

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the "Club") was held on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Present: President Ray Irvine, Patti Christiana, Bill Galske, Skip Wallace, Karen Wallace, Sam Rubin, Marie Carparelli, Greg Moses, Joe Grezbien

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

1. **General.** The minutes of the 8/28 Board meeting were approved.
2. **Industry News.** Deer Valley is set for an expansion which will make it the fourth largest ski area in the US. Park City/Deer Valley is on the Club's "list" for 2025.
3. **Universal Trip Form.** Discussion resumed on this topic from the last meeting. It was noted that we might need 2 forms, one for drive trips and one for fly trips, as the information needed differs. Tour operators also provide google documents with the information they need in a preferred format. We should also make sure our release from liability statement is on each form. No consensus was reached, and this topic was deferred to a later date.
4. **Treasurers Report.** Bill reported that there had been little change from our last Board meeting and that our finances were in good shape. Since we have a balance of over \$42,000 much discussion ensued on using some of that balance differently. It was decided that the Club would take \$20,000 and put it in a CD to yield more interest. Additionally, it was decided that the club would subsidize a bus rental for a day trip to Bromley (see VIP section below). Marie also indicated that her name should be taken off the account, and Bill said that he would do that once the Federal filing is done by Laura.
5. **CSC News.** Marie reported on the CSC news.
 - **Snowball 11/18/23.** The theme is "Rise Up". Our Club is responsible for decorations, including banners and table designations, and several volunteers will be needed to help that afternoon. Tickets this year are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Juice Box is the band. We have the "Enfield" hospitality room reserved with Meriden. There will be a "fishbowl" raffle with \$100 gift cards and a cash raffle, and door prizes. Tables will be reserved in proportion to Club members attending. Happy hour will be from 7-8 with free appetizers and the band will play from 8-Midnight. We are allowed to bring any food and drink we wish into our hospitality room. Members may reserve overnight rooms at a reduced rate.
 - **Website.** Cheryl Parmalee has revamped the website and it is greatly improved. Members should take a look. There is also a link to the National Ski Federation, which offers additional discounts etc.
 - **General.** The CSC is down to 30 clubs from 42. Stickers for Club cards will be available at the October meeting. The CSC is still looking for a Vice President and an Awareness Days coordinator. Council balances remain constant with \$22,000 in the

- general account and \$6500 in the lift account. The Council donated \$500 for flood victims in VT. Members get a \$50 discount on Mountain collective passes until 10/1, see Marie for information.
- **Picnic.** The 2023 picnic lost money as attendance was down. There will be a discussion about whether it will continue.
 - **Online auction.** This major fundraiser for the Council opens on 10/22 and runs until 11/10. There will be many items to bid on, link on CSC website.
 - **Bulk Tickets/Awareness Days.** There will be Awareness days at Killington and Stratton.
 - **Racing.** Anyone interested in racing should contact Marie, who will put them in touch with the Council racing coordinator.
 - **On Snow/Race Day/Other events.** There will be no On Snow this year, as mountains will not reserve 2 days for this, particularly on a weekend. There may be a one-day similar event at Mount Snow on a Friday in March, or possibly Okemo. The Senior Games may be at Ski Sundown. No information was available on Kids Day. Ski VT and Ski NH have special deals for 4th and 5th graders, with \$49 lift tickets.
 - **Bylaws changes.** The council has proposed changes to its bylaws to update officer responsibilities, incorporate virtual meetings, and change the amount that can be expended without 3 signatures. These will be voted on at the next meeting.
6. **Membership.** Membership is at 138 members as of 9/16/23, including 24 family memberships and 70 individual. There are 77 “new” members. This appears to be comparable to last year’s totals at this time.
7. **VIP Program.** Based on last year’s success, the Club bought the maximum number of VIP packets – 6 – this year, which means 30 tickets to each Vermont mountain. The VIP subcommittee has met and set the prices that will be charged for each mountain. An email will go out this week announcing the program. Katie will be assisting with the flyer/announcement. There will be two “tiers” again this year. For the first, members will submit their orders, with no payment. After the subcommittee assesses the orders and determines who will get what, a second tier will be announced for the rest of the tickets. If the Club sells all of the tickets, we expect to net about \$8000. Marty will receive the orders. After much discussion about possible mountains, at the Board meeting it was decided to set aside all of the Bromley VIP tickets for an affordable bus trip targeted for Sunday, 2/11.
8. **Open House.** Will be held on 10/18 at Sheas. The bar area will be reserved for our exclusive use from 7-9 pm. We expect to have two IKON passes to raffle and possibly an Epic NE from Alhorn. Other raffle prizes need to be solicited. A committee will be formed at the Membership meeting to help. To increase membership, Ray suggested contacting high school ski clubs. An email blast will be done specifically for the Open House. As an aside, Ray mentioned that Reins Deli in Vernon might have a private meeting room we could use in the future if needed, this should be checked out.
9. **Trips Update.** 2024 Club trips are as follows:

Crested Butte 1/28-2/4 Skip/Marty. 41 signed up, one double rooms available. No more singles can be accepted. One male and one female need a roommate.

Winter Park 2/11-2/16 Chris Warren. 23 or 24 signed up, capacity is 30.

Andorra 2/23-3/3 Ray/Patti. Trip is full with 47 participants, 43 flying with Club. Wait list will be accepted.

Sugarloaf 1/7-1/12 Chris Warren. Flyer is posted. 14 or 15 signed up

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. 6 signed up to date

Mont Tremblant 3/17-3/23 Jim Ouelette. 22 signed up to date

Bromley Bus Trip 2/11. (tentative) Subsidized by the Club, \$50 pp. for bus and lift ticket.

10. Fly-to Trips 2025. No update. Proposals have been requested from our tour operator for trips to Jackson Hole, Dolomites, Mammoth, Park City and Whitefish.

11. Miscellaneous. There was no New Business.

A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary