

**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. (hereafter the "Club") was held on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at Shea's Restaurant in Manchester, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Irvin at 7:00 pm after the social hour. There were 10 members, including Board members, in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Member meeting held on January 15, 2024, have been posted on the website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marty Zaugg and seconded by Mike Longo. The members approved the minutes without discussion.

1. **Membership:** We currently have a total membership of 436. There are 184 new members included in the total number. Last year (2023) our total membership numbered 384 people.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill Galske reported that the Club finances are above what was expected. The VIP tickets and the Open House helped to enhance our account. Our core expenses for the year run roughly around \$6,000.00 which includes insurance, CT Ski Council, bank fees, website and trips. For more details, see the "budget" under the "members" area of the Club website. We currently have at least 5 years of operating expenses in our account.
3. **Trips:** The Trip Leader guidelines are listed on the Club Website for anyone interested in running a trip. It was brought up at the Board meeting to take a minute to review the existing guidelines and any changes or feedback would be welcome for discussion. Due to some late payments from individuals signed up for trips, all future membership dues must be paid in advance of registration for any trips offered by the Club.
  - **The Bromley Bus** trip was well received and another bus trip (possible different destination) for next year, will more than likely be scheduled.
  - **The Winter Park** trip had some great skiing and the accommodations were good. Some rooms had burners available for some cooking. There was one injury (broken leg) to report.
  - **The Andorra trip** is set to depart this week. There have been a few injury cancellations. There will be a bus to Logan Airport with pickups in Manchester and Sturbridge.
  - **The Mt Tremblant** trip has 51 people signed up for departure on March 17, 2024.
  - **2025 Trips:** There will be no Club European trip for the 2024/25 season. There will be 3 "fly to" trips. It was suggested that we look at both Ikon and Epic mountains
    1. **Jackson Hole** is set for January 25 – February 1, 2025
    2. **One of the following** will be the second trip from February 8-15, 2025. We are waiting for final pricing before a decision is made for **EITHER** ..... **Vail..... Breckenridge.....or Park City.**
    3. **Mammoth Mountain** is set for March 1- 8, 2025.

*Pricing for all trips will follow once everything is finalized.*

**2025 “drive to” trips.** Greg is still working on the destinations. The MLK weekend trip to Jay Peak looks like it will definitely be on the schedule. Perhaps, the **day bus trip** can also utilize the VIP tickets, like the Bromley trip this year, but a suggestion was to move to another mountain, maybe Magic Mountain. It was also suggested that we try dealing directly with the mountains we decide to visit, instead of going through a tour operator. It might possibly save us some money.

4. **Automation:** Tyler was able to take care of an on line membership registration issue, but there may have been another issue that popped up in the meantime. Any problems thus far, Tyler has been able to address as they have been made known
5. **Industry News:** Arapahoe Basin is now part of the IKON pass. The West Mountain expansion at Sugarloaf is now open. It has a new lift and more intermediate and beginner terrain. It sits lower on the mountain and it is expected to offer more trails to ski when the upper mountain is on “wind hold” and the lifts are closed.
6. **Old Business:** none
7. **New Business:**
  - It was mentioned that during the membership meetings we should offer a little bit more time to bring up any questions or discussions of topics that we covered during the meeting.
  - There is an event taking place at **Smuggler’s Notch** the weekend of **March 29-31, 2024. The Brew and Ski Weekend.** The cost is \$299 per person which includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lift tickets, 2 nights lodging. For more information see the Smugglers Notch Website or call: [800-521-0536](tel:800-521-0536)

The next membership meeting will be on Wednesday March 13, 2024 at Shea’s Restaurant ,  
Manchester, CT

With no further business the motion to adjourn was made by Patti Christiana and seconded by Marty Zaugg. Approved at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carparelli, for Karen Wallace, Secretary ( not present)