

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.
February 19, 2024**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the Club) was held on Monday February 19, 2024.

Present: President Ray Irvin, Bill Galske, Marty Zaugg, Greg Moses, Marie Carparelli, Sam Rubin and Patti Christiana.

President Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

- **Trips:** Greg Moses reported first on the status of “drive to” trips for next year (2024/25) as he had to leave the meeting early. **Sunday River** numbers were down this year and it was suggested that we consider **Sugarbush** as a replacement destination for next year. Also discussed possibly doing it from Sunday through Tuesday instead of the weekend. Additionally, try to book direct with the mountain instead of using a tour operator (Classic Tours) for a possibly better price. Also, in general, we might consider some other destinations. The **Bromley bus trip** was a success. At least 4 new members were on the trip as well as a number of kids. A few people had to drop out, but the tickets have since been resold. **Sugarloaf** also had down numbers this year. Marie Carparelli will write a letter to the Group Sales director to offer feedback from the participants and concerns of why changes over the past few years have impacted the interest in the annual trip. **Jay Peak** was also a success over the MLK weekend and will once again be offered. Greg will continue to look at dates and destinations for the '24/25 season. Due to when New Year's falls on the calendar for 2025, the dates of the trips might be pushed back. February might have an open weekend that doesn't overlap with any “fly to” trips so that might be an option. Greg will also encourage anyone interested in running a trip to step up once the dates and destinations are set. Please check our website to see what being a Trip Leader entails. Lastly, it was suggested to use the VIP passes for another bus trip, but perhaps a different location (Magic Mountain perhaps). People with Indy Passes might also be interested in riding the bus.
- **Minutes:** The motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting was accepted by Marty Zaugg and seconded by Bill Galske. Minutes were approved
- **Membership:** The current membership stands at 436 people with 184 as new members. Last year, the total membership was 384 per Sam Rubin. All persons going on the Andorra trip have now paid their membership dues. The Mt Tremblant trip still has 2 people that have NOT paid their dues.
- **Treasurer Report:** Bill Galske noted that there has not been much activity and that we are in very good shape. He has tried to contact Stripe to find information concerning using a credit card for payment for the various trips run by the club. It looks like at least a 3% fee would be added on to those who wish to pay by credit rather than by check. There may be other companies with a smaller percentage fee. We will continue to

investigate and determine if the extra cost will be something members would be willing to absorb. There was also a question that was received about not being able to view the budget on line for the general membership. The budget is on the club website.

- **CSC News:** 3 clubs are currently not in compliance with attendance rules. They will be sent a letter of probation for next year. If they fail to comply, they will be dismissed from the CSC. They are Manchester, Powder Pigs and River Hills ski clubs.
 - Kids day was a success with 42 kids registered. Only 1 person did not show up. The number of clubs participating was not available, but will be added to the CSC website (FB) for those interested.
 - The treasurer's report was approved. The Council is looking for a new accountant as the cost has risen significantly. There have been two responses with projected quotes for the services thus far received.
 - The Appreciation Days list is available on the CSC website with the dates for remainder of the ski season.
 - Summer Picnic: Still in discussion as to what type of changes are necessary. Do away with the food trucks and bring your own food, change the location to an area that offers more things to do (possibly a State Park). The search continues for an acceptable venue. 9 out of 16 clubs present were in favor of continuing the Picnic. Further discussion to take place in March.
 - Snow Ball is November 23, 2024 at the Hartford /Springfield Marriott. Changed to a dinner dance starting at 5:30 pm , followed by dancing from 7:00- 11:00pm. Band Rum Runners. Hospitality rooms again available, but the price has increased to \$500 plus tax and fees.
 - Race Day at Okemo Saturday March 2, 2024 in place of the full On Snow Weekend. Deadline to register February 20, 2024. If minimum registration number not met, event will be cancelled.
 - Constitution Review is necessary to comply with the new By Laws recently passed. Discussion will continue at the March meeting.
- **Industry News:** A Basin is now a part of the Ikon family. Sugarloaf has opened the new expansion on West Mountain adding additional beginner and intermediate trails. The location is lower on the mountain and should be a big advantage on days where the wind has shut down lifts on the upper mountain.
- **More Trip News:** The **Winter Park** trip was great. There was one injury (broken leg) but otherwise it was a success. **Andorra** is ready to depart on Friday but the snow report could be better for the area. **Tremblant** has about 50 people signed up (they have snow!) A FAM trip to **Whitefish** was offered, but no one has signed up from the club.
2025 trips: Jackson Hole (January 25-February 1, 2025) full Ikon Pass needed. Group ticket rates for the week, if you don't have an Ikon pass, are still being determined. Trip February 8- 15, 2025 TBD waiting for pricing to either: **Vail, Breckenridge or Park City** (Epic and Ikon passes can both be used depending on where you plan to ski : Park City,

the Canyons or Deer Valley). All trips are reasonably priced and details will follow once everything is set.

- **Old Business:** There was an issue on the member forum concerning online renewals and VIP tickets that has been resolved by Tyler (webmaster).
- **New Business:** As the general meeting are moving along at a nice pace, it was suggested that we make sure there is ample time allotted for anyone with questions to voice their concerns or to initiate a discussion. Also, how do we decide what trips will be offered each year? Should members give more input as to where to go? We have done a survey in the past and many of the places mentioned and not chosen can be starting points for future trips. Price, location and ease of travel are some points that are considered.

A motion was made and approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Carparelli (in the absence of Karen Duffy Wallace,
Secretary)