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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

It is with a great sense of gratitude that I write this first message since you elected me as your new TSSC President. I accept this leadership position with pride and plan on collaborating closely with the membership at large, as well as the Board of Directors. I intend to listen to new ideas and work together with you to strengthen the Trailsweepers organization. Some of you may remember that I was a two-term president of TSSC many years ago. I hope that my previous leadership experience will provide me with some useful guideposts.

A huge " THANK YOU" needs to be extended to Lisa Olivett, our outgoing President. She has provided stellar leadership for our Club and has been doing this for a number of years. She has shepherded us through the challenging Covid years with her innovation and has demonstrated great leadership skills. I have learned a great deal from her and I hope I will be able to fill her big Presidential shoes. Lisa, we all Thank You for your diligent work.

Dr. Robert J Fletcher

CLUB MEETINGS

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e-mail.

Tuesday May 9 will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a general Club meeting at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday May 23, 7:00 pm will be a general Club meeting with votes required on the by-law change incorporating the new dues structure and the interim, summer budget.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

ANNUAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

The Annual Election of Officers and Directors was held on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at Skyview. A special election was also held to fill the board seat vacancy created as a result of the annual election.

The Board and Club membership would like to extend a huge **Thank You to past President Lisa Olivett and Treasurer Dave Wise** for their dedicated service to the Trailsweepers organization.

Congratulations on behalf of the membership to the following newly elected individuals:

Officers

President - Rob Flectcher

Executive Vice President - Jeff Huth

Administrative Vice President - Dale Ziegenfelder

Treasurer - Lisa Olivett

Secretary - Donna Matthews

Directors

Skip Alford

Kathie Quick

Kaitlana (Katie) Viglielmo (replacing Jeff Huth)

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

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- Tuesday May 9 - Board and General Meetings
- Friday May 12 - Hike to Tremper Mountain Fire Tower Shandaken, NY
- Friday May 19- Happy Hour at Dear Kingston (DK) Kingston, NY
- Saturday May 20 - First kayak paddle at Chodikee Lake Highland, NY
- Tuesday May 23 - General Club meeting with 2 votes required.
- Saturday **June 10** - Almost Summer Bash at George Freer Park, Port Ewen
- Tuesday June 13 - Board and Annual Planning Meeting at home of President Rob Fletcher - bring a dish to share
- Tuesday June 27 - Informational Program - Topic and speaker 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](#)

Looking forward to a great time with everyone who has signed up. We will be enjoying a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to a live band in the private, outdoor event facility (tent) adjacent to the main building.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday **May 23** - **CANCELLED** The planned program at The Ashokan Center has to be cancelled due to a recently communicated conflict at the Center that day
Tuesday **June 27** - Topic and Speaker 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.

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HAPPY HOURS FOR MAY

(due to the Spring banquet on May 5, we will hold a single HH this month)

Friday May 19 - 5:30 pm Dear Kingston (DK)

21 O'Neil St, Kingston, NY 12401

Join us at Kingston's relatively new craft beer bar.



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, there will be an opportunity for kayaking and potentially cycling

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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



Fire Tower Hike Series

The DEC's Fire Tower Challenge encourages hikers 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:

- [Tremper Mountain](#) - Shandaken, NY: **Friday May 12**
- [Hunter Mountain](#) - Hunter, NY: Friday June 23
- [Red Hill Mountain](#) - Denning, NY - Friday July 14

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- [Balsam Lake Mountain](#) - Hardenburgh, NY - Friday October 20
- [Upper Esopus](#) - Mt. Tremper, NY: 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 do this on your own, just record the date.**



"I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride my bike"

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at Dietz Stadium (170 N. Front St. Kingston) at 6 pm.

The rides are typically 25 - 35 miles in length following a variety of routes with "A" & "B" groups divided according to route length and/or average speed. Everyone is welcome.

Club Member Jim T. is the coordinator for the Thursday evening rides so let him know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (jtskirat@gmail.com)

Rail Trail Rides

Trailsweepers Rick F. and Nancy M. coordinate and lead Monday evening group trail rides starting at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated - typically on sections of the Wallkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. The rides are normally followed by an informal get-together

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(rjje@msn.com)

Here's the schedule so far and meeting places (subject to confirmation via e-mail each week). **Wheels down 6:00 pm**

5/1 New Paltz - Side of BOCES, rt 32

5/8 Ashokan - West Hurley

5/15 Hopewell Junction - Hopewell depot Museum

5/22 Kingston- Rockwell lane & rt 32

5/29 Highland- Tony Williams Park ** Memorial Day ride **will start earlier than usual.**

6/5 Poughkeepsie- Back of Page Lumber

6/12 Rosendale- Binnewater parking lot

6/19 Hurley- Russel rd & rt 209

TSSC Motorcycle Rides

Anyone interested in some group motorcycle rides, please contact Dale Z dalezieg1@gmail.com

Note: *The cycling and motorcycle rides are coordinated by fellow Club members but are **not** sponsored by TSSC.*



KAYAKING

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10 am, Lake Chodikee: S Lake Chodikee Road Highland , NY

Keep in mind a few things to make your experience safe and fun. Bring food, water, personal flotation device, sunscreen, hat, comfortable clothes, and anything else you deem important like paddle, dry bag, camera, and a working kayak!

