

Sitzmarker Minutes -- August 2009 Board Meeting

Minutes approved, agenda approved -- Urey, Joe, Tracy, Hugh, Helene, Bobbie, Chris, Joe, Kitty, Nancy, Phil, and Glenn were present.

Joe has things to raffle.

Hugh for ski trips. Crested Butte possibilities. Joe wants in town or ski-in,ski-out and Hugh gathered info. The Plaza is 269.16 for a two-bedroom or 254.25 for a three-bedroom. Paradise is a possibility, others are out of our range. Other drawbacks including having to pay for changing rooms, party room, etc. Paradise is a shorter walk but has some drawbacks. Paradise is better outside, but not inside. Grand Lodge is very expensive.

What's cost compared to Telluride?

Chateaux has a large hot tub and pool area -- that's Hugh's recommendation. Ride bus into town and to ski areas, plus there is a free room for party. Paradise has been upgraded on the outside.

Hugh recommends that we stay at Chateaux, where we have stayed for the last four or five years. Crested Butte has a good transportation system.

Hugh made the motion that we go to Wolf Creek 12/11-13 Telluride 1/28 - 31, and Crested Butte Feb 25 to 28.

Folks who voted were in favor 42/10 for a 3 day trip over a 4-day to Crested Butte.

Bus capacity -- 55/48 38 break even number?

Joe wants to work on dates and places -- prices by next meeting.

Chris -- flexibility on lodging? how flexible are they? Most of the time willing to be flexible.

Strategies to get people to commit earlier (Chris). Incentive to get high numbers. Suggestion to get together with Hugh and Chris.

There was a motion that we go with these four trips (the aforementioned as well as Durango [dates to be determined]) -- that we sign the contracts for lodging and lift tickets now. Bus details are still being negotiated.

This motion was seconded.

Vote -- all in favor.

What is reason we haven't decided on Durango? Following possibilities were discussed -- Valentines weekend, MLK weekend, 8th and 9th of January. Have looked at Strater and Doubletree. Hugh's still working on this.

Water ski weekend. Tracy has itinerary. Maybe 20 people are going. Mike, Helene and Greg, and Cindy and Phil are bringing boats.

Helene -- 219 members, 3 new this summer

Discussion about separating board meeting from general meeting.

Joe thinks we need a meeting next month . . .

Can be just an executive meeting -- Joe and Nancy will decide on this.

Chris -- IRS rules about parties for nonmembers.

Helene -- thinks that people have need to socialize for a while before the speaker starts.

Meetup -- Joel -- We are all assistant organizers and can put something on the calendar -- can do own reminders.

Joel -- can say if you want automatic reminders.

Don't know others' email addresses

Has questions about putting in others' info. Joel said with Meetup there will be no need for an email coordinator.

Discussion about list of Meetup as an email distribution list -- our email list. Bobbie -- A lot of people don't want to go in and give a password. Can get emails automatically. What about people who don't have access? Purpose for it? Joe -- a better tool. Joe said he could schedule a trip as an assistant organizer and do it without going through Joel. Joel has to send out three times.

Chris said it's a great platform will be successfull, will facilitate communication. People have given us permission so he thinks we have permission to enroll them.

Chris made a motion that we sign people up.

Nancy -- if we sign people up and limit it only to Sitzmarkers she thinks it would be better received.

There are now 42 on, plus one fake person.

Tracy all for Meetup.

Urey said he is in the minority -- but doesn't want to make people do it.

Chris -- wants to solicit permission for after membership meeting in October.

Kitty -- wants a year trial before ceasing dual communication.

Joel -- wants three months.

Will table.

Bobbie -- New Year's Eve -- different venue, trap door, seven different food entrees, dessert later in the evening, block of rooms for overnight. -- Embassy Suites -- Bobbie Mike and Mary Lou worked on this.

The meeting was adjourned.