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Good Afternoon Ski Club,

For most of us, it seems hard to imagine skiing now that the weather has broken, but there are a couple of die hard mountains still offering some deals worth mentioning:

SUGARBUSH in Vermont - has picked up 14" in the last 7 days and has some pretty good last minute deals. New spring rates are in effect: \$49 for adults, and \$39 for youth (ages 7-18); seniors (70+); and pass-holders from other mountains. Kids 6 and under always ski and ride for free. Check out their website for more info <http://www.sugarbush.com/>

KILLINGTON in Vermont - is planning to stay open til May 2nd. They are still making snow and have over 10' of base left. Check out their website for more info on discounts on Spring skiing <http://www.killington.com/>

For the rest of us, we're moving on.....and I will apologize right now for the length of this email (MR. VP)....we covered a great deal at the meeting and I will try to recount it all!

APRIL MEETING MINUTES:

We had a very productive meeting Wednesday night, and turnout was fairly strong, particularly for the end of the season. One member finally made a meeting after trying to make it all winter - and brought along a guest. The usual suspects were all present, along with a couple "occasionals", rounding out the evening and helping to get our spring and summer events off to a good start.

We started out the meeting with some basic introductions. We have come under some criticism lately that the club is "cliquey". Having seen members socially outside the club, spent time both before and after meetings getting to know new members in the meeting room and at the Elk's bar, gone skiing in small groups last minute with some members, I honestly had not see any evidence of that. But we want to do everything we can to make everyone feel welcome. So from here on out, we will start each meeting with introductions and a warm welcome for all new members and guests.

The first topic of the evening was, of course, the sudden resignation of our newly-elected club president, Sara Ryan and the subsequent shifting of the board. While still uncertain as to why she resigned, we all agreed the manner in which she left was very unprofessional. A couple of the members had asked the board in the preceding weeks to look into the possibility that Sara (and/or Debbi) were in violation of non-profit or corporate laws by representing the BSC while pursuing their new club, as well as reusing the images from our club trips and website. The board consulted with attorney Dana Aultman. The conclusion was, "...I would interpret that according to the (case law) below, Debbi is not guilty of breach of fiduciary duty, but Sara is since she was an Officer (President). Debbi would be guilty of copyright infringement and both of them would be guilty of fraud (by passing off another's work as their own. ie. BSC photographs...)

All correspondence between the board and the Ms. Aultman was made available for review.

The board agreed that, while it is clear that their actions were not only unethical but most likely illegal, the extent of damage they inflicted upon BSC was minimal at best and this matter is not worth pursuing further. Most of the members that followed Sara's exodus did not attend meetings, did not sign up for club events or ski outings, etc. And despite claims that she would be retaining contacts made during her stint as president exclusively for her new club, discussions with local area clubs and businesses do not support that this is the case.

In addition to Sara's resignation, our VP, Sam Stewart, has not responded to attempts to contact him since her departure. He was

dismissed as a board member per the by-laws for negligence of office.

Per the current by-laws, the remaining members of the board appointed members to fill the vacated board positions until the next election. The board now stands as follows:

President - Jackie VP - Ed Rosina Treasurer - Joe Secretary - Allison

Please join me in not only welcoming Ed and Joe to the board, but thanking them for stepping up to help keep the club running smoothly during this time of transition. And a special thank you to Cole Rosina, who also volunteered to fill a board vacancy.

I'd also like to assure everyone that we will do our best to return to the practice of making EVERYONE aware of EVERYTHING that is going on behind the scenes. BORDENTOWN SKI CLUB HAS NO SECRETS!

Moving on to more pleasant topics.....

We reported the following stats:

Account Balance: \$451

Membership: 54

Facebook Friends: 113

Myspace Friends: 86

I suggested some revisions to the by-laws. Per the existing by-laws, revisions should be announced 2 weeks prior to adoption in order to allow the club members to vote on them. Since not everyone can attend meetings, one of the changes I've proposed is that voting will be available by email in the future. I am attaching the revisions - highlighted in RED and will be asking for a vote in 2 weeks or so. Please take a moment to look them over and watch your email box for voting. If anyone disagrees with any of the revisions, feel free to let me know before voting commences. I am open to any and all suggestions.

We briefly discussed the website. Thanks went out to Theresa in person for getting it back up and running. We discussed plans to upgrade the site at the end of the current contract term to a more current and user friendly platform and server. Theresa will be handling the bulk of that.

Also attached you will find the first drafts of some brochures we have been working on. Let me know if you have any suggestions. We will be finalizing them over the summer for next season. One has been geared toward the kids, we'd like to focus on increasing their membership.

And speaking of kids...I had also proposed a reduction in membership fees for kids, effective immediately. We voted on it and it passed unanimously. Children 4-16 will now be \$5, children under 4 are free. Cole was ecstatic - he bought everyone a round at the bar after the meeting....

I had an opportunity to speak to Bob, of Bob Lang fame, earlier this week and he has assured me that not only will he be making another generous offer to the club next season, we are looking at doing it earlier in the season, perhaps October, when we are all "gearing" up for snow sports. More to come as that develops.

And last, but definitely not least, we dug our heels into planning off-season activities. We had so many great ideas, and we are still coming up with them, so we voted on what was most popular and we are going to throw them out there and see where we land. We also agreed that a mid-summer meeting was a good idea to stay in touch and make plans for the following months prior to September. We have added a meeting on Saturday, July 19th. That meeting will take place in conjunction with an off-season event, which will be weather dependent. If it's nice out, we will be having the first of our second annual Wiffle Ball-B-Q followed by a meeting. If it's not, we will be having a short meeting followed by an evening of Murder Mystery Theater at the Lemesevski house. We will update everyone as the event draws closer.

I received an email yesterday from Outer Circle Ski Club in Plainsboro. They have invited us, along with Morristown Ski Club, to Picnic Under the Stars at the Meadowlands - Saturday, June 20th. Doors Open at 5:30 and the food starts at 6:00 pm. Ticket price is \$27 pp which includes admission to the track, parking, a picnic dinner (chicken, hot dogs, burgers, salads, soda/water, and dessert) and a program. The attached brochure provides more information on the event and how to order tickets:

http://www.outercircleskiclub.org/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=viewDocument&JAS_Document_id=11

Our event for June had been bowling, since it is so popular, but since we can do that anytime, I think it's best we put that off and offer this to our members for June. We are also adding the Bordentown City Garden Tours, on June 27th. I have contacted Patti D, a member of the club, and one of the organizers of the tour, to see if we can get a group discount. It would be nice to support the city that supports us.

Anne is also going to announce a date and details for Happy Hour at Katmandu in the next week or so.

Therefore, in summary, we have the following events planned:

May 30th - Trenton Thunder game - Details next week

June 20th - A Night at the Races - See above

June 27th - Annual Garden Tour in Bordentown City

July 19th - Ski Club Meeting and one of either Wiffle Ball-B-Q or Murder Mystery Theater (MMT will be postponed to a later date, not cancelled if the weather is nice. It was a very popular suggestion - Thank you very much.)

Events for August thru the end of the year will be scheduled at this meeting.

Be sure to check out our new calendar on our website for event dates. We have more events to add as details and dates become available. Great Adventure, the Aquarium, Phillies games, biking trips, and comedy clubs night were all suggested.

I think it's fairly obvious that Sara's departure has brought a new sense of solidarity to the remaining club members as we move closer to the club's intended purpose: to foster and encourage skiing, snowboarding, and group social activities.

Have a great weekend everyone and I'll be in touch next week.

Jackie