

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.  
August 28, 2023**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the “Club”) was held on Monday, August 28, 2023.

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

President Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. **Industry News.** News of interest was discussed, including Deer Valley and mention of the Storm Skiing Journal.
2. **Meeting Schedule for 2023-24.** The Board discussed and approved the following Board and Membership meeting dates for the upcoming year. Several deviations were made to the “third Monday, third Wednesday” schedule to accommodate the holidays and the way the dates fell. All Board meetings will be by Zoom. During the meeting, Ray contacted Jack at Shea’s to have him reserve the membership meeting dates. All membership meetings will be at Sheas. The schedule is as follows:

<b>Board</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>9/18</b>	<b>9/20</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>Open House, Main Bar area</b>
<b>11/13</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>12/11</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>1/15</b>	<b>1/17</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>2/19</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>3/11</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>4/15</b>	<b>4/17</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>
<b>5/13</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>upstairs at Sheas</b>

3. **CSC Rep Needed.** The Club is allowed to have up to 4 voting member representatives at the Connecticut Ski Council. At present there are two, Marie Carparelli and Karen Wallace. It was decided that Skip Wallace would add it to the upcoming email blast to members on social media.
4. **Membership.** Membership is at 87 members as of 8/27/23, including 15 family memberships and 51 individual. 10 of the 51 were lapsed members from previous years. Members are currently from 6 states. Sam reported that the new approach to membership renewal times is working well and all expiration dates are correct. There was a small glitch on how the membership is described (“new” vs “current”), which Sam discussed with Tyler, no changes were needed. Sam filled out the form with current officers for the CSC and submitted it. Ray reported receiving an invoice from CSC for dues which he sent to Bill for payment, Sam was not aware it had been paid. Ray/Bill to figure out status of CSC payment by the membership meeting 9/20.

5. **Treasurer's report.** Bill was not at the meeting but had submitted an extensive report beforehand. The accounts have been examined and no anomalies have been noted. We have a healthy balance of \$42,482.72 on hand. Laura, the previous Treasurer, filed our Federal tax return on time. Bill has filed the annual report with the Secretary of State. Ray reported that our bank M+T Bank had a data breach and we would be receiving free credit monitoring for 2 years.
6. **Account Numbers/Passwords.** The Board discussed who should know our account numbers/passwords and have access to the accounts. All agreed that the access should be limited to the President and Treasurer, with the information kept in a safe place where it could be retrieved if there was an emergency.
7. **VIP Program.** The Club has purchased the maximum of 6 VIP pass booklets for the upcoming year. They will be sent to Patti in Skip's absence. A short discussion ensued about the Club getting a credit card, which will be looked into. Skip spoke to NAVA about the possibility of swapping/pooling tickets with them for certain areas. A subcommittee of Skip, Ray, Marty and Patti was formed to set the VIP prices for this year. Skip and Marty will again administer the program.
8. **Open House.** Will be held on 10/18 at Sheas. Jack has offered to reserve the bar area for our exclusive use from 7-9 pm if we guarantee a minimum of 50 people at \$16 each. The Board agreed to approve this expense, which is slightly more than was originally budgeted.
9. **Website/Social Media.** Skip will be sending out an email to membership about using social media soon. A discussion ensued about the potential of having our website accept on-line payments for trips as other clubs do. Ray was to check with Tyler to see what might be involved.
10. **Trips. 2024 Club trips are as follows:**
  - Crested Butte 1/28-2/4** Skip/Marty. 39 signed up, two double rooms available. No more singles can be accepted. One male needs a roommate.
  - Winter Park 2/11-2/16** 21 signed up, capacity is 30. Ray to approach a potential trip leader.
  - Andorra 2/23-3/3** Ray/Patti. Trip is full with 47 participants, 44 flying with Club. Wait list will be accepted.
  - Sugarloaf 1/7-1/12** Chris Warren. Flyer is posted.
  - Jay Peak 1/12-1/15** Dan Walker. 3 families have signed up, and Dan will try for more condos. Dan is traveling for a month but will have access to email.
  - Sunday River 1/19-1/21** Greg. 4 signed up to date
  - Mont Tremblant 3/17-3/23** Jim Ouelette. 14 signed up to date
11. **Fly-to Trips 2025.** A subcommittee of Ray, Patti, Skip and Karen met to discuss fly-to trips for 2025 and proposals have been requested from our tour operator for trips to Jackson Hole, Dolomites, Mammoth, Park City and Whitefish.
12. **EPIC/IKON passes.** It was noted that Epic/Ikon pass sales through the Club will close 8/31. Patti reported that the Club sold about 50 Ikon passes and about 20-25 Epic passes. We will receive "comps" from our tour operator to raffle off at the Open House.
13. **Uniform Trip Enrollment Form.** The Board had a short discussion about using a uniform trip enrollment form, but no decisions were made.

**14. CSC Updates.** Marie reported the following:

- The first meeting of the Council is coming up on 9/12.
- Our Club will be responsible for decorations at the Snowball and meetings will be held before the monthly Council meeting to discuss details.
- We must donate at least one \$100 gift card to be raffled at the Snowball.
- The Council is still looking for a Vice-President, and for an Awareness Day Coordinator.
- The Summer Picnic went well.

**15. Miscellaneous.** There was no New Business.

A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary