



## Minutes of the Spring 2017 Meeting

- Date:** May 6, 2017
- Location:** Maggiano's Tysons Restaurant, McLean, VA
- Host Club:** NGA –April Pawlowski
- Attendees:** The [attendance list](#) is available on this link.

### **Call to Order**

Bill Schrodel, President, called the meeting to order at 8:45 am. Bill welcomed the 49 club delegates representing 18 clubs, and eight industry professionals, including: Mike and Sheri Agnew, Sports America; Effie Rubinstein, Sportours; Joe Ferrara, Bianchi Outdoor Adventures; Lauren Zimmer, Stowe Mt. Resort; Sean McClellan, Holidayz ; David Bassett of Vail Resorts; and Paul Webber, PRW Group.

Bill introduced those leaving early: Paul Webber announced April 9-15, 2018 date for MTS at South Lake Tahoe next year; David Bassett is the new Vail rep for club trips; Lauren invited us to Stowe Mt. resort for next year's Eastern Ski Week. Stowe will be on the Epic Pass next year when that Vail acquisition is finalized.

### **2018 Plans**

**2018 Winter Carnival (March 4-9 2018, Stowe, Vt):** Dave Karczmarek (Baltimore) and Joe Ferrara (Banchi Outdoor Adventures) and Lauren Zimmer reported plans to include: 5 nights lodging in town at Comodores Inn and Golden Eagle; 4-5 day lift ticket; Breakfast daily; Monday welcome event; Wednesday race and après ski; Thursday Banquet and farewell. Epic, Epic Local, 7 and 4 day passes are anticipated to be honored. Bus pick-up – 2 locations planned, more could be offered. Plans are for 42 max on a 50+ passenger bus, plus a second bus could be added. Baltimore, Columbia & Ski Club of Washington DC are coordinating this BRSC sponsored event.

- **2018 Western Carnival Update (Whistler, B.C. February 3-10 2018):** Noble McClellan (Richmond) and Mike Agnew (Sports America) indicated that 262 participants spaces are currently being held. Epic Pass may be used. Welcome Party Sunday @ Buffalos Bills, Tuesday race and Apres Ski, Thursday Banquet. Air on United via Vancouver B. C. and flexibility Saturday-Saturday, or Sunday encouraged. Flyers and social media presence by Sports America available.

- **2018 Eurofest Update (Trois Vallées, France, Feb 24 to Mar 4, 2018):** Mike DiProspero (Columbia) and Sean McErlean (Holidaze) described the venue as the “LARGEST INTERCONNECTED SKI RESORT IN THE WORLD” consisting of several renowned resorts such as Courchevel, Meribel and Val Thorens.
  - The base package has Air from Dulles to Lyon, France. Other departure cities are available. Interested clubs should contact Sean directly for pricing the various options listed below.
  - Package includes 7 nights lodging, full breakfast daily, 6 dinners, welcome orientation, reception in village center with snacks & mulled wine, après ski evening at the casino, evening in Meribel, farewell gala at Grand Hotel with dinner & dancing.
  - Our lodging is in Brides Les Baines, the "Best Value for Money Resort" in Les Trois Vallées. Brides offers spacious accommodation at a great price as well as boasting the largest spa in the Savoie region. 2 hotel options are available: 4-star Grand Hotel with gourmet restaurant; and the excellent 3-star family run Amelie Hotel. Both hotels are within a short walk to the L'Olympic gondola for 20 minute ride up to Meribel in the heart of the 3 Valleys.
  - Optional day excursions: Chambéry for touring, shopping and wine tasting; Annecy for sightseeing and shopping; Grenoble for sightseeing and shopping. Pre-Trip Extension Tour to Paris includes 2-1/2 hour city tour of Paris, 4 nights at 4-star Novotel Tour Eiffel, daily breakfast, transfers Paris and Moutiers via 2nd class rail in the TGV, hotel transfers. Optional day excursions to Versailles as well as the Champagne Region are available.
  - Post-Trip Extension Tour to La Plagne (for more skiing!). Lodgings at the 3-star Hotel Le Vancouver includes transfers between Brides and La Plagne via private coach. 6 nights lodging, welcome drink and orientation party, breakfast and dinner daily, Transfer between La Plagne and Lyon via private coach, return air to IAD via Air France.

