

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.
December 11, 2023**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the "Club") was held on Monday, December 11, 2023.

Present: President Ray Irvine, Bill Galske, Skip Wallace, Karen Wallace, Marty Zaugg, Marie Carparelli, Greg Moses.

President Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Ray thanked Skip and Marty for running the November membership meeting in his absence.

- **Minutes.** The minutes of the November 13, 2023 Board meeting were approved with no revisions.
- **Industry News.** None
- **Enrollment Forms.** Ray asked again if we should consider standardizing our trip enrollment forms, and/or our use of software to run trips. After much discussion, it appears that there are 3 or 4 types of software programs being used by trip leaders (Excel, Numbers, Google Sheets, ...). Unless each leader had access and expertise in using the same software, any attempt at standardization would be difficult. We would have to have one system linked to our database to really make it work. Ray may touch base with Tyler as we need someone with systems knowledge to weigh in.
- **Membership.** Sam sent a written report that membership is up to 387. We expect several additional from people who have signed up for trips. We have exceeded our member total of 364 from last year.
- **Treasurer's report.** Bill sent a written Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting. We have a balanced checkbook and our revenue has exceeded our expenses by a healthy amount. Bill is still checking into a few things with the bank, including members making payments on-line. Ray asked how we could send a pre-payment for our Andorra bus overseas and Bill and Ray are to check that out.
- **CSC News.**
 - Robert Fleet of Fleet Limos is offering discounted travel to Council members. Information will be available at the Council meeting on 12/12.
 - Marie shared some information from our archives that in 1989-90 our treasury stood at \$474.63, and 20 years later was at \$22,194. In 2002, the Sugarloaf trip cost \$270 per person, total.
- **EPIC/IKON passes.** No News.
- **VIP passes.** VIP passes are in and will be overnighted to us. They will be ready for pickup at the member meeting on Wednesday. We expect to see 50 or so people coming in for the pickup in addition to our usual attendees.

- **Fly-to Trips 2024.** Andorra remains full at 47. CB trip is full at 45. We did not receive the full second comp for CB due to the number flying separately in combination with the number of singles. For all of next years' trips we may want to negotiate pro-rating any second comp with our tour operator, and limiting the number of singles we allow. Winter Park has 24 going.
- **Other Trips 2024.** Sugarloaf has 20 members signed up. Jay has 44 people going, including several families with children. The Board reiterated its policy that the trip leader decides how to use the second comp, if one is received, as is the case with Jay. Sunday River has 24. Tremblant has 40. Bromley has 29 for the full price, and several for bus only. One new family with two young children is going. Next year it was decided to look into doing a mid-week trip as several clubs do, as prices are lower.
- **Social Media/Website.** The glitch from last month has been fixed. The Council asked for help in putting all the Council Discount Days into a grid by date, and Skip volunteered to do so. The grid is now posted on our Website and the Council's.
- **Old Business.** Greg asked if the goggle straps we bought could be used for all trips, not just fly-to trips. Ray thought so, and will check with Patti on the numbers and have her bring them to the meeting. Additionally, it was noted that the distinctive luggage tags will need to be available prior to the trip departure date so that members can affix them to their luggage before arriving at the airport.
- **New Business.** None.

A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary