

Trailsweepings: TSSC Newsletter - April 2023

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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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CLUB MEETINGS

Normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month with an abbreviated schedule in the summer. Note: Changes will be communicated via President's e-mail.

Tuesday April 11 will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting **including annual elections** beginning at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday April 25 - as there is no Program scheduled it is likely that there will only be one meeting in April, to be confirmed by e-mail.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

37 Forest Hill Drive
Kingston, NY 12401

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Will be held at the meeting on **Tuesday April 11**, 2023 for all Club Officers and two Directors so please plan to attend this important meeting at which refreshments will be available.

After serving for several terms and leading us successfully through a difficult period associated with the Covid pandemic, President Lisa Olivett has communicated her intention to step down from her current role. Accordingly, **we need someone to come forward to be nominated for the Presidency.**

Nominations received to date were communicated at the Club meeting held on Tuesday March 28 by the nominating committee consisting of Board members not currently up for election as follows:

President - **no candidate identified to date**

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher

Treasurer - Lisa Olivett

Secretary - Donna Matthews

Board of Directors - Kathie Quick and Skip Alford

If you have an interest in pursuing a leadership role and/or have questions on duties/responsibilities please contact any of the current officers or Board members as soon as possible. The continued success of the Club depends on all of us being willing to pitch in and standing for office is a great way to get more involved.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **April 7** - Happy Hour at Kingston Railyard Brewing, Kingston NY
- Tuesday April 11 - Board, General Meetings and **Elections** at Skyview
- Friday April 21 - Happy Hour at Schatzi's New Paltz
- Friday **May 5** - Spring Banquet at Ole Savannah
- Tuesday May 9 - Board and General Meetings
- Tuesday May 23 - Informational Program On-site at The Ashokan Center
- Saturday **June 10** - Almost Summer Bash at George Freer Park, Port Ewen
- Tuesday June 13 - Board and General Meetings
- Tuesday June 27 - Informational Program - Zach Fletcher, Topic TBD

Since events sometimes change, efforts will be made to maintain the calendar on the Club website current. To access it go the website, open the Events page and you can then view events in either the default listing format or in an optional calendar view which is available by clicking on the "square" on the right side of the page.

TSSC's Spring Banquet Friday May 5, 2023: 6 - 10pm

Ole Savannah - [100 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY](#)

Buffet dinner, cash bar and band in the private, outdoor event facility (tent) adjacent to the main building.

Cost is \$45 pp for Trailsweepers and HVSC members, \$ 50 for non-member guests prior to the due-date, additional \$ 5 thereafter.

Additional details are in the attached

flyer https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/c437c8d0-de5e-91e8-fe39-edca9e28364a/TSSC_Banquet_2_.pdf.

Please complete the sign-up form and send along with a check made out to TSSC to Diana Ziegenfelder at the address in the flyer prior to **April 25**. A maximum of 50 participants can be accommodated so be sure to sign up early.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

April - No Program

Tuesday **May 23** - **on-site** overview of activities at the Ashokan Center
477 Beaverkill Rd Olivebridge, NY 12461

Tuesday **June 27** - Program delivered by Zach Fletcher – topic TBD

If you would like to volunteer to organize and/or deliver a program or have a specific idea or request related to a topic please contact **Rob Fletcher**, Program Chair.



HAPPY HOURS FOR APRIL

Friday **April 7** 5:30 pm- **Kingston Railyard Brewing** (new, indoor space open)
75 Clarendon Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday **April 21** 5:30 pm - **Schatzi's Pub and Bier Garden** New Paltz
36 Main St (bottom of Main street, near intersection with routes 32 and 208)
New Paltz, NY 12561



Spring has Sprung, so let's start thinking about the
ALMOST SUMMER BASH

Saturday June 10, George Freer Park 104 Canal St. Port Ewen, NY

Once again, the Board will plan and host a fun day to kick-off the summer season of sports and social activities. In addition to food, beverages and camaraderie, we will endeavor to have kayaking and cycling opportunities available earlier in the day and potentially a corn hole tournament during the picnic.

The Almost Summer Bash will be free for current, active members with a nominal fee requested for guests of members (this would be a great opportunity to introduce friends to the benefits of joining the club) and former members.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Let's participate in a series of hikes as part of the DEC's 2023 Fire Tower Challenge in which hikers are encouraged to visit the 6 remaining fire towers in the Catskills. The challenge involves visiting all towers between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. You do not need to climb up to the cab which are typically open when staffed by volunteers between Memorial Day and Columbus Day on weekends.

For those who complete and report their accomplishment, they will receive a letter and commemorative patch. In addition, the first 1000 to complete the challenge will receive a complimentary subscription to The Conservationist magazine. For additional information visit the website at catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov.

