

Mount Snow Ski Club

Annual Membership Meeting

March 27th, 2011

Today's meeting was called to order by MSSC President Paul Miles. There were approximately 100 members in attendance.

Paul Miles, MSSC president opened meeting by saying that MSSC was a place to come for enjoyment. Today's agenda includes: the By-Laws deadlines, no dues increase, volunteering to the club and the end of our 2013 lease agreement with the mountain.

By-Laws Deadlines: Due to missed deadlines presenting the Membership with the 2011/2012 Proposed Budget and Nominations Slate, Paul asked the membership to waive Ski Club By-Laws 307, 401, and 402 so that we can continue with today's agenda, minus a vote on the budget and slate. In order to give members the requisite 30 days as stated in our By-Laws, the vote will take place through an online survey website beginning April 30th. Members voted unanimously for this to happen.

Proposal for Membership Dues Increase Withdrawn: During yesterday afternoon's board meeting, during which the budget was reviewed and revised from the draft the membership received, Paul told the group that the board had decided to rescind their proposal to increase Membership Dues for the upcoming year. Membership Dues will remain the same as the 2010/2011 season.

Member Involvement: In order for the Ski Club to be successful and thrive, it is critical that members get involved, and we need more members to step up to the plate. We need the input and time of our members to build a strong club community. We understand that your time is limited and valuable, but your positive input is essential.

Use of Facility: This season saw an unprecedented level of disrespect and mistreatment of the Ski Club building and facilities, and this needs to change. It is important that everyone chip in to take care of the building – appropriate behavior, cleaning up after ourselves, and thinking about our fellow members experience will contribute to a good experience for ALL members.

Update on MSSC's Future: While our lease on the land on which the Ski Club sits expires in June of 2013, it looks like we will be optioning for a lease extension and will remain in this spot for an unknown, but extended, period of time. Lease negotiations have not taken place yet, but we expect talks to begin in the near future.

REPORTS:

VP Alpine – Steven Wolff: Very successful season. 4's and 5's enrollment is up. 3's, 4's and 5's races were on South Bowl this year. Today is the Brad Height Memorial Race, which had to change location and format due to new USSA rules. This year's format is a kombi race. It combines GS, Slalom, and Stubbies. This year, in particular, has seen an increasing working relationship between Mount Snow Academy coaches and Weekend Comp Coaches. Coaches from both camps have found this to be mutually beneficial, and helpful for the development of all the competitive alpine skiers. Mount Snow is looking forward to hosting more races next year, and appears to show an increased commitment to the Competitions Programs.

VP Freestyle – Stacey Incorvaia: Very successful season. Another great Chili Cookoff, with excellent attendance. Scott Lafferty, Head FS Coach, did a fantastic job by creating a seasonal program of progression through training. He helped both the development and competition program. 15% growth. Goal: 150 athletes in program. A's: Competed in 25 events – We had 4 athletes in the top 50 in the country. B's: Competed in 13 events. Mt. Snow won team award at Championship. Incredible season, results-wise.

VP Snowboard – Mia Edwards: Not able to attend meeting. Will be sending out a season review.

Finance – Joel Kimball: Talked about budget presented to the membership. There was discussion about several line items from members. Budget will be voted on by members in 30 days through an online survey website.

House – Jon Chase: We need membership to help keep MSSC clean. Everyone should do their part to help with this. This summer we will complete two improvements: the roof will be power-washed and re-sealed, and the south entrance walkway to the building will be fixed with either new stone or asphalt. Additional routine maintenance this summer includes cleaning carpets, bathrooms, and sealing the downstairs floors.

Rules – Harry Byron: Harry was unable to attend, but did send his apologies for missing deadlines in regards to posting the Nominations Slate and proposed budget. Harry will be on the committee to help update our By-Laws. This will take place over the summer.

Social – Sue Byron: Sue was unable to attend. Once again, the Holiday Party was a wonderful event, and this season each discipline did an excellent job with social events. We are looking forward to more great events next season.

Ways and Means: This was a vacant position. Michael Allen has volunteered to fill this position for the coming season.

Mount Snow Academy - Lynne Sullivan: Lynne, MSA Director said program runs from November to April. The students bring their work from their high school and teachers on a one to one basis teach the students their curriculum. Teaching staff is excellent. Some of their accomplishments include: Kelly Clark (MSA Alumni – won her 9th National Competition in a row. Devon Logan – Yesterday won the National title in the ½ Pike at Stratton Mountain. 15 out of 20 snowboarders are going to Nationals. 5 III's are going to All State. 5 IV's are going to All State. Terrific season was had by all. Lynne mentioned that if a member has any concerns regarding MSA, her students, teaching staff, or program in general, her door is always open and she will be happy to speak with them in further detail.

Training Center – Mike Murphy: Mike was unable to attend.

Paul Miles - Opened up the floor for questions and concerns.

Many different members brought up concerns and issues about MSSC. These members included: Nancy and Arthur Sobel, Harvey Schneider, Suzie Canning, Niece Massoni, Marty Glenn, Nancy Morgan, Ann Koletsky, Shelley Fischel, Jill Hilgert, Jerry Reisman and Brian Wyckoff.

The issues expressed included:

1. Concern about the alpine program. It would appear the Alpine Program has declined steadily over the years – both in numbers and results. Why is this happening and what is the mountain doing, if anything, to improve the program?
2. Concerns about MSA's use of the facility and the Ski Club's level of support (\$10,000) – some members feel MSA has overrun our club, subsequently making some members feel unwelcome. It was suggested that MSA should be self supportive and not rely on Ski Club Members for support. Another member stated that most other

ski/snowboard academies do not receive support from their mountain's Ski Club – for example, Burke Mountain Academy is entirely self sufficient.

3. Concerns about the Competitor Memberships. We currently have 57 Comp Members who pay a \$60 membership fee. Some members feel this fee should be more, and families of Comp Members should be more involved in the Ski Club. Members would like to have a better understanding of the demographics and financial issues around the Competition Memberships.
4. There was talk about changing the MSSC Annual Membership Meeting date to earlier in the season when more members are around.
5. It was suggested that not all families are financially able to support their children who want to pursue skiing or snowboarding. It is in these situations the Ski Club can provide the support necessary to allow these athletes to experience the wonderful sport of skiing or riding. This idea was supported by the general membership. They can develop a passion for the sport that they can pass on to their own children when they get older.
6. If MSSC is going to continue to provide financial support to MSA, the weekend program should have the opportunity to work more closely with the academy coaches; MSSC support could be used to offset these costs. That being said, MSA coaches have been increasingly generous with their time and instruction with the weekend comp kids.
7. Some members were surprised (happily) to hear that the rule stating members cannot bring guests into the lunch room during peak lunch hours had been rescinded (last year). This rule was restricting many members from using the lunch room and hopefully more members can once again enjoy this space. Obviously, the Ski Club Board needs to do a better job sharing these changes with the membership, so that important information is not lost.
8. There needs to be more clearly defined rules for academy kids during the week.
9. While there was a lot of discussion and frustration regarding MSA's use of the building, it was pointed out that part of the reason the addition was added to the ski club (the lunch room) was to make more room for the academy – the addition may not have happened if it wasn't for them needing more space.

Competition Memberships: The MSSC Board will look into these memberships and make a recommendation for this category. They will gather the necessary information needed to make a educated decision.

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Nomination Slate: The members will have 30 days to nominate someone for a MSSC Board position. The person nominating someone must come with 25 signatures and get it to the recording secretary at:

info@mounsnowskiclub.org.

Budget and Nomination Slate: All members will have 30 days to vote on the Nomination Slate and budget through an online survey website beginning April 30th. Members will have one week to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Meeting will be followed by our end of the season annual cookout on the deck.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patsy Kamercia, MSSC Secretary

