

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.
April 15, 2024**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the "Club") was held on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Present: President Ray Irvine, Bill Galske, Skip Wallace, Karen Wallace, Sam Rubin, Marty Zaugg, Marie Carparelli, Patti Christiana, Joe Grezbien.

President Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

- **Minutes.** The minutes of the March 11, 2024 Board meeting were approved with no revisions.
- **Industry News.** None
- **May Meeting.** Bill questioned the timing of our Open House in September, when many of our trips (particularly fly-to) may be filled up, and thought that an event in the spring might make sense. It was decided to make our May meeting more of an end of year event, and have trip leaders available to take deposits on the fly-to trips at that time. The Board voted to increase the food budget for this meeting, which is also the annual meeting/elections. The traditional Open House will remain in September.
- **Membership.** Sam reported that the membership has been stable as the year is almost over. We had approx.. 450 members. A few people have already renewed for next year, and one new member already joined. The new member's year was adjusted to begin in May, which is when new members should technically begin to sign up.
- **Treasurer's report.** Bill sent a written Treasurer's report out in advance of the meeting, which showed the Club has a current profit of over \$9000. Our fixed expenses are about \$6000 per year, although we are not sure how they may increase with the website automation upgrade. A discussion ensued on subsidies for trips next year, as suggested by Greg. After some discussion the Board voted to provide a trip subsidy, to be used at the discretion of the trip leader to enhance the trip, of \$20 per participant for fly-to trips (not international), and \$30 per participant for drive-to trips (with the exception of the Bromley bus trip).
- **CSC News.**
 - CSC is putting on a summer picnic on June 30th at Mt. Southington. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under if purchased in advance. Time is Noon to 7pm. There will be games, and a cash bar (no outside alcohol is permitted). Attendees should bring their own picnic food. Marie has tickets and Skip will put this information on the website.
 - The CSC has re-elected Marsha Baretta as its President and Tad Stewart as its Treasurer for a 2-year term.

- Several clubs will be placed on probation: Manchester, Powder Pigs, CAST, CE, Riverhills and Trumbull.
- Danbury has a trip to Val D'Isere posted on the CSC website open to all clubs.

- **IKON passes.** We have already earned an Ikon base pass to be awarded at the Open House. We need to make the website clear that a pass will not be ordered until the person pays for it. The deadline for both renewals and new purchases, through Alphorn, is May 3rd.
- **Nominations.** Nominations for all Board positions will be accepted at the April meeting. There will be a vote at the May annual meeting.
- **Fly-to Trips 2025.** Three trips are scheduled: Jackson Hole, Vail and Mammoth. We are unsure of the cost of purchased tickets at JH, which is on the Ikon full or Base plus. Vail is on Epic, and the Epic Local includes Vail. Mammoth is on the Ikon Base or Full.
- **Other Trips 2025.** A contract has been signed for a trip to Sugarbush. Jay Peak will be MLK weekend. The dates for Tremblant need to be confirmed. Discussion ensued about providing a partial comp to Jim for running the Tremblant trip. Given the unique nature of that trip, the Board voted to provide \$500 to Jim for running that trip.
- **Technology Committee.** The Committee was impressed with Club Express' product and has spoken to Danbury and Mt. Laurel who use it. It was decided to do a 60-day trial to see how it will actually work, and Skip, Ray, Patti, Bill, Tyler and Sam will be given access. Bill will join the Danbury club to get a login which he will share with Skip so that we can see how the site works for an existing club. Ray will notify Club Express that we want to move forward with this and ask if there is any structured training.
- **New Business.**
 - Ray will speak to Jamie about the issue of partial comps for trips that do not meet the numbers for 2 comps.
 - The trip planning committee for 2026 trips will meet soon. A survey will be sent out to see where members would like to go. Ray mentioned Japan as a possibility.
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A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary