

EPSC Spring Dinner Meeting
June 4, 2008
Best Western Inn at Towamencin
Hosted by: Upper Bucks Ski Club

The Spring General Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council was held on June 4, 2008 at the Best Western Inn at Towamencin. Upper Bucks Ski Club hosted the meeting. President, Jeff Geesaman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sponsors and Mountains:

JP Tours – Joann Pieretti –

Songer Whitewater, WV – Austin Barga – 6 ½ hours to get here from WV – come see them for a summer alternative

Sun Valley, Idaho – Not Represented – Bryce Swanker – UBSC running a trip Feb 21 – 26th

Nestors Ski Shop – Peter Nestor (not represented)

Blue Mountain Ski Area – Tom Gibbons – Enjoyed 30 years due to club participations. Dream weaver is being added as a blue run.

Vail Resorts (Heavenly) – Jill Canning

Killington/Pico – PJ McSparran – Host of the 2009 Winter Carnival – lodging is still available.

High speed detachable quad is being added.

Stowe – New hotel opens this year

Elk – Appreciative of the support of the council – not aware of upcoming changes.

Club Announcements – 50th anniversary of Scranton – Nov 1st – party. Dutchmen – celebrating 40 years.

EPSC Officer Reports

Vice President - Ken Foster called on the Officers for Reports.

Treasurer Report: Judy Armstrong – Still some unidentified deposits – 3 clubs that have not paid dues, Outer Circle, York, Ski Club of Delaware Valley. York states they have a cancelled check for their membership. Frank Dulin made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report, Beverly Chisnock seconded the motion,

Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Domenick – time to update the council directory. You can now update the directory on the EPSC website.

Recording Secretary – Lynn Geesaman – Meeting minutes from the Winter Meeting on the table. Jeff Geesaman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Lydia Hill .

President - Bob Smith – The Council Cup continued this year as a result of Todd Loeper and his helpers stepping in to run the event. The Winter Carnival at Breckenridge had a record setting 461 members. For 2009, EPSC will take its Carnival to Killington from Jan 28th – Feb 1st.

Committee Reports

Advertising – Lydia Hill – Spring Snowdrifts are on the table. Allotted 25 per club, since most clubs do not have summer meetings. Page 11 – Recruiting Snowdrifts staff. The graphics person can not help

as previously expected. Distribution person needed. For Fall promotional ads – will send out info to the clubs on that. Details are on Page 5 of Snowdrifts Specs given out at the May show. Looking for an advertising chairperson. Lydia will assist the first year. See Lydia if you are willing to take this position.

National Ski Federation – Lydia Hill – Meeting in August. A report will be given in Fall. Stickers will be available for the clubs. Digital files will be available. Last year Sugarbush asked for club cards The clubs should be sure to inform members to take their cards with them to the mountains and make sure the stickers are attached. Lydia was able to purchase goggles at Christys, while skiing out West, and obtained a discount so the card does work.

Learn to Ski Program – Bryce Swanker – The program at Spring Mt went well – 40 to 50 people At least 3 level 3 instructors there.

Auction – Vicki Meintus – Basket contest will continue this year. Nancy Burkey – Brandywine Ski Association will be chairing the 2008 Auction. Please get the information regarding the auction to the club newsletter editors. Three different basket categories. Aug 5th - President's Picnic. Ski trip leaders will also be invited. Tickets for the auction will be available at the President's Picnic.

Race Clinic – Frank Cressman - There should have been an article in Snowdrifts with information on the program. It began Jan 28th – 3 weeks late this year and went until Feb 16. There weren't any gates on Feb 11, due to only 8 skiers participating.. It was a 1 on 1 ratio for many of the nights. Will start in Jan as early as possible. \$5 per night for gate training.

Discount Tickets - Ken Foster – \$67,210 in sales with refunds of \$13,355 and council credits of \$4,233.50. There are too many tickets being returned. Ken would like to see people contact him on a Sunday night for use on Tuesday, as an example, rather than so many people ordering tickets and then returning them.. He has to return them to NJ Ski Council – can only return 10 – 15% of original order. These are the tickets council provides a credit for. NJ Council has been very generous.. Depending on the mountain, Ken can have tickets to you the next morning. Put returns on the same form as your original order and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Question raised on putting this information on the website. Sugarbush started asking for the membership card and ID when using the discount tickets.

Nordic – Pete Benson – Cross country skiing requires lots of good snow. Ski resorts can make snow. – stimulate interest among your clubs.

Publications - Looking for someone for position.

Council Carnival - Bob Smith – Over 400 participants at Breckenridge.

Fundraising - Ellen McCloskey – Still have luggage tags left. \$2.50 1 – 15 tags. Over 16, \$2.00 per tag.

Historian/Membership – Irene Block – 24 clubs present, 92 people, 6 guest organizations.

Monday Night Racing – Frank Cressman –

Parliamentarian - Betsey Galli - No report

Safety – Judy Armstrong - Pete Benson – can be involved with the ski patrol at Spring Mt. The Mt where you will be patrolling will teach you their method.

Web Master - Frank Dulin – Complete ski/snow report was put on this morning. Can get ski and weather reports anywhere in the world. Snowdrifts is posted on the website. Tell members to read on-line. Can update officer information on the website – User ID epsc – password is club. If use upper case on User ID, use the same on the password. Must also use these passwords to post your club trips. It is not too early to post your ski club trips. It allows other people to know what you are doing as well as new members. Kathy will be using that information, as well as the e-mailed version of the listing. A final copy will be sent out for proof reading.

