

**Family Ski Meisters
Wappingers Elks Club
Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Kurt 7:36

Motion to accept November 12th minutes: Motion by John Zullo, Rich Milanese 2nd.

- Kristie announced the minutes from November 12ths FSM meeting are available on the FSM web site

Committee reports

Membership: Report, Frank

- Current Member numbers: Frank reports we are up by 7 members with 1 new family of four as of tonight. 69 families. Frank submitted a new membership list to attach to minutes for the evening. New members include : Komoroske(5), Mike McHugh, Rogowski(5), Wilkinson (2), Tancin(4). Cavanaugh and Ginda Harden have not renewed membership. Club members will contact them to see if there is still interest.

Report attached.

Sunshine: Report: Mary Coiteux

- Current news - Condolences to the Capuani family at the death of Brian's father. Also, we wish Sue Holtman a quick recovery after a recent surgery.

Web Master Report: Chris Jastrzembski

- Current news including new Web Masters – Brian and Jordan Capuani. Chris is handing over the web master job to Brian and Jordan Capuani.

Ski programs: Raul DeLeon, Planned trips report from Raul and others.

- December 2015
 - Stratton: Dec 11/12/13 with Terry. Mike Simco covering: There are 6 trails open at Stratton. The weather not wonderful but there will be hiking, snow shoeing, health club and lots of food for 22 members.
- January 2016:
 - Carrie Kimble(Kurt covered) is booking a trip to PICO weekend of January 8, 9, and 10. Cortina Inn near Pico. FSM will get Inn rates of \$139/night for 2 Queen beds on Friday and Saturday night. Lift tickets: \$74.00 is for a 2 day ticket. Killington is 124.00 for a two day ticket. Capital District has discounts for that weekend. Kurt has the link on the Capital. People MUST book their own rooms. 7 booked as of today 12/10/15 and there are 3 more rooms available. Signup page is on the FSM web site.
 - Gore is on for Jan 22-24. You can make reservations for Holiday Inn. We discussed room preference. Call Holiday Inn. Waivers need to be filled in on trip request. Guests can get forms on the website. If you invite someone please send them the link and have them fill it out. Raul reports 30 families going as of today 12/10/15.
 - Stratton after Gore: Jim Hyland coordinating a Stratton Trip the week of January 24 (after Gore) - Monday Tuesday or Wednesday. Because of winter break (schools) it is possible that we will work out people staying until FRIDAY. Jim reports price may be \$5 more than last year. He will have the package price and details posted on the website.
- February:
 - Superbowl Day on 2/7-Mark K to coordinate- Jiminy Peak Mark K. to send info to webmaster for the website. Mark K. in Germany. Kurt to send him email to get info to Chris.
 - Smugglers: Presidents weekend with Joe Giamatti. Contact Sue Holtman by email to secure a room. Rate will be normal rate from last year.
 - Jim -Utah Feb. 20-26. 39 attending. 1 spot left for a single male. 1 empty room available – Jim cannot guarantee the airline price. The rest of the trip will be the same. 2 options to get there 1. Sleep at JFK night before \$255 or 2. Take a bus from yacht club
- March:
 - Rich: Bus trip on Sunday March 6. As of 12/10 only 2 people signed up. Note to Kurt: Need to help push this trip out to the club. We need 40 for the trip. The actual price for a lift ticket is \$90+ and the total cost with the bus is only \$70/person since FSM is subsidizing the trip, it's a great deal. Rich must let bus company know by beginning of February if we want to get \$ back.

Kurt suggests 2nd meeting of January a cut-off date for trip. Need to pay by the January meeting. Note: Guest fee for trip is \$75/person.