Tentative Schedule - to be confirmed by e-mail with additional information prior to each hike. The links below provide information on each hike:

- [Upper Esopus](#) - Mt. Tremper, NY: Friday April 7. Note: this is not a formal hike but a stop at the Catskill Visitor Center (exhibits, nature trails) 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper - where they have erected a fire tower. You can either do this on your own or join Jeff Huth who plans to go there on 4/7 in the afternoon prior to the Happy Hour.
- [Tremper Mountain](#) - Shandaken, NY: Friday May 12
- [Hunter Mountain](#) - Hunter, NY: Friday June 23
- [Red Hill Mountain](#) - Denning, NY - Friday July 14
- [Overlook Mountain](#) - Woodstock, NY - Full (Harvest) moon hike September 29
- [Balsam Lake Mountain](#) - Hardenburgh, NY - Friday October 20



SKI SEASON IS WINDING DOWN

Racing Program

Stanley Sharaga Memorial President's Race, Hunter Saturday Mar 18

Thanks to all Trailsweepers who participated in the NJSSC President's race at Hunter on Saturday March 18. Congratulations to Kari Hoyt and Dale Ziegenfelder who turned in the best times in the Women's and Men's competition respectively and Jen Dekoskie who ran third in the women's race. Skip Alford won first place in men's C division. Many club members were away, so we missed quite a few of our usual racers.

Garden State, with nineteen participants, won overall capturing the perpetual trophy. Trailsweepers came in 4th. Here is how Trailsweepers placed: https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/4c33e9d5-4c90-12d1-ef5b-b0a5e429b44e/HunterRace_23_TSSC.pdf

Trailsweepers have a number of members who participate in the Masters Races schedule throughout the season. **Congratulations to Dale Ziegenfelder** who was ranked second nationally this year in his age group.

Ski Trips

We will communicate information on HVSC and NJSSC trip plans for 2023/'24 as soon as available but **wouldn't be great if Trailsweepers sponsored a trip this year?** If you have any ideas or better yet would be willing to help organize a trip please let us know at an upcoming meeting.

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - March 28

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on March 28, 2023 at Sky View Restaurant. Present: Jeff Huth, Steve Wingard, Kathie Quick, Skip Alford.

Discussion was started about the new dues as proscribed by the vote last fall requiring an equal amount per person, regardless of single or couple status. For the current budget of \$3400 income, and membership of 135, \$27 seemed to be a good starting point. Current membership however is 119, which may indicate a higher amount. The dues section of the bylaws needs to be changed by May for the upcoming fiscal year.

There was discussion about the need to maintain \$22K in our treasury, and what we might spend it on.

I recommended we have drinks available for elections.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Lisa Olivett at 6:36pm
Lisa reviewed **upcoming activities/events**:

- Next meeting with annual elections Tuesday April 11
- Happy Hours – April 7 at Kingston Railyard Brewing and April 21 at Schatzi's in New Paltz
- Spring banquet May 5
- Almost Summer Bash June 10

Report from Board Meeting delivered by Dale Ziegenfelder

Discussion was started about the new dues required by the vote held last Fall calling for an equal amount per person, regardless of single or couple status. The dues section of the bylaws needs to be changed by May for the upcoming fiscal year. The recommended pp dues will be determined by considering target dues revenue and number of members and will probably be in the range of \$ 25- 30pp.

There was a preliminary discussion about the need to maintain \$22K in our treasury, and if not what we might spend it on.

Dale recommended we have drinks paid for by the Club available for elections night.

Rob Fletcher discussed future **Programs**

May 23 will be an on-site overview of activities at the Ashokan Center, In June we will hear from Zach Fletcher – topic TBD

Report from Dale Z. on recent **President's Race** held at Hunter on March 18 TSSC fielded a team of 7 and came in at 4th place. Garden State had 19 racers. Dale turned in the fastest time on the day. Skip Alford also reported that Dale was ranked second this year among masters in his age group – **Congratulations Dale.**

Lisa raised a question for future discussion on whether the **Happy Hour nights** should be moved from Friday to e.g. Thursday night to possibly increase participation.

On behalf of the nominating committee, Jeff Huth gave a report on the status of **nominations** for the upcoming annual elections to be held April 11:

- President – no candidate at this time
- Admin VP – Dale Ziegenfelder
- Executive VP – Rob Fletcher
- Treasurer – Lisa Olivett

- Secretary – Donna Matthews
- Board of Directors – Kathie Quick and Skip Alford

Diana Z. spoke about the upcoming **Spring Banquet** to be held at Ole Savannah on May 5. Additional information and sign-up information will be in the April NL.

A motion was made by Dale Z., seconded and approved by vote of membership to move \$ 65 into the budget for the recent President's Race.

50/50 raffle won by J. Huth who donated proceeds to Club general fund.

Meeting closed by Lisa at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by J. Huth

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, President@trailsweepers.org

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, ExecVP@trailsweepers.org

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312,
AdminVP@trailsweepers.org

Secretary - Donna Matthews 706-6973, Secretary@trailsweepers.org

Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, Treasurer@trailsweepers.org

Club Board Members (term expir.), Board@trailsweepers.org

Skip Alford (4/'23) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'24) 914-388-7558

Jeff Huth (4/'24) 203-482-1954

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, Membership@trailsweepers.org

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - TBD

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - TBD

Kayaking - TBD

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

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Social Events

After the Holidays - Lisa Olivett 542-3945

Fall Kick-off - Janet Mihm 201-615-2806

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312, Karen Spinozzi
338-0626



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