President – Bob Smith Lengthy article in Snowdrifts – August 5th President's Picnic at Buckman's Headquarters – outside of Limerick, off of Route 422. One topic will be the airline industry. American Airlines will be charging \$15 per piece of luggage – cutting back on the number of flights available. How to handle folks who want to use their frequent flyer miles? Maddi Dondore will be sending info out on the picnic. Winterfest auction tickets will be at the Picnic for pick up. Article in snowdrifts on page 2 if you want to get a hold of Maddi.

MDS – one of the highest attendance rates. We did see many lodging options this time. Winter Carnivals: 2009 Killington, 2010 – Heavenly, 2011 – looking at New England 2012 – looking at options in the West. Asked for a show of hands on interest in Europe. Council Cup was held at Blue Mt. as usual. The Sr. Alpine director stepped down. Todd Loeper, from Flying Dutchmen took over the event and did an excellent job. I want to thank Buckman's and Pinnacle Sports for supplying the bibs this year. Dave DeCampli made an appearance as the emcee. Dave Weigle did some photography during the event. Pictures could be purchased. We had enough people for a snowboard competition. Wissahickon Ski Club took the snowboard award this year. If we see continued interest in this, we will put together a trophy for this event.

Awards - Betsey Galli presented awards – Masters - Flying Dutchmen A team; Council Cup – Main Line A-Team, Council B Cup – For the “luck of the draw”, the 6th place team won – Mack Ski Club. . This race started in 1991 – complaint on “the same clubs” winning the trophies. Looking for a Sr. Alpine Director – Pam DeCampli volunteered to be the Sr. Alpine Director for next year. When Pam has the event finalized, the dates should be on the website. Usually it is held the last weekend in Feb.

Breckenridge 2008 Carnival was the 3rd week in Jan – numbers jumped by 100 people over Telluride. Breckenridge was able to put 465 people through buffet line in 25 minutes. Good pirate contest after the dinner. See on page 8 of Snowdrifts to see the winners. Check out the pictures in color on the EPSC website. The race is kept fun and challenging. 16 years ago, had the first carnival at Mt. Snow. We had a race at that time – one course. Breckenridge – had a bit of shuttle trouble. There were 25 race teams, 24 teams finished with times. 150 total racers. 144 of 150 received Nastar medals. March – trip leader FAM trip to Killington. It was very successful. Inn of Six Mountains sold out during the FAM. Still lodging available, including the Killington Grand. Jan 28 – Feb 1, 2009. If not going with own clubs, a flyer has been prepared for the melting pot group. Northstar will be the location and is on the shuttle route. Tentative itinerary - gate training and race – Upper Bunny Buster is the location. Hop on the poma lift to get back to the course. 2010 – Heavenly – Jan 23 – 30, - south shore Lake Tahoe. You can ski CA and NV at one ski area. Connector trail - very picturesque. Options – go to Squall - Tahoe Queen on the way back. Constant dancing – nice slow boat ride from north to south shore. Motorcoach to Kirkwood \$8.00 round trip. Small but fun ski area. California does a good job on keeping the roads open. Quite a few clubs are interested – 8 clubs expressed interest.

Tom Gibbons, Blue Mountain asked are you losing members? What are you doing to increase these numbers? Brandywine – had an open house to the public. Lancaster – opened up day trips to non-members at \$5.00 per person additional cost. Handed out flyers. King of Prussia – provides club bucks if new member is brought in (\$5.00) Looking for family friendly events. Merck Ski Association –

recruiting session – had over 100 attendees, 80 signed up. Save the dates, reminders went out to Merck employees. Partnered with three other clubs for the Meet the Mountain event. Added a family friendly event; added social activities. Tom suggested ski clubs form a committee to brain storm on increasing membership. Where do young guys like to go? Where the girls are. Wissahickon – recruited young people from a ski shop to attend.

Senior Alpine - Todd Loeper – not present

Old Business – Fall Dinner Meeting – will be hosted by Susquehanna and York Ski Clubs. Winter – Blazers may possibly host a dinner meeting. Scranton may host the Spring Meeting.

New Business – Frank Cressman – list of nominees sent out 45 days ago. (Bob Smith, President, Ken Foster, VP; Wally Sliwinski, Treasurer, Kathy Domenick, Corresponding Secretary; Lynn Geesaman, Recording Secretary) No other nominations were received. All in favor, say aye – no oppositions. We do need a VP in training who is willing to take over President. Dan Aronson, Mary Ellen Tirolla, Jay Minich were also part of the nominating committee. A lot of mountains have nastar. Diane Mazurek came back as the overall Womens Champion. Joyce Molinaro has information on the possible golf outing.

Joyce Molinaro – looking for 120 people to be successful with a shotgun start for a golf event in October. Joyce is willing to chair the event. A show of hands indicated about 10 attendees with interest. Pass the information on to your club members and e-mail Bob with any interest your club may have in the event.

Mary Ellen Doyle – two FAMS – Tirola Ski Club – Italy FAM trip – just have to get yourself to Italy.

Irene – 24 clubs are eligible to vote – only one person per club.

President's Cup Awards:

Todd Loeper for Council Cup,

Vicky Mietus for the Winterfest Event.

Maddi Dondore - President's Picnic, search for Council Cup Event

Fritz Koenig Award – contributed the most to EPSC – several positions for many years – Safety, Ski Patrol, Treasurer – Judy Armstrong.

Club of the Year – volunteers who helped make the year successful. – 2nd year in a row for the council cup success – The Flying Dutchmen.

Ken Gable made motion to adjourn, Frank Cressman seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Geesaman