 boats/ 26+1 participants

I shared crew lists with skippers and will send to all participants this week. Each boat has multiple single males or females. Everyone is assigned a cabin but the salons are available for someone to use if they do not want to share a cabin.

One boat, skippered by Peter Giller, has 3 single males and 1 single female. Peter is 1 of the single males. It is therefore likely that 2 people may want to use the salon and not share a cabin.

Peter Giller proposed, and I agreed, to permit his girlfriend, Marion Lukas, to sail with him during the day. He, and she, will get hotel rooms at each port at his expense, thereby freeing up a cabin.

As long as we are docked I am very comfortable with this arrangement. I informed Peter that he must keep in mind, that although not likely, if we anchor I would expect him to stay aboard. Also, weather conditions could possibly alter our itinerary. Marion will contribute towards daily expenses such as food and group tours.

## **CANAL BOAT 2025**

I received a quote from Le Boat for a canal boat trip in France. This will be followed by a land tour in Germany, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Gate 1 expects to have their quote for me later this week. Here is the proposed itinerary.

July 2025

2	Wed	Depart NY/NJ
3	Thu	Arrive Zurich group dinner
4	Fri	Zurich City Tour
5	Sat	Bus to Boats in Hesse, France
6-11		Boat Tour
12	Sat	Depart boats in Boofzheim / bus to Stuttgart/ Porsche tour
13	Sun	Bus to Munich/ city tour
14	Mon	Munich/ optional Dachau tour
15	Tue	Bus to Liechtenstein/ City tour
16	Wed	Bus to Zurich group dinner
17	Thurs	Fly home

It was mentioned that by using Gate 1 again we will be able to use our \$500 credit

## **Skiing**

Bob Keithler in conjunction with others made an assessment that there is a core group of skiers that will go to at least 3 of the 4 big ski trips. They realized it is best to alternate the trips year by year to either national pass (Ikon or Epic). This would maximize savings for each skier on our trips. Each skier breaks even by buying one pass each year. The cost of buying a national pass vs paying at the door breaks even with 2 of our multi day trips. Even Blue Mountain is on the IKON pass.

On 4/18 the IKON pass will go up in price.

Tentative ski schedule for winter '24-25

January	Stratton
Early Feb	Steamboat Springs
Late February	Big Sky or Copper Mountain
Mid-March	Killington (Bob)

Bob Keithler also thanks Jack Mason for helping sort out the payments for ski trips which included payment for membership. He also noted that one check payable to PSSC made out by

Dr. Blacker was cashed to another account. Bob is seeking a formal investigation. Bob says that his experience shows that these thefts do not occur at the mailbox. .

All reports agree that Killington was a great trip.

### Monthly Meetings

Our upcoming general meeting will be at Rocky Hill Inn on 4/16. The speakers will be the Curling Club. This will be our last meeting at the Rocky Hill Inn for this season and should remind them of this.

Vee Roth has set up a schedule for **BBQ** hosts.

May	Pat and Sam Russel
June 4	Anne and Marty Bloomenthal
June 18	Joanne Pannone
July 16	looking for a host
July 2	Cathy Blackwell and Hans Weinrich
August 20	Natalia and Fred Brodzinski
September 3	Steve Friedlander and Ellen McCourt, (Last BBQ of season)

### New Business

Karen only has 4 people signed up for the Installation dinner. We will seek another e-blast to remind people.

Next meeting will be May 11 via Google Meet.

Motion to adjourn.

Peter S 1st  
Anne B? 2nd.

4/9/2024.  
Peter Shearer