

## Sequoia Ski Club General Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, Ryan's Place Restaurant

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Woody Hogan, president. There were 13 members and one guest present out of 25 members, which was a quorum. Sherry Babagian, secretary, did not read the minutes of the Sept. 16, 2010 meeting as they were submitted to the Sequoia Ski Club website for the membership to view before today's meeting. Minutes were approved as written. Debbie Stewart, vice president, announced the resignation of Nancy Hamar as treasurer, and that Janet Lange was appointed as treasurer. Debbie reported the checking account balance was \$2,759.43. The CD balance was \$17,796.76.

Debbie Stewart, VP of travel, reported on the following:

There will be 70 members of the Sierra Council attending the FWSA Ski Week to Sun Valley, ID, Jan. 22-28, 2011, and of that number, 19 are Sequoia Ski Club members. Our club has an opportunity to reserve a sleigh ride/dinner option for one of the evenings in Sun Valley for \$75.00 per person and an optional 6<sup>th</sup> day of skiing. Debbie said she will send out a flyer detailing these two options for the skiers going on the trip to consider.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010 the Sierra Council/League 2010 Winter Holiday Party will be held at The Lodge Restaurant and Pub in Tahoe Donner. Cost of the buffet dinner is \$35.00 per person. Bring an item for the raffle. More information will be coming on lodging and lift tickets for that weekend at Northstar.

Debbie reported that details for the international trips to New Zealand and Switzerland can be found on the FWSA website and the Sequoia Ski Club website.

The Sequoia Ski Club Birthday Party will be held at China Peak, usually late March, with the date to be announced.

The Sierra Council Party, to be held in the Tahoe Area April 30, 2011, will include a barbeque and election of officers, and a day of skiing, ski resort to be announced.

The FWSA Ski Week 2012 will be at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Jan. 28-Feb. 4, 2012.

Rosalie Fisher Shimasaki, membership chairman, reported that there are now 25 paid members for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 year.

The social director, Tom Babagian, was out-of-town, but the Christmas Potluck will be held on Tues. Dec. 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Joe and Rosalie Shimasaki volunteered to host the party, and as a humanitarian project guests will be asked to bring a gift for either a child or a pet. It was decided by a vote to donate the children's gifts to Toys for Tots, and gifts for pets will be donated to the SPCA.

JD Fischer, newsletter editor, was not present, but Debbie reported that she submitted the Sno-Go Newsletter to the Sierra Council as a means of sharing with other ski clubs all the great information JD posts in the Newsletter.

George Stewart, webmaster, brought two color and digitalized models of the Sequoia Ski Club logo he developed, and the members voted to have the model showing more of the mountain be our logo.

David Mayeda, race director, presented a calendar of dates and locations where FWRA ski races take place this winter. Members will also be able to check out the dates on the FWRA website. We may be able to plan a Sequoia Ski Club ski weekend in tandem with a FWRA race weekend at the same location.

During the weekend of the Sierra Council/League Winter Holiday Party there will be a Carving Race on Sunday Dec. 12, 2010 at Northstar in the Tahoe area. Those wishing to participate must take the Carving class on Sat. Dec. 11, 2010.

David reported that Costco has ski packages for China Peak for a good price and that the Fresno Cosco has ski packages for China Peak and Mammoth.

David demonstrated how to hold the ski race position while standing on a Bosu ball, a good exercise for balance and strength in preparation for the ski season, particularly for racers.

Old Business: Sherry reported that the Sequoia Ski Club raised \$721.65 last month at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Barbara Mayeda reported that she had one more Sequoia Ski Club tee shirt in medium for anyone who may want to purchase it. We can also order more tee shirts, but need to decide if we want to make any changes to the design, color or even type of shirt.

New Business: Woody asked for nominations for Man and Woman of the Year to be submitted to the Sierra Council. Debbie and George Stewart were each nominated, but George declined.

Woody discussed the opportunity to have the new owner of China Peak Ski Area, Tim Cohee, speak to our club in December about all the upgrades to China Peak. Opening this event up to the public was also discussed in which case we would need to plan advertising of the event, and possible dates and places to hold this event.

Woody discussed membership drive ideas including reaching out to friends at work and placing club activity items in the Visalia Times-Delta. Benefits of club membership and other ideas for club activities were discussed, including having more club ski trips during the season, and non-skiing activities.

The next general membership meeting date is Thur. Nov. 18, 2010 at 6:30pm at Marie Callender's Restaurant. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Babagian, secretary