

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.  
April 17, 2023**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the “Club”) was held on Monday, April 17, 2023.

Present: President Ray Irvine, Patti Christiana, Skip Wallace, Karen Wallace, Sam Rubin, Marty Zaugg, Laura Edwards, Marie Carparelli, Greg Moses, Joe Grezbien.

President Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting were approved with no revisions.
2. **Treasurer’s report.** Laura submitted a report of income and expenses to date, and a proposed budget for 2023-2024. This year we did better than expected due to no bus expenses, and VIP Pass sale income, so we avoided a large shortfall. Bills are still expected in for web expenses and the Tremblant trip, but we should be left with a small surplus. Our cash in the bank is approximately \$40,000. Discussion ensued and several minor changes were made to the report and budget, which will be presented to the membership at the April meeting. The Board discussed giving consideration to making trips, particularly short bus trips, more affordable for families as the year progresses. A motion was made to approve the revised budget which was seconded and passed.  
**Signatories.** The signatories with M & T Bank will need to be updated to three people – Ray, Bill as the new Treasurer, and Marie as the Council Rep. At present, Laura should stay on the list until the transition with Bill is complete. Patti and Marty do not need to be signatories. Bill (in absentia) was asked to coordinate a time for all involved to report to the Bank when appropriate prior to Memorial Day.
3. **Membership.** Sam reported that the membership was approximately the same as in March, which was 353, down a little from last year. Several members have already renewed for next year.
4. **Trip Wrap-Up.** The trips conducted this year all went well. Discussion ensued about ways to enhance future trips for families, finding the “sweet spot” in price that would attract new members. Bus subsidies will be considered again this year.
5. **Fly-to Trips 2024.** Several proposals have been received from the tour operator and we are waiting for 2 more, from Whitefish, Montana and Winter Park, CO. Of those received, the Board voted to go forward with a trip to Crested Butte, CO (Epic) from Jan 28<sup>th</sup>- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at a cost under \$2000, and a trip to Andorra, Spain (Ikon) on one of two possible weeks in late February/early March at a price of \$2275.

6. **Other Trips 2024.** The Board also voted to go forward with the proposal received from Mont Tremblant for March 17-23, with a small price increase but similar arrangements as last year. In addition, the Club expects to run shorter trips to Sugarloaf, Sunday River, and potentially one or two other Northeast areas again.
7. **Trip Committee.** In order to be competitive and secure the best prices for members, it has become necessary to plan trips over a year in advance. The Board will start the process for 2025 trips in the summer of 2023, and may form a trip committee, and/or designate a trip liaison as a main point of contact with the tour operator.
8. **Board of Directors vacancy.** There is a member at large vacancy on the Board, and the Board will appoint someone to fill the unexpired term. The current preference is to solicit a new member who can represent family interests to the Board, and Ray is pursuing that contact. If not, Greg and Skip have volunteered to serve.
9. **EPIC/IKON passes.** The link for purchasing the IKON pass through the Club (via Alphon) has gone out to members via email, and the EPIC link will go out shortly. This year, purchasing a 5-day EPIC pass thru the Club will also allow the member a trip discount.
10. **CSC Updates.** Marie reported the following:
  - The deadline for the CSC newsletter this month only is 4/30.
  - The second annual CSC Picnic is Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> in New Britain. Tickets are \$20 for adults and kids under 12 are free. Adult tickets include a \$6 food voucher and there will be several food trucks. The details are in the flyer posted in the Club newsletter. **The Board voted to subsidize the first 20 tickets by \$10 apiece, thus reducing the adult price to \$10.**
  - Rob Dexter, longtime racing coordinator, won a gold medal at the NASTAR races in his age group.
  - Snow Snakes are responsible for decorations for the Snowball. Rooms cost \$169, hospitality suites \$300, Meriden wants to split one with us.
  - Cheryl Parmalee is taking over as Webmaster
  - The Council is looking for a Vice-President, and for an Awareness Day Coordinator.
  - One club is putting up a table at community events to promote their Club, and has gotten some results.
11. **Miscellaneous.** Skip reported that our social media coordinator had removed a post on our FB Community page from a scammer trying to sell Snowsnakes t-shirts. Patti reported that the luggage tags and wraps we ordered should be delivered in a few weeks.

A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Incoming Secretary

