

CVOA Board & Member Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2019  
CV Town Office, 1:00 pm

The meeting was preceded by lunch of sandwiches and cookies, prepared by Bonnie, Patti and Jeannette.

Present at the meeting: Officers Bonnie Farrar, Mark Curtis, Cindy Foster, Mary Frank; Directors Neal Trask, Al Sleight, Jeannette Parker, Ray Stone, Mary Berger, Val Hudspath; Adventure Coordinator Patti Johnston; members-at-large Bob Farrar, Mike Parker, Bob and Barbara Luke, Thom Johnston, Jane and John Marden

- Bonnie Farrar called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. Round the table introductions were made.

- Secretary's Report – Cindy Foster, Secretary

Copies of the last meeting minutes were available; a motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Memberships have held steady over the past three years – as of September 30, 2019 there are 950 members, including 477 range members; Sept. 30, 2018: 998/487; Sept. 30, 2017: 963/478.

- Treasurer's Report – Mary Frank, Treasurer

A current profit and loss statement was made available, and Mary explained some of the numbers, such as the ski trip income of \$12K, most of which will be expended in 2020.

Mary suggested that we should add a line item/account into which Range funds would be added to prepare for future unanticipated or capital expenses. It was generally agreed that would be a Finance Committee decision. General discussion evolved about how range funds in the past were not segregated from the general CVOA funds, but with the accounts Mary has set up, they are separated by accounting methods.

- Range Report – Ray Stone, Range member

They put on a great Masons shoot yesterday, run by Dave Keith; next Sunday is the first Registered Official ATA shoot. They are looking forward to big

projects like a pistol range and safety projects. The range committee voted to raise the annual range fee from \$20 to \$30 per person, and increase agency fees by \$20 pp use.

Summer shoots have been very well attended. They have a new camera security system. First Aid kits have been placed in key locations. They have obtained an AED defibrillator, and will train range safety officers in its use.

Working with the mountain to offer shooting programs for their guests is not currently under discussion, but is still a possibility.

A motion was presented by Cindy: To support the Range Committee's decision to raise the annual Range fees from \$20 to \$30 for an individual or the first range member of a couple or family. The motion was seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously.

- Activities Report – Patti Johnston, Activities Coordinator

Patti mentioned the few activities we have had in the last two months; perhaps there will be a homecoming event on that Monday if one comes up.

The Annual Cookie Swap was mentioned, and Patti is receptive to other suggestions.

- Old business:

- \* 2020 Ski Trips:

Park City, UT: Cindy Foster - when planning for 2020 trips, it was anticipated that the Italy trip would be expensive, that it might be hard to fill the trip, so it wouldn't matter if the Park City trip overlapped with the Italy trip. We were wrong. The Park City trip has been cancelled.

Val Gardena, Italy: Mike Parker reports 46 spaces filled; 5 couples cancelled; waiting list has one couple on it and two individuals. People have been encouraged to take out travel insurance.

Jackson Hole, WY: Bonnie Farrar reports it is full with 36 people signed up; no waiting list

Quebec City: Peter Weston has put together a Quebec City trip package with Great Events & Escapes for February 10-14 with three days of skiing for about \$750. The package will be published in the October newsletter in a few days.

\*CVOA brochure: Deb Sanford has created a new CVOA brochure; it is very good looking, great content, and it will be printed and delivered in time for Homecoming

\* CVOA apparel: Val Hudspath and Bonnie aren't willing to let the CVOA apparel go, and Val hopes to have some sample apparel at the Homecoming booth. If interest is not sufficient, they will let it go, but have cloth embroidered emblems available.

\*Committee Reports:

By-laws: Mark Curtis and the others on the committee have exchanged emails about possible changes to the by-laws.

Finance: Mary Frank is hoping to set up a Finance Committee meeting in the near future.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Bonnie Farrar reports: "Celebrate CVOA's 20<sup>th</sup> in 2020" set for Saturday, January 18, 2020 in the King Pine Room; the committee will meet following this meeting to discuss meal choices and other items of interest; the committee includes Bonnie, Jeannette, Patti Johnston, Val Hudspath and Mark Curtis. The event is in lieu of the Annual Winter Dance.

- New Business:

\*Homecoming Booth: Mark Curtis worked at filling time slots at the booth.

\* CVOA international liability: Discussion about insurance and our liabilities came up, prompted by a member run Europe Nordic trip that CVOA declined to sponsor due to questions about our liability. Bonnie has been working with Jim Wilson (a member) on our insurance coverage, which ofr that trip was unclear. If something comes up in the future, we will address it then.

Regarding our Waiver – per Don Fowler – a waiver is just a piece of paper; a lot of thought went into it and it can be considered current. It does not need to state "international".

There was general discussion about our insurance and liability and the challenges our insurance agent is having with gaining us coverage.

\* Discussion of trip signup proposal (see back of agenda) – the proposed policy was presented for discussion; it was agreed that use of the postmark is fine; there was general agreement that trip registrants must be CVOA members 60 days prior to the date of registration in order to be given equal opportunity in a drawing if the number of registrants exceeds the number of positions available.

\* Ski Trip deposit money to be non-refundable – Cindy reported on the history of the CVOA ski trip deposits being refundable “under reasonable circumstances” during the past five years; now, however, the word is out and there were 18 refunds given already for this year’s trips – making a lot of work for the trip leaders and the treasurer. Cindy suggested that maybe the time has come to make the CVOA trip deposit non-refundable.

Motion: Beginning in 2020, ski trips paid to CVOA are non-refundable. The motion was discussed and passed, but due to additional wording about exceptions, it was tabled until the next meeting.

- Other Business

There was mention of Maine Huts needing money to continue. Al Sleight mentioned to possibility of CVOA making a donation to MH&T. Our charitable donations have been member driven; someone can bring our policy and application form to their attention; MH&T might be a good candidate for a charitable donation.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

#### PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR FILLING POSITIONS ON CVOA EVENTS (draft 07-20-2019)

- Event announcements may be made at any time. CVOA offers a variety of outings, trips, ski trips, and more for every season every year. Each announcement will provide application forms for CVOA members to use to apply for a position in the Event. A form(s) will be provided with instructions and will be available on the CVOA web site. All applications must be mailed. There will be a specific starting date when application forms will be accepted; applications received prior to that date will be returned. The Postmark date on the submitted envelope shall be the determining factor for order of receipt. All event applicants must be paid up members of CVOA (for at least 30 days? 60 days? XX days? Doesn’t matter?). If an event has openings available after one week from the application acceptance date, then any paid up member can apply.

- Some events will have a limited number of positions available. The following procedure will be used to assign positions for qualified applicants.
  - If on the starting date for accepting applications, there are fewer applications received than there are positions available, then all those applicants will be awarded positions for the Event.
  - The Event leader will monitor successive days for receipt of additional applications. On the first day that the number of new applications received exceeds the number of positions remaining for that Event, then the Event leader will conduct a drawing from all that day's applications for filling the remaining positions. Then, the remaining applications will be re-drawn and, in order, will be assigned to a waiting list. Any further applications received will be added to the waiting list by drawing as well.
  
- If on the starting date for accepting applications there are more applications received than there are positions available, then the Event leader will conduct a drawing from all that day's applications for filling the positions available. Remaining applications will be re-drawn and, in order, will be assigned to a waiting list. Any further applications received will be added to the waiting list by drawing as well.

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Questions to consider:

- \*Should priority be given to current members vs. new members who sign up after trip has been published.
- \*Should priority be given to members who have been on a trip in the past, if it is a high demand trip, vs. new members?
- \*Should ski trip deposits to CVOA be non-refundable?