- Belleayre is Saturday March 12th. We need Mike Simco to give a summary of this trip to post that information on the calendar and website! -info to go on website this week. Saturday ski trip. Party at Roberta's after skiing.
- Sunday River, March 20-25: 45 signed up. Room for 2 more. Final payment date no later than January 10 (total balance) \$445-\$100 already paid (adult), \$425-\$100 balance paid for Sr. and children
- TBD: Possible multiple ski club (CDSC) weekday trip to Platekill during winter. Kurt says Capital District rent \$2500 for weekend day and to invite lots of clubs to Platekill.
- Other Ski Trip discussion from Raul DeLeon and Mike Frieler:
 - Concerned with lack of interest from members not participating to run day trips
 - Reason day trip coordination as dropped off, since Potter Brothers and other offer discount tickets that are equivalent to group rates, the incentive to coordinate group trips has been greatly reduced.
 - Looking at CDSC site, here are some dates that don't conflict with other discounts and could be considered by FSM members to run a trip
 - 12/20, 1/30, 2/27, the club is looking for someone to run a trip on one of these dates.
 - Also, look at a day trip on President's Day weekend, Feb 13-14
 - We need a signup page for day trips (impromptu days) on the FSM web site
 - We need a calendar of all trips put on the calendar as early as possible for 2016-17, we can post all our regular annual trips earlier than we have been and publicize them.
 - Kurt suggested a template for people to coordinate/help plan a trip. Some people are intimidated and a template with simple guidance would help. Mike F, Raul and Kurt to help with this.
 - Lisa Capuani stated that the Arlington school calendar knocked off the annual Smuggs trips due to a shortened Presidents weekend
 - Jim Hyland commented that we have trips lined up, but the focus on day trips and the volunteers for them have dropped off.
 - Mike F. will look into an evening Catamount trip.
 - Other possible trips:
 - Weekday discount trips for FSM members
 - Put a page on website the impromptu trips for people to publicize
 - Put a summary of all discount days in an easy to see/read listing via calendar. Doug Quinn has done this in the past. Jim Hyland to ask Doug if he can do this again

Liaison Report: Ron Dombroski

- Raffle tickets are here
- Platekill (3 tickets), White Face, Stratton (2)
- Kurt suggests getting rid of tickets by beginning of February. Also two tickets needs to go to Mary Coiteux for her wining t-shirt design.

Social Report : Ray Hickson

- Ray reported 40 people in attendance at holiday party and a great time was had by all!
- March 11 – St. Pat's party at Daddy O's.
- Ron D. brought up a drop off in # for the Dance Depot. It was a good time for all.

Refreshments:

- Mark D' Angelo is the coordinator, but he will be absent for most of the meetings. We'll need someone to step in or discontinue the refreshments.
- Kurt asked for someone to coordinate this. Also, whoever does this job to call person the day before to remind them to bring refreshments to meeting.
- Jim and Mel and Carrie provided refreshments for the evening.

CDS meeting – Pete

Lots of discussion about council dates, Platekill, increasing fees, move meeting back to Albany (Troy was location).

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer-**Charlie Traver

- Expenditure: \$ 4,169.55
 - Income: \$ 4,462.85
 - Checking: \$ 6,514.03
 - Savings: \$ 5.00
 - Motion to accept report. Raul 1st, Jim H. 2nd
- **VP**-Terry Ciccaglione, Kurt for Terry and nothing to report
- **President** - Kurt Steubing
 - Officer openings for: VP, Treasurer and Recording Secretary
 - Lisa Capuani will think about doing membership for next year.
 - We need ballot settled by 2nd meeting of February.
 - T-shirt order: We have 43 and Kurt would like to put in order for 50 and have the club cover the balance until we see the remainder 9.
 - Kurt made a motion to order the 50 shirts. We have 43 orders now. We will have 7 extra. Motion was made to accept this order Paul Coiteux 1st, John Zullo 2nd. All were in favor.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Speaker for January, Ray to get Ski Patrol -Ray to ask his friend.
 - Ski coordinator policy, Kurt gave to Mike Freiler to look at CDSC policy and simplify for FSM
 - FSM Yoga: Joanne has dates: This Monday 12/14 7:30 \$10 at Affinity Yoga, Hopewell Junction. Second one will be on January 4th, same time, same place.
- **New Business:**
 - New business under membership: – Kurt brought up an issue about a current member having an adult child being considered a member and whether or not the adult child should pay as a guest or pay for a new family membership. After a discussion, a motion was made to vote by Paul Coiteux and 2nd by Gregg Clark that those in attendance agree that neither the \$25 guest fee or new membership fee for adult children should be charged and that the membership and guest liability forms should be filled out and signed by every adult member. A quorum was present and voted to approve this motion. Kurt will create an edit to the By-Laws to present at the January meeting for a vote of approval will take place at the next meeting.
 - Raul suggested doing advertising on a Radio show, newspapers etc. He'll look into having Kurt talk on a radio show and posting an ad in the Poughkeepsie journal.
 - Mike Simco brought ski machine to demonstrate. A few tried it out for fun.
 - Kurt to ask D'Angelo's about new Ski Meister arm bands. We only have 20 left.
- **Final Remarks:** None
- Raffle:** Gore – Lisa Capuani, Mohawk – Ray Hickson
- **Adjournment:** 8:50, Motion was made by Charlie Traver, Serge 1st, Frank Annis 2nd