



Minutes of the Fall 2019 Meeting

- Date:** October 5, 2019
- Location:** Ski Liberty Resort, Fairfield, PA
- Host Club:** Pentagon - Steve Peirce
- Attendees:** The attendance list is available on [this link](#).

Call to Order

Steve Pierce, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Steve introduced Steve Martin of Ski Liberty and welcomed the 46 delegates, representing the 17 clubs and six tour operators: Doug Horstman, Encompasse Tours; Sean McErlean, Holidayz; Sportours, Effie Rubinstein; Winter Ski and Sport, Mike and Sheri Agnew and Dan Ellis. Steve Martin gave a short presentation highlighting the upgrades in infrastructure and snow making capabilities of the three local resorts, Round Top, Liberty and Whitetail. He also explained that although they are presently functioning as a PEAK resort, PEAK is dissolved and they are transitioning from the operations of PEAK resorts to VAIL resorts. Mr. Martin recommended buying tickets on-line as that will always be your best rate. He may be contacted by email at s.martin@skiliberty.com

Executive Committee Reports

- **Secretary's Report:** Valerie Chafee moved and Molly Hochman seconded to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2019 Spring meeting as e-mailed to the council. The motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Yasmin Beg distributed the treasurer's report and noted that the funds are in good standing. Three clubs, St. Mary's, Southern Maryland and North Mountain have disbanded. There are presently 23 clubs in the council and membership dues are paid up. A few clubs owe for sanctioned trips. She noted expenses as the website, the spring meeting 2019, the National Ski Council and the deposit for the 2020 spring meeting. She also noted liabilities as the expense of the fall meeting, and funds needed to hire a CPA and to reincorporate at the state and federal level. Dave Karczmarek moved and Molly Hochman seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.
- **Website Report:** Frank Peñaranda on travel. [Trip Sanction Report](#).

Old Business

- **Pre-Trip Airport Lodging and Parking** - Dan Ellis, now retired from active ski planning, is expanding an overnight stay and park program he has arranged for several clubs in the past. The program is now extended to the entire council, with lodging being offered every Friday night in January, February and March with 8 days of parking included for \$89 at all airports, IAD, DCA and BWI. He asked for the clubs to send him their schedules. He will increase and decrease the room blocks with expected numbers. Reservations generally need be made about

three weeks prior to the trip. Inquiries concerning dates other than Saturday departures will need to be discussed with Dan and may be available for a probable higher cost. He will look into the Japan trip and work with Kenneth Eng. Links for the reservations will be sent to the clubs.

- **2020 Western Carnival Update (Snowmass):** Valerie Chafee (Richmond Ski Club) and Doug Horstman (Encompasse). Valerie Chafee reported on a successful familiarization trip to Snowmass. There are approximately 315 participants from the following eight clubs; Baltimore, Columbia, Crabtowne, Fredericksburg, Pentagon, Potomac Valley Skiers, Richmond and SCWDC. Valerie met with the Viceroy Conference Center representative. They plan to have cheese and vegetable trays out at the welcome party with more food being passed by wait staff to ensure everyone gets some food. Ski rental information will be sent out in the future. Doug Horstman reported that all clubs are flying through Denver and he will be in Denver to meet clubs when they arrive. There are seven buses with manifests and some clubs will be sharing buses. Doug stipulated that participants must use their own club's bus and any special requests must go through him.
- **2020 Asiafest (Japan):** Kenneth Eng (SCWDC) and Sean McErlean (Holidaze). Ken was pleased to report seven clubs (103 participants) are signed up and have contracts with our tour operator Holidaze Ski Tours. The seven clubs are Baltimore, Columbia, Harford, Peninsula, Pentagon, Richmond and SCWDC. Columbia has the most participants with 23. There are a few openings left but lodging is limited to 120. Ken rallied support at a meeting in Fredericksburg and is visiting Pentagon and Baltimore next week. He recommended renting skis that are appropriate for the snow conditions, and to avoid schlepping ski bags through the airport or train terminals. However, he recommends taking along your own boots, especially if one has large feet. If any one still needs day tour information they need to contact Ken or Sean. Sign-ups are in advance and the deadline is January 21.
- **2020 Winterfest (Killington, VT):** Dave Karczmarek (Baltimore). The program has been very successful and five clubs are signed up this year. The clubs are Baltimore, Columbia, Club Crabtowne, NGA, and Richmond. Joe Ferrara from Banchi did a fall road trip to Killington to set up the events and iron out the details. Dave asked all non-participating clubs to at least offer the Winterfest to their members as a Council trip. There will be a FAM trip in December. Contact Dave Karczmarek with any interest. Jay Peak is the venue for Winterfest 2021, Sunday through Friday, March 7-12, 2021. We will be staying at the Stateside Hotel, ski in/ski out. Joe is looking at different venues for 2022.
- **Preparation for Last Western Carnival Race:** Dave Olsen (Pentagon). Dave previously emailed a one-page report to the BRSC representatives and trip leaders for Snowmass 2020. He has made contact with the resort and will coordinate the preregistration. The resort requires Nastar ID numbers. The race will be run on a club-by-club basis, consistent with the established BRSC Race Rules. A discussion ensued on whether a show-and-go style of racing would be better. After the discussion, Steve asked for a show of hands on how many representatives thought their clubs would be interested in changing the race to a show-and-go. Only 3-4 people indicated any interest. Dave will run the race with scheduled start times for the individual clubs. See [Racing Info & Rules Document](#)

