

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.**

A meeting of the Members of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes, Inc. (hereinafter the "Club") was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Shea's Restaurant in Manchester, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Irvine at 7:03 pm after the social hour. There were approximately 25 members, including Board members, in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Member meeting held December 13, 2023 have been posted on the website. The members approved the minutes without discussion.

1. **Industry News.** None.
2. **Treasurer's report.** The Club remains in excellent financial shape. Given this, the Board had voted to provide a subsidy for trips to the trip leader of approximately \$20 per person to be used to provide food or entertainment to trip participants to enhance the trip experience.
3. **CSC News.** The Council approved a By-Laws revision which will raise dues (first time in 20 years) and also provide ZOOM access to all meetings. Kids Day will be held on 2/3, sign up by 1/24. The National Ski Council Federation provides many discounts to member clubs, including CB apparel, Neve Designs, and travel and gear discounts. The link to the Federation is on the Council web site; members must register and identify their Council and Club to receive access to the discount codes.
4. **Membership.** We have 419 members to date, 179 of which are "new" meaning they were not members last year. Several people going on trips have yet to join. A number of people who were members last year have not yet rejoined; Ray to follow up.
5. **VIP Program.** If you are not picking up your tickets in person, the importance of providing a pre-paid mailer with tracking was pointed out. One member did not receive his tickets promptly and with the tracking was able to see that the mailer took a journey to NYC, SC and Puerto Rico before being delivered.
6. **WeTravel.** The Club has been contacted by this firm that provides administrative support to ski clubs regarding payments, registrations, etc. The Board will be checking out their information prior to taking any action.
7. **Trips.**
 - **Crested Butte.** Trip had a cancellation for a female roommate; this spot was filled at the Member meeting.
 - **Winter Park.** 24 going.
 - **Andorra** full with 47 going. Ray is looking into a bus for transport to Logan. There may be a ZOOM meeting prior to the trip.
 - **Sugarloaf.** Sugarloaf had a mixed bag of conditions this year.
 - **Jay Peak.** 51 Members enjoyed MLK weekend at Jay. One day was lost to wind/snow, but the mountain provided everyone with vouchers for future use.

- **Sunday River.** 24 signed up and snow is in the forecast. There was one cancellation and that spot is being offered for \$100.
 - **Mont Tremblant.** Full with 55 signed up. There is a wait list.
 - **Bromley.** 30 members are going on the Bromley bus trip on 2/11. The lift tickets are VIP vouchers donated by the Club.
 - More information on trips at our website at ctsnowsnares.org.
8. **2025 Trips.** The Trip Committee is evaluating proposals for possible trips to Jackson Hole, The Dolomites, Mammoth Mountain and Park City.
 9. **Club Straps.** The Club is providing neon green straps for each member on a Club trip. They can be placed either on a pole, or on a goggle strap, and will be used so that Club members can easily identify each other.
 10. **New Business.** None.

The next membership meeting will be at Shea's on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary