

River Hills Ski Club General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Long Ridge Tavern, Stamford, CT  
March 7, 2017  
Began at 7:50pm and Closed at 8:45pm

**President Rod Cross opened meeting:**

- Commented a very low attendance of members.
- Bill Hughes suggested changing venue to someone's home.
- Priority is for Club to increase membership; pleased that prospective member, Jim Mohen, will be up visiting the Lodge this coming weekend.
- Rod is concerned that he is seeing a lower attendance at Lodge of couples who normally attend—we might see attrition next year as a result.
- Lori confirmed that there are 80 Adult members, 61 children, 6 Lifetime, & 7 Inactive.
- Rod urged us to share Club's Facebook with our personal Facebook friends. Based on attendees at meeting who have not done this yet, Terri will send out the blurb she emailed last week again.
- Look at our Website there are flash videos on front page & on Morzine Trip; also access to Ski Council has been added.
- Use stickers.
- We will be celebrating our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Race Weekend will be March 18-19, 2017; 34 people are signed up; Stephanie is the weekend coordinator & said there is a waiting list for reservations at Lodge—this is a good participation! The race will be at Pico, 11 am; we have prizes—would like ones like a couple of years ago—working on it.
- IMPORTANT—need a photographer for the races—maybe Rich Freeda can help?
- Rod said there have been a few complaints about the weekend coordinators—it is a difficult job—the ratio of children to adults is about 50/50—we need more adults to increase revenue & this ratio causes difficulties with room assignments.
- Stephanie said that the revenue/weekend is down about \$400 to \$500.
- Purchased new frames for collage of member photos—someone suggested putting names & dates under each photo—will keep what we have & add these to probably the wall behind the card table; need photos
- Rod mentioned we have added some 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation members
- Snow—8-9 ins. projected for March.

**Social:** Heather not present

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**Lodge/Operations:** Sharon Lehr/Jim O'Leary

- Rm. 7 Towel rack needs to fixed
- Lights are replaced
- Broken window material ordered & delivered to lodge; plan to fix this weekend
- Fire Extinguisher by wet bar—Jim has it & will bring up this weekend.
- Paper supplies replaced; purchased tool to fix toilets without plumber
- Rod suggested we replace the men's rm. small troublesome toilet.
- Food: listening to members—need better menu planning—Chrissy not there each weekend—Jim spoke to her. Michele, her assistant, does post menu; consensus is that we can't let the food problems "get out of hand".

**Membership:** Lori

- No issues—see numbers at the beginning of minutes.

**Treasurer:** Stephanie

- Check Book Balance: \$20,918.20;
- Net/net we are up \$4,103 over last year;
- FYI—Tax payment of \$2500 & Ins. Payment of \$!300-1500 is due shortly;
- Bed Assessment Letter will be sent out this week: \$56/Adult member;
- The Letter will make it clear that this assessment is for the mattress replacement only; the "Opt out" fee for those unable to attend work weekends was & will be for materials to replace or repair items for the Lodge.
- Also, the Letter will spell out that the assessment is due in 30 days.
- Reconciliation for February is online; room revenue is at \$25,000 (budget May-May is \$40,000);
- From the floor came a request that lodge usage checks be deposited ASAP by coordinators.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Campbell, Secretary