

River Hills Ski Club  
General Membership Meeting  
September 13, 2016  
Began: 7:50pm; Closed 9:10pm

**Opening Remarks by President Rod Cross:**

--Happy to see so many—get back to real participation-not to worry about money—get people active again. Especially use the club in the summer—Killington has many activities...ropes course, mountain coaster, hiking, etc. This would increase our revenue; Lori & I will be sending membership package very shortly.

--61 full memberships + 4 life time, 2 Honorary and 2 potential; we are looking for 16-18 new members.

--we have only one full week out of the season: Pres. Week

--we are critical with only 61 members

--have 91-115 capacity

--Social Meeting for new members is in the works

--Work Weekends (2) are scheduled; to avoid paying contractors, we need all to participate.

--“Opt Out”—pay \$100 or participate in work weekends. If you cannot make those weekends, can make a proposal to the Board ex. paint 3 bedrooms—all supplies would be there Timing of weekends would be up to Thanksgiving; for example John & Reggie are going up the weekend before the Oct. WW.

--Charles Mirabella raised the question about mid-week work—basic answer was NO; if you have a suggestion of work to be done submit to maintenance committee; our core people do work on weekends & during week—great but not extraordinary; we have a list which changes all the time—call Tom for it.

**Maintenance:** Tom Constantine

--Work Weekend projected List of projects: stain side of lodge (if weather permits); leaves, wood stacking, clean chimney, trim trees, deck demolish, build temp stairs, install fire pit, paint fireplace wall, add color—group to decide, rooms painted, buy supplies for 2<sup>nd</sup> work weekend, cleaning: major, address beds at later time with Rod, snake drains, replace electrical outlets as many as possible with 3 prong (grounded); send additional items that need repair to Tom.

--**Ernest Pinochet** from the floor: tried to make a motion to 100% replace **mattresses** now—estimate the cost will be \$12K to \$15K; Can secure ones for \$299 per—will send Rod link of these cheaper mattresses—we need \$200 mattresses; **Jocelyn Gash** from the floor suggested we do ½ the first year & the rest the next year; suggested COSTCO's mattresses at \$150.

--Rod interjects that we are at a critical cross road—not only with the mattresses but some furniture is falling apart—we have put a lot of things on the “back burner”—this we can't—need quotes.

Motion made by ? : purchase new mattresses at \$150/bed; Jocelyn 2<sup>nd</sup> d it. 5 yeas; discussion continues—Rod asks: Is an assessment in order? or is it an emergency situation? How could we raise the money?

--Tom states—gives estimate of \$200-\$400/bed--\$16K needed for \$400 mattresses--\$8K for \$200 mattress; 12K is considered for club review—suggested \$100 assessment/member; would generate 6K which reduce the club outlay to ½ or \$6K;

--Ernest asks for a “friendly amendment”: spend \$12K--\$6K from Treasury & \$6K from assessment;

--Paul Schallis suggests try the mattress—get a few & give it a year—then make a decision

--Would this be a capital improvement? Treasurer not present to answer.

--Marsha Sloat—in club for 35yrs.—in the past some wanted \$50 value & others \$500 value mattresses;

--Bill Hughes—It is a Board problem—add to the cost/person; Rod said it is the Board to listen & figure out how to pay for them;

--John ?—someone suggested “mattress topper”---it didn't work—tried in past.

--Gary Gash—issue is money—need for the best—longevity—solve issue now—how about ½ & ½;

--Rod had looked at mattress financing—some think the Club is a deal & others think it is too expensive—need to be financially responsible.

--Gal from the floor ??—how about loan from new comers?

--Bob Hener (past President & past Operations for a number of years) a) said that about 20 yrs. ago the Club authorized \$15K for mattress purchases to be spread over 3 yrs., but then the water pump went, furnace problems—it was never implemented. b) also talked briefly about the CT Ski Council—2 more clubs joined—need representation from Club—meetings twice a yr. at Comfort Inn.

--Another amendment to original motion--\$12K—friendly amendment.

--Assessment—How can it be enforced? Half did not pay the furnace assessment...right?

--Rod's answer: there would be consequences

--Sharon Lehr—motion—we do not have all the facts; don't have numbers

--Jocelyn Gash—motion: spend \$12K—6K & \$6K or table it. Call the question (go for a vote)

--Vote: Club to spend up to \$12K to purchase 40 mattresses--\$6K from the Club's Treasury & \$6K from assessment of Club membership. Bd. to make decision as to what to buy & when to assess.

--Gordon Sloat cautioned that the Club needs a reserve.

--Final vote: Those in favor of \$6K from Club Treasury & \$6K from membership

assessment:	Opposed	12
	Approved	17
	Abstentions	3
	TOTAL	32

Motion passed.

**\* The Sign-in Sheet reflects 35 attendees**

### **Operations:**

--See list of kitchen items on our Website-these are items needed by our chefs. Club seeks members to review, contribute items they might have to donate & Club will buy the rest.

### **Communications:**

--there is only a 68% readership of our emails.

### **Events:**

--Heather is working on Kick Off party for this season.

### **Lodge**

--Sharon stated that monthly coordinators are assigned; urge that when making reservations be specific with names/ages of children.

--Club usage---please use the club

**Bulk Tickets:**

--Bob Hener—look for my emails & look on the website; prices can change as of this weekend; 1<sup>st</sup> Week in October requests due back to me.

Respectfully Submitted  
Deirdre Campbell, Secretary