

Sequoia Ski Club Meeting Thursday September 16, 2010

The Sequoia Ski Club meeting, held at Ryan's Place Restaurant, was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:49 pm by Woody Hogan, president. There were 11 members present and 1 prospective member out of a current paid membership of 22 members as of today's date.

Sherry Babagian, Secretary, reported that the last ski club get-together was a social, including a potluck at Joe and Rosalie Shimasaki's home with a brief, unofficial meeting to cover updates on the FWSA Ski Week and information on the Relay for Life. Therefore, no minutes were read.

Woody read the treasurer's report which was emailed to him by the treasurer, Nancy Hamar. The checking account balance as of Aug. 31, 2010 is \$1,979.43 and the CD balance as of Aug. 31, 2010 is \$17,796.76.

Debbie Stewart, VP of Travel, reported on various trips, including the most recent past trip, and trips planned for this coming year and next. Debbie and George Stewart went on the FWSA scuba diving trip to Cozumel Sept. 5-12, 2010 and said they had a really good time. There were 17 divers and 5 non-divers on the trip, the price was reasonable and it was a success. They even did one night dive. The FWSA is trying to put packages together that are reasonably priced to attract more members in the future.

Debbie reported on the FWSA Ski Week trip to Sun Valley, ID, Jan. 22-29, 2011. There are 66 Sierra Council members going so far with their deposits in. This includes 19 Sequoia Ski Club members. Debbie said there was still space available and additional lodging, so sign up soon. There is the option for skiing a 6th day for an additional cost of \$35.00 if you pre-order your lift ticket through Debbie before the trip. Otherwise, the cost of a single day lift pass is \$80.00. The trip package includes lodging, a 5 day lift pass, and amenities. We have the opportunity to add a sleigh-ride dinner to our trip itinerary, but Debbie does not have the price for that yet. She will email the membership about that price and also information on the opportunity to have a 6th day of skiing for a bargain price provided we pre-order our tickets.

Debbie reported on future happenings with the FWSA. In 2012, the FWSA Ski Week will be at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Jan. 28-Feb. 4. The Sierra Council will have the Holiday Party on Sat. Dec. 11, 2010 at North Star. The International Ski Trip through the FWSA will be in Switzerland with extended stay travel to Bulgaria and Romania. More information is available on the FWSA website.

Woody gave the membership report for Rosalie Fisher who was out of town. There are currently 22 paid members.

Tom Babagian, Social Chairman, reported that the most recent social activity took place at the Relay for Life, Sept. 11-12, 2010, where 5 of our club members participated. Future happenings will be announced.

J.D. Fischer, Newsletter Editor, reported that the next Sequoia Sno Go Newsletter will be coming out sometime in early October. The deadline for turning in information to JD is the end of September, and he will compile the information during the 1st week of October.

George Stewart, Webmaster, reported that nothing is changing on the website. He did say that the FWSA recognizes the Sequoia Ski Club as the oldest ski club, but that there is some controversy. Our club will receive a certificate in recognition of our club's historical heritage, but the FWSA needs our club's logo. The Sequoia Ski Club logo has not been updated since 1935, is not in color and is not digitalized, so George is unable to send it by email. George said he will work on colorizing the logo and digitalizing it, but keeping the form basically the same. He will bring the updated logo to our next meeting for our approval.

Old Business: Sherry Babagian, Relay for Life Team Captain, reported on the Relay for Life 24-hour event, a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society, which was held at the COS track from Saturday morning Sept. 11th until Sunday morning Sept. 12th. There were 5 Sequoia ski club members who participated in the Relay for Life this year, all wearing the new Sequoia Ski Club tee shirts which are navy blue with red lettering and white trim. Those walking the COS track were: Tom and Sherry Babagian who were at the COS track on and off for 9 hours, Joe and Rosalie Shimasaki, 2 hours, and JD Fischer on and off for over 13 hours. JD logged 27 miles, a marathon distance. David Mayeda visited the track and encouraged all of us. He brought a poster for the Sequoia Ski Club booth, but it was too large to fit. A former member of the ski club, Trish Barretta, her 2 children and a friend joined us to walk for 2 hours.

Sherry reported that everyone who participated were touched by the opening ceremony where the cancer survivors walked the first lap, the evening ceremony with the lighted luminairias set up around the perimeter of the COS track, and just seeing the large number of luminaria bags with names on them for those who survived cancer or in memorial to those who lost their lives to cancer. Sherry said that 2 of the goals for participating in the Relay for Life were met: Community service by raising money for the American Cancer Society, and Exposure of the Sequoia Ski Club in the community by having our banner on our booth, a display of JD Fischer's antique wooden and metal skis, leather ski boots and a pair of modern skis at our booth, and ski club participants wearing the Sequoia Ski Club tee shirts which were ordered by Barbara Mayeda. However, due to the low participation at the event, it did not meet the club goal of group participation with comradery, although those 5 participants did have camaraderie at the event. Sherry suggested the club revisit the idea of participating in the Relay for Life next year because of the low participation at the event itself. Many ski club members participated by giving donations. The amount raised by the Sequoia Ski Club for the American Cancer Society will be announced at the next meeting.

David Mayeda, Race Director, reported on the ski race opportunities this ski club has for the upcoming ski season. There may be a possibility for a club race at China Peak. David directed club members to find out more information on the FWRA website. He discussed the difference between the slalom event (technical skiing) and the giant slalom event (speed). In order to race in the Super G one needs to take a clinic at the slopes on Sat. before being allowed to race in the Super G on Sunday. For Sequoia Ski Club members who wish to free ski at the same ski area which is hosting the ski race that day may purchase their lift passes at a substantial discount (\$35.00) by showing their FWSA membership card at the Race Center booth.

New Business: Woody said that he would be setting up a board meeting before the next general ski club meeting. He also said that the board would discuss future ski trips and locations. Woody mentioned having another membership drive at Sports Chalet on a Saturday in November from 10 am to 2 pm. We would sit at a table with our banner and sign up forms to sign up new members. Date to be announced.

Woody announced that the next general membership meeting date will be Thursday, Oct. 14th at 6:30 pm at Round Table Pizza, 2010 S. Mooney Blvd. and Woody asked everyone to bring a guest to the next meeting. Russ Dahler suggested Fugazzi's Restaurant for a future ski club meeting site, and Tom Babagian said that Ryan's Place, where we met today, should also be considered again. Woody said that these suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Meeting was closed at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Babagian, secretary