



General Meeting April 9, 2013
At the Long Ridge Tavern
Meeting began 7:45 pm

Completed by: Lori Constantine

Board Member Attendees

John Olshan	President
Heather Lopresti	Activities
Kyle Ebers	Assistant Treasurer
Anne Zaera	Communications
Lori Constantine	Secretary
Beth Hulbert	Membership

Welcome and Introduction by John Olshan. John welcomed the membership and introduced the RHSC Nominating Committee:

- Mike Kellick - Chair
- Tommy Constantine
- Marli Pinochet
- Philip Reunert

Mike Kellick shared the efforts of the nominating committee, and is pleased to present the following slate for RHSC board members for the 2013-2014 season:

- President: Stephanie Evers
- Vice-President: Anne Olshan
- Treasurer: Lori Constantine
- Secretary: Kent and Allison Eby (will share the position)

The election process is as follows: Additional nominations for any club officer's position will be accepted from the floor at the April 9 meeting. Following the meeting, nominations will be closed, ballots will go out, and the election results announced at the May 7 meeting.

Treasurer's report

- We're finishing the season at about the same state we did last year. We have approximately \$18K in the bank.

Unused Vouchers:

- Bob Hener will be collecting your unused vouchers. If you cannot attend the meeting Tuesday night, you must ensure Bob gets your unused tickets by Friday, May 10, before 10PM. Mail or hand-deliver them to Bob at:

Bob Hener
470 Stratford Road
Stratford, CT 06615

Any questions, contact Bob at TSSRJH@aol.com

Activities and Programs:

- On Ski weekend at Okemo did really well! The RHSC team came in 1st! See coverage in Skizette including pictures – thanks Rod Cross!
- This year's Summer Olympics will be Summer Stock. Tents in the yard encouraged. Money raised will go to the game room remodel. Kids can also have a bake sale that weekend and the proceeds go to the game room as well.
- Rich Freeda offered to help fix the air hockey game
- Spring fling- the kids can do a fundraiser for the game room –bake sale, etc.

Membership report:

- Currently 90 memberships (indiv & family). 3 families who are actively considering joining. Beth would like to start the renewal process early this year so that people can budget for membership dues.
- Some members have not been coming to the 3 required meetings per year. When the membership letters go out this year, we need to call out the required attendance at the meetings.
- There was a sentiment that the people who don't come to meetings are not skipping because of geography.

Communications Report

- Meet Up is a work in progress. Anne gave a demo of MeetUP to the attending members.
- Over the year that Anne has been communications she's attempted to get feedback on the locations of the meetings.
- Little to no support for the Skizette. Reality is that no one is contributing feedback. People and life are busy. The club doesn't feel the way it used to feel when they were interested in what's happening at the club. And feedback. It's very difficult to get real news from most members. Especially those who are not attending the meetings!
- John also noticed that his first year as president there was a lot of energy and enthusiasm from the members. There used to be contentious meetings – that has dissipated.
- Marli suggested resurrecting the kids' section! When we used to have this there was little contribution. As parents we need to encourage our kids to participate!
- We need to create more zest for the club! We need to perpetuate the environment for our kids! Please take a minute out of your weekend to take some pictures and send to Anne! Zest & atmosphere creates more atmosphere! Activity creates more activity!
- Looking historically, the club seemed to go downhill when the meetings were reduced and the programs were eliminated.

Open discussion for members to voice questions, comments and concerns

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15 pm Next Meeting: General Meeting May 7