

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SNOW SNAKES INC.
May 13, 2024**

A virtual/remote access meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes Inc., (the "Club") was held on Monday, May 13, 2024.

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

President Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Minutes.** The minutes of the April 15, 2024 Board meeting were approved with no revisions.
- **Procedure for Nominations and Election of Officers/Board Members.** Patti will run the nomination and election process, to be held at Wednesday's meeting. All the current Officers and Board members, with the exception of Greg, have indicated that they will run again. So far, two members have been nominated for the Board seat that Greg will vacate: Chris Liddy and Carl Vivenzio. At Wednesday's meeting, any additional nominations from the floor will be taken for each office, starting with President. For any office with only one nomination, a general motion and vote will be taken. For any contested office, a paper ballot will be used to determine who is elected. There is a requirement that anyone running for office has been a Club member for at least 18 months.
- **Membership.** Sam reported that the membership is at 24 members, with 5 of those new members. There has been a glitch in the on-line renewal process which Tyler is addressing with Bruce which is causing delays.
- **Treasurer's report.** There is very little change in the Club's financial position since last month. The Board reviewed the draft budget which Bill had sent out in advance of the meeting and made two substantive changes. The first, for the Club to purchase our allotment of Council Picnic tickets and provide them free to members who can attend, which is a \$250 expense (first come, first served). The second is to increase our postage budget by \$750 to cover the cost of mailing out VIP tickets to those members who do not pick them up. The Board agreed with these changes and the rest of the budget.
- **CSC News. No new CSC News as the meeting is 5/14.** It was noted that the Club still would like two additional Council reps.
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- **VIP passes:** No news at present. Ray volunteered to help Skip in Marty's absence.
- **IKON/EPIC passes.** We have had brisk sales of Ikon passes and have sold 20 Full and 28 Base passes. This has already earned us 2 complimentary base passes from Alphorn for

the Open House. Epic sales are moving more slowly as there is no purchase deadline at present, but we have sold about \$10,000 worth, which should equate to a complimentary Epic Local pass.

- **Fly-to Trips 2025.** Three trips are scheduled: Jackson Hole (1/25-2/1, trip leaders Ray and Jim Ouelette), Vail (2/9-2/15, trip leader Patti) and Mammoth (3/2-3/9, trip leader Skip). Vail and Mammoth flyers are posted on the website and Jackson Hole will be as soon as Ray resolves an issue with Jamie.
- **Other Trips 2025.** A contract has been signed for a trip to Sugarbush, which will take place 2/23-2/25, trip leader Greg. Flyer will be posted shortly. Jay Peak will be MLK weekend, 1/17-1/20, trip leader Dan Walker. Mont Tremblant will be 3/16-3/23, trip leader Jim Ouelette, and the flyer is now posted on the website. Bromley will likely be a bus trip on 2/9, dependent on the availability of VIP tickets, so stay tuned. A trip to Smugglers Notch is being considered, potentially for 2/28-3/2, more on that to come.
- **2026 Trips.** A survey will be sent out to members regarding destinations for future trips. The Trip Committee will use that as it plans future trips.
- **Technology Committee.** The Club is doing a 60-day trial of the Club Express product and will meet in early June to evaluate further. So far, the feedback is positive. Tech Committee members were impressed with Danbury's website, which uses this company. Bill indicated that there was money in the budget to buy tech time from Club Express to assist.
- **Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025.**
Member meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7pm (social hour 6pm), with one exception in March to accommodate the Club trip to Mont Tremblant. Dates are: September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18, 2024, and January 15, February 19, March 12 (One week early), April 16, and May 21, 2025. It is expected that the Open House will be held at the October meeting.
- **New Business.**
 - Summer activities. There was a short discussion around potential Club activities during the summer months, perhaps something related to a charity. It was decided to query the members at Wednesday's meeting.
 - The Board noted with sadness the end of our annual trip to Sugarloaf after 28 years.
 - The Board will meet on June 18th at 7pm and again in August, date TBD

A motion was made and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Duffy Wallace, Secretary