## **Executive Committee Reports**

- **Secretary’s Report:** Frank Peñaranda moved and Stacy Hickman seconded to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2016 Fall Meeting as e-mailed to the council members. *The motion passed unanimously*
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Steve Peirce handed out and reviewed the report (Oct. 6, 2016 – May 5, 2017) Treasurer’s report. Sonny Short moved and Frank Peñaranda seconded to accept the report. *The motion passed*  
*Steve explained the dues structure (15 cents per member - \$5 minimum and \$35 maximum per club) and indicated that club dues are annually to be paid by the spring BRSC council meeting.*

- **Webmaster Report:** Frank Peñaranda Web master, e-mailed in April a [Trip Sanction Report](#) with this year's up to date totals for the last period. The report is available on this link. Hot Tips can link to Club Newsletters, discounts for helmets, baggage tips, etc. Send in "sanctioned trip" requests and links to those trips and they will be posted.
- **Race report:** Dave Olsen reviewed the 2017 race reports ([Results](#) & [Historical Statistics](#)) previously e-mailed to the club representatives. Columbia was Competition Award winner and Fredericksburg was the Participation Award winner.

### **Old Business**

- **2017 Western Carnival Update (Breckenridge, CO,):** Marshall Walsh (Richmond) indicated that 262 participants from 9+ clubs enjoyed an event that had rave reviews
- **2017 Winter Carnival (Sugarloaf, ME):** Dave Karczmarek (Baltimore) and Joe Ferrara (Banchi Outdoor Adventures) reported a successful event with 50 plus individuals from multiple clubs and more activities then could be accomplished in 5 days and nights.
- **Take from the Table :** the motion: To Structure the Review of Bids, made by Dave Olsen and tabled at the fall meeting was re-introduced to the delegate body. Delegates present had access to copies prior to this meeting via the fall meeting or from the e-mail distribution for this meeting. After extensive discussion the motion was defeated with 19 votes for the motion and 22 votes against the motion.

### **New Business**

**Election** - Frank Peñaranda, Elections Chair, announced the incumbent candidates: Steve Pierce Treasurer; and Peter Porton VP, both incumbents, and Susie Pumphrey as a candidate for Secretary. Frank called for additional nominations, since there were none all the candidates will serve in the noted offices.

- **Lunch Recess:** The group took a lunch break at approx. 12:00 p.m. Bill Schrodel reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

### **Future Ski trip plans:**

- **2019 Winterfest:** Dave Karczmarek (Baltimore Ski club) and Joe Ferrara (Banchi Outdoor Adventures) reported plans for Sunday River, ME.

- **2019 Western Carnival:** Sun Valley Idaho - Susie Pumphrey to coordinate. Vendors to contact are: Sports America; Sports Tours; Winter Ski and Sport; Encompass.
- **2019 Eurofest:** Val Gardena - Steve Pierce to coordinate. Vendors to contact are: Sports America, Holidaze; Ski.com (John Frasca)
- **2020: Western Carnival:** Banff Canada
- **2020: Eurofest:** Saint Anton, Austria
- **2021: Western Carnival:** Snowmass, CO
- **2021: Eurofest:** Nagano, Japan, proposed.

### **New Topics from the floor**

- **Fall Meeting:** Maggiano's Tysons, September 30, 2017. Molly Hockman of Crabtown ski club to host. 2 rooms to be used as additional space is needed.
- **National Ski Council Federation meeting:** The council has \$600 to be used for either MTS or this event. Peter Porton explained what each of these programs are and the differences between them. Stacy Hickman indicated interest in representing the BRSC. No motion was made concerning this topic.
- **Race Coordinator Election:** Dave Olsen and Marshall Walsh both indicated interest in being the BRSC race coordinator. Both presented their ideas and a selection was made by club ballot that Marshall Walsh will serve as the BRSC Race coordinator for 2017-18. Special thanks to Dave Olsen for decades of service to the council in this position.
- **Social media:** Stacy Hickman (Fagowees) and Yasmin Beg (Columbia) lead a discussion of how to use social media to promote your club and BRSC. The BRSC Social Media site will host clubs material, once requests are approved by Bill Schrodel.
- **Adjournment:** Stacy Hickman moved and Dave Callahan seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Ferrant  
Secretary  
May 5, 2017