

# River Hills Board Meeting September 29, 2010

## Meeting Notes

**Present:** Judi K., Anne Zaera, John Swingler, Mike Kellick, John Olshan, Marli Pinochet, Pat Siciliano, Anne Olshan

### Long Range Planning Committee – Mike Kellick

- Inviting past presidents to participate & provide input on boosting membership, funding capital projects, etc.
- Zack Wellburn, John Swingler, John Olshan and Marli Pinochet to be invited
- Meet at Bill Hughes house
- Other agenda suggestions should be sent to Mike

### Maintenance – no report for this meeting as Zack was unable to attend

- Work Weekend – October 8-11: new storage bins to be brought in for rear basement. Originally charged \$20 per bin, per year; same fee to apply for new bins. First come, first served and one bin per family (unclaimed bins will be made available for families interested in having a second bin). Notice forms to be included in membership letters, returned with membership renewal. 60 bins in total, bins to be redistributed annually.
- Additional dryer already at lodge, to be hooked up with appropriate outlet.
- John Olshan to ask Zack to provide Board with stage-by-stage breakdown of capital projects; plan to be reviewed by Board and passed to Long Range Planning Cmte.

### Operations – Curtis Casey - no report for this meeting as Curtis was unable to attend

### Activities - Judi Kostrzewski

- List of priority events
  - Foxwoods Bus Trip
    - Looking to schedule the October 23<sup>rd</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Investigating costs for smaller buses & membership interest (participation)
    - Email blast to go out
  - Holiday Party
    - Possible locations: Long Ridge Tavern, Stamford Italian Center, Greenwich Water Club – someplace central & convenient for members
  - Snow Ball – November 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Stephanie Evers is Ambassador

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- Location is in Hartford
- New Year's Eve –
  - Need to assign volunteer Chairman
  - Want to include as package & communicate early & clearly to membership
  - Need to remind membership that there is a 30-day window for guest confirmations
- Race Chairman – Tom Nolan has volunteered.
  - Judi to work w/ Tom & book a weekend in February
    - Suggestions made to have Race Weekend next to the President's Week holiday, possibly the weekend before

### Treasurer – John Swingler

- Balance of account now \$13k – need funds from membership fees to start coming in.
- John Olshan and Mike Kellick to be added to bank account (signing authority).
- Taxes: IRS looking to fine \$3k for late 2007 taxes. John is refuting the fee.
- Plan is to post budget and quarterly financial report on website going forward.
- Safe Deposit Box: A "self access" safe deposit box has been leased at the Wachovia Bank Stamford Ridgeway branch on Summer Street (opposite Michaels / Party City). This is the River Hills branch and is managed by Deidre Campbell, one of our members.
  - Box # 01112, size 4"x5", has two keys currently with John S. along with other safe keeping items (club checkbook, etc.). All will pass on to the next Treasurer.
  - Box currently contains the following:
    1. Original Statement of sale for lodge property, Dec 19, 1959
    2. Certificate of title, January 15 th 1960
    3. Original Deeds - April 13, 1960 and May 24, 1961(amendment)
    4. Lease agreement between River Hills Inc. and River Hills of Greenwich dated June 1, 1976
    5. Certificate from the State of CT amending the corporate name of River Hills of Greenwich, Inc. to River Hills Ski Club, Inc of Stamford. This is dated Dec, 23 1976
    6. IRS confirmation of Tax Exempt status. July 29, 1977 for River Hills Ski Club, Inc., of Stamford under EIN 06-0932341
    7. Mortgage deed – paid in full. Letter dated May 13, 1976
    8. An envelope and list from Jenny Fullilove containing a key (presumably for a filing cabinet which I think is at the lodge in the rear storage area) that contains all RHSC historical files up to 1999

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### Membership – Pat Siciliano

- Fundraising ideas to be raised at a future general meeting:
  - Raffle - \$20/book (\$1/ticket) w/ prizes. Mandatory for all members to participate.
  - Volunteering – assign mandatory hours for each member per year. Those who don't complete their time can "pay" their way out of the obligation.
  - Pat to draft proposal and distribute to Board for advance review & discussion.
- Vouchers
  - Headens to be asked to print vouchers; increments of \$10/\$10/\$10/\$10/\$5 (total \$45)
- Joe Grabiak
  - Board voted to waive membership fee for Grabiaks

### Communications – Anne Olshan

- Update on Communications
  - Upcoming email blasts
    - October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Skizette
    - Materials due by October 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Include report from Summer Picnic & Work Weekend
  - Bumper Sticker
    - Ordering new blue & gray stickers (w/ crossed skis)
  - Website
    - Post budget quarterly financial report on website going forward
    - Stephanie Evers to provide current Word version of handbook to Mike Kellick
      - Tom Nolan to review final changes before being uploaded to website
  - Document Repository
    - Need central location for master documents (e.g.: Google documents)

### Programs – Anne Zaera

- October 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - Jim Collard (chiropractor) to speak to members. Will include clothing raffle (order to fit)
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - Targeting having Frank Matsuda from Pedigree to speak to members about equipment that's new for 2010/2011. Hoping to get Pedigree to provide a prize for raffle

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- If Frank can't make it, see if Curtis can do Coordinator Training. Training only applies to members who have been in club for minimum of 1 year.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - Targeting having an orthopedic specialist speak to members about ski injury prevention at Greenwich location (ONS Foundation, 6 Greenwich Office Park, 10 Valley Drive, Greenwich, CT 06831).

### **Next General Meeting**

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Long Ridge Tavern, 8pm

### **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Long Ridge Tavern, 7:30pm

Agenda topics to include:

- Discount CSC bulk ticket orders due to Bob Hener on 10/5
- Long Ridge kitchen closes at 9pm – if you plan to eat, please arrive early.
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