New Business

- **2021 Bids for Telluride Western Carnival** - Dave Karczmarek (Baltimore), Trip Coordinator. Bids were solicited from Encompasse, Sportours and Winter Ski and Sport. Sportours, Encompasse and Winter Ski and Sport bid. The vendors were given 15 minutes to highlight their bids and answer questions. Dave Karczmarek then presented a bid comparison spreadsheet and allowed for discussion.
- **2021 Bids for Eurofest** - Susie Pumphrey (Pentagon Ski Club) Trip Coordinator. Bids were solicited from Holidayze, Ski.com and Winter Ski and Sport. None of the tour operators were successful in securing bids for St, Anton. Holidayze presented a wild card bid for Davos with two separate weeks available in February. Ski.com chose not to bid. Winter Ski and Sport presented a wild card bid for Zermatt in January. Each vendor was given 15 minutes to highlight their bids and answer questions. Susie Pumphrey then presented a bid comparison and allowed for discussion.
- **Announcement of winners of Western Carnival and Eurofest 2021** - After the lunch break ballots were distributed with each club's entitled numbers. Yasmin Beg and Steve Peirce counted the ballots. Steve Peirce announced that Effie Rubinstein, Sportours, had been selected as the tour operator for the Western Carnival Telluride 2021 and Sean McErlean, Holidayze had been selected as the tour operator for Eurofest Davos 2021. It was then decided to choose February 26 - March 6 for the Eurofest by a show of hands.
- **Election Committee for President at Spring Meeting 2020:** Steve Peirce stated he had accepted volunteer Frank Peñaranda to chair the Election Committee for President. Anyone wishing to run or to nominate another should contact Frank.
- **2022 Western Carnival:** Jackson Hole remains the preferred destination for the Western Carnival 2022
- **2022 Eurofest:** Lisa Vignerot motioned to change the preferred 2022 Eurofest venue from Grindelwald, Switzerland to Sölden, Austria. Linda Steele seconded and after some discussion which included South America and Australia it was decided to change the venue of the 2022 Eurofest to Sölden, Austria. The motion passed by a show of hands.
- **Spring Meeting 2020:** To be held at Wildfire Tysons, Saturday May 2, 2020. Potomac Ski and Adventure (Frank Peñaranda) hosting.
- **Fall Meeting 2020:** Black Ski (Tanya Jones and Vera Johnson) agreed to host the fall 2020 meeting on Saturday, September 26th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Tysons Corner, VA. with Wildfire slated as the back up venue.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:07 pm

Decision Summary

- Airport Lodging and Parking program developed by Dan Ellis now available to entire council.
- Jay Peak to be the venue for Winterfest 2021.
- Snowmass race will be run with scheduled start times for the individual clubs.
- Effie Rubinstein, Sportours, was chosen to be the Tour Operator for the BRSC Western Carnival Telluride 2021.
- Sean McErlean, Holidayz, was chosen to be the Tour Operator for the BRSC Eurofest Davos 2021.
- Frank Peñaranda to chair the Election Committee for President.
- Jackson Hole remains the preferred venue for the Western Carnival 2022.
- Sölden, Austria selected over Grindelwald as the preferred Eurofest venue in 2022.
- Spring meeting to be held May 2, 2020 at Wildfire Tysons, Potomac Ski and Adventure (Frank Peñaranda) hosting.
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Respectfully submitted,

Susie Pumphrey
Secretary BRSC
October 9, 2019