

EPSC Winter Dinner Meeting
February 12, 2009
Best Western Inn at Towamencin
Hosted by: Bucks County Ski Club

The Winter General Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council was held on February 12, 2009 at the Best Western Inn at Towamencin. Bucks County Ski Club hosted the meeting. Ken Foster called the meeting to order. President of Bucks County Ski Club, Karen Iochum, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. – thank you to fellow members and sponsors.

Sponsors and Mountains:

Elk Mountain Ski Resort, Inc – Robert DeLuca – A good 6 weeks of skiing left.

Buckman's Ski & Snowboard Shops – John Lotz – Free rentals for the first two weeks of March. Pick up Monday – keep until Thursday. March clearance sale.- buy one, second for \$1.00 Feb 21st – pro rider at Big Boulder.

Bill Cooper (William Cooper, Esquire) – Hope you enjoy the meeting.

Blue Mountain – Tom Gibbons –Having a very good season. He is giving out a few free lift tickets.

President - Bob Smith – Thank you to Bucks County for hosting the meeting. They had very little time to prepare.

EPSC Officer Reports

Treasurer Report - Wally Sliwinski – Presented the Treasurer report. All but 6 of the 37 clubs have paid their dues. Black Diamond, Lancaster, Del Valley, North Penn, Fall Line, Jersey Skitters. These dues must be paid by the end of February before paying the \$25 fee to rejoin the council.

Lancaster Ski Club rebuttal – Correspondence issue – it was sent to an incorrect address. Their address did not change.

Pete Ryan made a motion to accept Treasurer Report, Pete Benson seconded the motion.

Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Domenick – Address changes should be made on the on-line directory and also send the change to Kathy April 1st will be the next Board Meeting

Recording Secretary – Lynn Geesaman –Minutes from the Fall Dinner Meeting were presented. Maddi Dondore made a motion to accept; Kathy Domenick seconded the motion.

President - Bob Smith – Anne Walker, Frank Cressman, and Dan Aaronson will be on the Nominating Committee. Hopefully, Jeff Geesaman will serve as the fourth committee member. The Council will be looking for a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. Meeting Coordinator will be a new position. Mission will be to schedule dates up-front for the three Dinner Meetings, obtain sponsors, and spread the wealth to avoid asking the same sponsors for funds, oversee finances, set menus, seek a host club. The Audit Committee did go through the records from Judy and will be reviewing older records from Jane Goforth. Please look at the logo on your meeting agenda. The logo was used in the Snow East ad – shows the area we cover. It was designed by JoAnne Landis

for our use in the Snow East Magazine. At a quick glance, you can see our territory such as sections of New Jersey being part of our area.

Vice President – Ken Foster – Continued assisting with the flow of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Advertising – Lydia Hill – Last year's ads are coming in. If we have an editor, we will have ads for the Spring Snow Drifts.

National Ski Federation – Lydia Hill – Nothing to report.

Publications – Last of the Snowdrifts was delivered to Buckman's. If someone doesn't step up for the position, it will be an on-line publication.

ASIA Learn to Ski Program – Pete Ryan – JoAnne Landis provided the following statistics:

January 5, 2009 – 74 students (representing 9 clubs), 25 instructors/volunteers

January 12, 2009 – 83 students (representing 9 clubs), 24 instructors

January 19, 2009 (Martin Luther King Holiday – 66 students (representing 7 clubs), 15 instructors

January 26, 2009 – 60 students (representing 7 clubs), 22 instructors

February 2, 2009 – 46 students (representing 9 clubs), 21 instructors

February 9, 2009 – 48 students (representing 9 clubs), 22 instructors

Students varied each week from the following clubs: Boeing, Bucks, Brandywine, Huntington Valley, King of Prussia, Main Line, Merck, North Penn, Philadelphia, Tiroler, and Ptarmigan. 120 students registered – 104 skiers, 16 snowboarders, 26 of that number were “never evers”.

26 different volunteer instructors, 22 of which ski, 4 snowboard represented by the following clubs: Boeing 1, Bucks 1, Brandywine 1, King of Prussia 4, Merck 6, North Penn 7, Upper Bucks 2 (others were ASIA or Bear Creek volunteers)

Winterfest – Nanci Burkey – Very successful this year - 199 in attendance. Brought in over \$10,000. Offered credit cards for the first time. .

Fundraising – Nanci Burkey – Joyce Molinaro reported a council golf outing is being planned for May at the Jefferson Golf Course. Club Representatives will be receiving an e-mail soon. If your club has 8 members to form a team, talk it up. Joyce would like to give funds to the Jane Goforth Foundation as a charity.

Council Carnival - Bob Smith – Carnival was nice – temperatures fluctuated between comfortable and very cold. Lancaster came in first, Flying Dutch A team, second; 3rd – Lancaster B team. Sue McMullen was the fastest woman. Joe Hershey from Lancaster fastest man. 2010 Carnival to be held at Heavenly Jan 23 – 30th. Working with JP Tours. There are 10 clubs scheduled to go Heavenly. 8 of the trip leaders are going on the FAM. They will be going to Kirkwood on the second day of FAM; Motorcoach to Squaw. Squaw is like skiing Europe. Bob and Dave are looking for thoughts and ideas for next year.

Women's Day Program - Alice Swann – Dot James, Alice, and Bernie have been the instructors for the last 10 years. Six week program. People have been coming back from year to year. Friendships have been formed falling over into the summer season. Cindy Bruno, ski patroller from Spring Mtn, was the speaker at the luncheon this year.

Historian/Membership - Irene Block – Final count was not available during the meeting. The sign-in sheets were still circulating. (Projected: 68 attendees) No new clubs to report.

Lift Ticket Program – Ken Foster – It has been a difficult year. The order form on the website was from last year, but despite a few glitches during the start to the year over \$50,000 in lift tickets were sold. Membership for the clubs should have increased – Ken referred many to the various clubs when he was approached by people wanting to purchase discount tickets. Coupons for Bolton Valley - \$29 lift ticket any day. Please enlighten your members on how the ticket program works. He will send express mail if you are willing to pay the extra postage or you can stop at Ken's home for pick up.

Monday Night Racing – Frank Cressaman – Started Jan 19th (3 weeks late) Last session is this coming Monday – cost \$5.00 – all the gates you can run in 2 ½ hours.

Nordic – Pete Benson – New Hope Nordics is having a meeting tonight. They will welcome you to their group if you are interested in cross-country skiing.

Parliamentarian - Betsey Galli - No report.

Safety - Pete Benson – If you know of anyone to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, please forward information to Pete. Due to Homeland Security issues, "first responders" is being implemented. Ski Patrol members have been asked to be "first responders".

Senior Alpine – Pam DeCampli – Council Cup Race will be held the last Sunday in Feb – Feb 22nd. 10:00 race time Registration time: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. The cost also includes lunch and party. Response for racers this year. 120 – 150. Thank you to Buckman's, Elk, Blue, Pinnacle for their support for the event.

WebMaster – Frank Dulin – Any questions – If the page loads slow, it must be your service. Delete your temporary files to increase your speed.

Old Business – Spring Meeting will be held May 14th at the Best Western hosted by Buck Ridge. Breckenridge vests and luggage tags are available for sale.

New Business – Please see Bob if you are willing to host the Fall Dinner Meeting.

Please support the ski areas and ski shops in our area. End of season sales are beginning now.

Maddi Dondore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pam DeCampli seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Geesaman
Recording Secretary.