Arrive at the kayak site a half hour before we shove off. The times listed in the schedule, are the times we would like to start paddling. If it is raining the day of the scheduled trip, then the event is cancelled.

For the complete schedule for the season, please see the [attached link](#)

There will be more details for each paddle a week before.

If anyone is interested in a kayak camping trip please let us know dates you are available and we will work out the details if enough interest is shown.

QUESTIONS:

Yvonne or Skip home phone 845-481-2898

cell - Yvonne 845-417-7144 yab1946@gmail.com

cell - Skip 845-706-9714 skipsinthewoods@gmail.com



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through many of us just enjoyed the close out of this year's ski season, it's not too early to begin dreaming about next year's possibilities. Trip information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here as received.

[New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council](#) have announced the following for 2023/'24 with additional details to be communicated in the future.

Mt. Tremblant, Canada – January 28, - February 2, 2024

Aspen/Snowmass, CO: February 24 - March 2, 2024

Sunday River, Maine: March 3 - 8, 2024

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski Trips section of the NJSSC website [The New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council](#)

[Hudson Valley Ski Club](#) will sponsor the following trips

Vail, CO - January 27 - February 3 2024

Telluride, CO - March 2 - 9 2024

Eastern Trips - Several are being planned

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC website

<http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

Race Training for 2023/2024 season

The race training program held at Hunter each year will begin in December 2023. It consists of 9 sessions generally on Mondays and a few Wednesdays from 10 am - 12:45 pm. It is a great way to improve your racing skills with alternate weeks of GS and Slalom gate training with a side benefit of improving the consistency of your recreational skiing.

The program is very popular and fills up quickly. There **may** be an opportunity for some new participants so if you are interested in learning more and/or thinking of participating this year you should contact program lead, Jim Tomassetti via email - jtskirat@gmail.com

CLUB BUSINESS

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order at Sky View restaurant by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Kathie Quick, Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard.

The flow plan for the election following the meeting was discussed. Steve and Mike will conduct the election. With no nominee for President, Rob Fletcher has agreed to take the position, and Jeff Huth would take the to be empty Executive VP position giving up his board seat. Katie Viglielmo has expressed interest in taking the board seat.

Dues options for next fiscal year were discussed. The budgeted income of \$ 3400 and 120 members gives a break even amount of \$28.33 per person. Last year's actual of \$2320 and 120 members gives \$19.33. Using the current 76/42 couple/single mix 1710/1260 gives \$24.75. It was noted that the reported 2021-22 actual membership income of 2320 is way low, and needs to be reviewed.

Next month the board will present a proposed bylaw change to reflect the movement to a fixed dues amount per member as approved by membership vote last year and incorporate the accompanying new dues schedule, and plan tasks for the Almost Summer Bash.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

The TSSC General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Lisa Olivett.

Upcoming Events:

- 04/21 Happy Hour at Schatzi's in New Paltz 5:30 pm
- 04/25 Tentative planning meeting
- 05/05 Spring Banquet
- 05/09 Board and General Meetings
- 06/10 Almost Summer Bash

Board Meeting Report (Dale Ziegenfelder) The Board will continue the discussion regarding TSSC membership dues. The Board will make the final determination of cost for members going forward.

Club Activities Spring Banquet May 5th at Ole Savannah 6-10pm \$45 per member. We need a minimum of 50 people. Almost Summer Bash (Kathie Quick) at Freer Park. Free of charge for members.

Membership Report There are 126 paid TSSC members at this time.

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Annual Election of Club Officers CONGRATULATIONS !!!!! President Rob Fletcher, Administrative Vice President Dale Ziegenfelder, Executive Vice President Jeff Huth, Treasurer Lisa Olivett, Secretary Donna Matthews. Board of Directors Skip Alford and Kathie Quick Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm Respectfully submitted - Donna Matthews

[Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022](#)

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

President - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, President@trailsweepers.org

Executive VP - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954 ExecVP@trailsweepers.org

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

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

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

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

Skip Alford (4/'25) 481-2898

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

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

Katie Viglielmo (4/'25) 594-4358

Committee Chairs

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Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - TBD

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

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Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

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Newsletter/Website - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954, webmaster@trailsweepers.org

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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