



Draft Minutes of the Fall 2016 Meeting

- Date:** September 25, 2016
- Location:** Allegany Lodge, Snowshoe, WVA
- Host Club:** Richmond –Marshall Walsh
- Attendees:** The [attendance list](#) is available on this link.

Call to Order

Bill Schrodel, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Bill welcomed the 30 club delegates, representing 14 clubs, three tour operators: Mike & Sheri Agnew, Sports America; Effie Rubinstein, Sportours; and Joe Ferrara, Banchi Outdoor Adventures.

Eastern Ski trip: Bill asked Joe Ferrara to describe plans for the March 5- 10 2017 Sugarloaf ME trip packages. Baltimore and Columbia Ski Clubs are anchoring the trip but all member clubs participants are welcome. Space is available with the bus transportation or for individuals that want the onsite land package only. One day skiing and riding planned for Sunday River and three days at Sugarloaf ME. A one day ski and ride clinic, Brewhouse welcome, Wednesday race and Apresski event as well as a farewell party are included. Go to www.banchi.com for more information or use the Baltimore or Columbia Ski club web sites

2018 Eastern trip planned for Stowe Vt. March 4-9, 2018.

Executive Committee Reports

- **Secretary's Report:** Frank Penaranda moved and Jane Pawlowski seconded to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2016 Spring Meeting as e-mailed to the council members with some minor corrections. *The motion passed*
- **Webmaster Report:** Frank Peñaranda Web master, e-mailed a [Trip Sanction Report](#) with this year's up to date totals for the last period. The report is available on this link. Of note, the total sanctioned trips are up by 5 to 58 as compared with last year. Please add to trip fliers "BRSC sanctioned trip" and provide a link to the sanctioned trip on your individual website to assist members of council clubs in accessing information about these trips.
- **Snowshoe Mt representative:** Ken Gaitors, Mt manager, welcomed the group. He was both informative and humorous. He provided insight capacities of their snowmaking and lift operations as well as efficiencies in the science of

snowmaking. Select stats: 100 % snowmaking on all 57 trails, 256 acres, 14 lifts, 5 terrain parks.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Peter Porton presented a report prepared by treasurer Steve Peirce, and distributed to those present for the period May 2016 – September 2016. Sonny Short moved and Marshall Walsh seconded to accept the report.

The motion passed

Reminder dues structure (15 cents per member - \$5 minimum and \$35 maximum per club), club dues are annual to be paid by the spring BRSC council meeting.

- **Race report:** Dave Olsen reviewed the proposed [Race Rules](#) and [Race Plans](#) for Breckenridge previously e-mailed to the club representatives. Frank Peñaranda moved and Yasmin Beg seconded to adopt the proposed race rules. *The motion passed.*

Old Business

- **2017 Western Carnival Update (Breckenridge CO):** Marshall Walsh (Richmond) indicated that 275 seats from 8+ clubs have been reserved for the event. A total of 312 seats (with 37 remaining) are in the available inventory. Mike Agnew of Sports America Tours (agnew@sportsamerica.com or 561-818-3206) will have a team at Breckenridge to assist. Trip highlights (there are many) were described by Marshall Walsh and Mike Agnew.

New Business

- **2018 Bids for Whistler Western Carnival** – Nobel McClellan with assistance from Marshall Walsh (Richmond Ski Club) coordinated. Bids were solicited from Sportours, Group Trips Unlimited, Sports America Tours, and Winter Ski and Sport. Only Sportours and Sports America bid. Marshall presented a summary to the delegates. Both vendors were given 20 minutes to highlight their bids and answer questions.
- **2018 Eurofest – Trois Vallees , France:** Mike DiProspero (Columbia Ski Club) coordinated. Bids were solicited from Group Trips Unlimited, Holidayze, Alpine Adventures and Encompass. Only Holidayze and Alpine Adventures submitted bids. Mike presented a summary to the delegates. Sean McErlean of Holidayze presented both a plan for Trois Vallees France and Engelberg Switzerland as a wildcard bid. No representative from Alpine Adventure was present.
- **Lunch Recess:** The group took a lunch break at approx. 12:30 p.m. Bill Schrodel reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

2018 Ski Trip & Vendor Selection:

2018 Western Carnival – Whistler, Canada: Sports America Tours was selected as the vendor.

2018 Eurofest – Trois Vallees , France: Holidayze was selected as the vendor.

New Topics from the floor

- **Dave Olsen moved and Peter Porton seconded the following motion:** That the Council formalize the establishment of a temporary Trip Coordination Committee in conjunction with each competitively selected Council –sponsored trip. Each committee shall be chaired by the appointed Trip Coordinator, with additional volunteer members. Duties shall include developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) to be sent to each designated Tour Operator, reviewing the proposals received, and developing an informative summary comparing the proposals. The proposals and summaries shall be distributed to the club representatives at least three days before the Selection meeting.

Some concerns about insufficient time available to consider various aspects of the motion were stated, so Marshall Walsh moved and Frank Peñaranda seconded, to Table the motion until the spring meeting. Sonny Short (BRSC Parliamentarian) pronounced that no discussion was permitted to table a motion. Bill Schrodel called for a vote by raised hands of the delegates present. 19 voted to table the motion with 8 votes opposed. The Motion was tabled till the spring meeting.

- **Spring Elections:** Frank Peñaranda will again chair the Nominating & Elections Committee. Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer offices are up for election at the Spring 2017 meeting. Peter Porton indicates that he will run for Vice President. Jim Ferrant will not run for secretary.
- **Brainstorming Ideas.** Bill Schrodel will summarize the thoughts from the Saturday evening brainstorming session.
- **Spring 2017 Meeting:** NGA (April Pawlowski) agreed to host the spring 2017 meeting on May 6, at Maggiano's, in Tysons Corner, VA.
- **Adjournment:** Yasim Beg moved and Christine Hunt seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Ferrant
Secretary
September 25, 2016