

River Hills Ski Club General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Long Ridge Tavern, Stamford, CT  
October 3, 2017  
Began at 7:50pm and Closed at 9:15pm

**Prequel to GM—Prospective Membership Meet & Greet**

There was a meeting held at 6:30pm-7:30pm to get to know prospective members, answer their questions & have some complete applications. The Board met with them, reviewed the following people to determine that they met qualifications, accepted their initiation checks & welcomed Alex Keylin, Adam Weissman & Cheryl Wolf to our membership. The prospective members are Fred Geinestro, Katherine & Bob Watcke, Max & Michele Feldman & Joan Mikasha-Alexander. They are in different phases of the application process at this time.

**Rod Cross, President's Opening Remarks:**

Happy for all of you to be here; introduced & thanked the returning Board Members who were at the meeting: Tom Constantine (Lodge Maintenance), Heather Lopresti (Social), Joyce Myers (VP), Sharon Lehr (Lodge Coordinator), Lori Constantine (Membership), Jim O'Leary (Operations), Kyle Eberts (Asst. Treasurer), Sue Brown (Bulk Tickets) & Deirdre Campbell (Secretary). Stephanie Evers & Terri Sullivan were unable to attend.

**Operations:** Jim Leary (had to leave early)

--Most preseason items have been completed or well underway—e.g. Chimney & septic cleaned; 3 cords of wood delivered for 1<sup>st</sup> work weekend (Oct. 13-15. Bears have attacked the trash bins. Heather will be up at Lodge this weekend with her group for Columbus Weekend & she'll take pictures. In the meantime, if you are up at lodge, please take garbage home. Chrissy, our chef, & her assistant, Michele, have resigned. Chrissy is referring some people. Also our Dishwasher/house

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cleaners (Tracy & Ed) have resigned—starting a new business. They have referred some people. Charles Mirabella from the floor mentioned that the front door handle is badly damaged & needs replacement.

Rod introduced our **new members**: Cheryl Wolf, Adam Weissman, Alex Keylin; and our guests (prospective members): Kathy Watcke, Max & Michele Feldman.

**College Week** will be Jan. 2-Jan12. Sheila Evers will coordinate this week again this year.

**Work Weekends**—need to commit OR opt out.

**Lodge Housekeeping**: Sharon Lehr has done considerable research to replace the 4 barrel chairs in the LR—we have budgeted \$1600 & plan to take the money from the budget unless we have a considerable decrease in income this year. Tom Constantine made a motion from the floor to increase the chair budget to \$1800 & before being seconded, Gabe Cordova increased it to \$2000. This was seconded & voted on by membership unanimously.

**Club Meeting Room** usage—please keep your receipts, hand to Joyce—must show at least \$250 food/drink to use this large room this year for our meetings.

\*at end of evening the receipts totaled over \$300.

**Bulk Tickets**—please submit your orders to Sue Brown—this is the last day if you haven't already.

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**CT Ski Council:** The bulk tickets are via the Ct. Ski Council. They set the rules. The major fund raiser for this organization is the Snow Ball each Year. This year it is at the Winsor Marriott (Rte. 91, Harford), on Nov. 18 at 8pm. There is a great band. We have a hospitality room with hors d'oeuvres, etc. The tickets are \$20/each. We need to sell at least 12 for our table. River Hills's duty this year is collecting raffle prizes. Stephanie Evers & \_\_\_\_\_ have been working on this all summer. e.g. 3 nights stay in Banff is one of the prizes. The prizes are usually terrific.

Rod mentioned that one of the advantages of belonging to our club are the terrific ski trips out of the country—last year it was Morzine, France & this year—thanks to Bill Hughes—is Kietsbuhl (sic), Austria or ?. This trip is scheduled for January, 2018—cost is approximately \$2050/person.

Grill: we need to buy a new one. Will take a donation & will count as an “opt out”. We hope to have one by the work weekend. Will definitely have price by next meeting.

#### **Lodge Coordinator—Sharon Lehr**

--Barrel Chairs: Sharon has researched considerably—Hotel Liquidators, Bob's, Way Fair, etc. & narrowed it down to 7 chairs—hard to find the needed height & durability. Rod took suggestion from the floor—Charles Mirabella mentioned he had used furniture because he sold some of his apartments—Rod thanked him but said the prospective barrel chairs take quite a beating & that he & the Board think it is necessary to have new ones.

--Lodge Monthly Coordinator for December needed—please contact Sharon Lehr.

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**Spring Work Weekend:** A question came from the floor about Spring Work Weekend. It was a bit heated. Rod was firm, if allowed, Spring Work Weekend would have to be within the fiscal year ending 5/31/18. He was strongly discouraging it because the house needed care BEFORE the ski season—not after. He also questioned how much actual work was done. Susan Duffy et.al. said firmly the house needed a great deal of cleaning after the season, etc. The final decision was left unresolved.

**85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**—Nov. 3 at the Olshan's—Rod urged we share with friends—will be on Facebook.

**Financials:** As of this meeting, we have \$15,621 in the bank account—1/3 of taxes & insurance has been paid; no renewal dues are reported in this statement—all financials are posted on our website.

--Good News: 2016 Rm Revenue was \$26,000; 2017 Rm Revenue was \$33,015. Let's keep this going---this represents an increase of 27%.

**Work Weekends:** A few of the projects will be: house thoroughly cleaned, back of house painted, wood stacked, new grill, front door fixed, etc.

Before closing meeting...question came from the floor: Will there be a Spring Weekend? Rod again spoke firmly that the work weekends were to be in the Fall only—Spring Weekend would be a special project—need to fall in the fiscal year ending 5/31/18 if there was one. Could not count for 2018 & 2017 fiscal years. Sharon Lehr suggested tabling this discussion & will be discussed further by the Board in the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Campbell, Secretary

