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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

We have experienced a smooth transition from the winter snow activities to warmer weather sports and fun. It is a time that also reflects a smooth transition in the leadership of our Club. A big " THANK YOU" to Lisa for being a great President and now I intend to provide stewardship for this year.

The TSSC has been busy organizing a number of sporting and fun activities . Kayaking paddles are in full swing due to Yvonne and Skip. Steve has put together the Fire Tower Hike Series. Other Club members have made sure that there is a selection of fun social activities. Thanks to Diana Z. and Karen S., we had a very successful Spring Banquet . The Board is organizing The Almost Summer Bash to be held on June 10th at Freer Park. Also the Annual Planning Meeting combined with a pot luck dinner, will be held on June 13th at my house.

Details on the above and more, can be found in this month's Cub Newsletter, thanks to our Editor, Jeff.

Rob

Message From Past President Lisa Olivett

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things half assed, could care less or we just have more things on our plates to shuffle around these days.

When I decided for 2022-2023 to be my last year as President, I thought I would be reclaiming time to do the things I like or to actually begin some new adventures. I had no idea of the amount of time that would be taken away from me again to care for my ailing mother. So, it actually turned out for the best, not to take on another year as your President. I would not have been able to devote the amount of time as I had in the past to carry out all the tasks I set up for myself in that position. Hence, the saying, "Things happen for a reason".

This period of time as President for TSSC has certainly presented a few challenges, from finding a new location for our meetings, which was thanks to Yvonne, and scheduling programs, thanks to Rob, to the God forsaken pandemic, which was no thanks to anyone. From filling board members and officers positions, to finding fun activities challenging, interesting and safe enough for ALL members. Having Zoom meetings, outdoor meetings, maintaining and increasing our membership, which are all just to name a few. I would like to extend my gratitude to those of you who have participated in assisting me in making all these years such a success even with all the challenges.

May I say "Thank You", for the opportunity and the pleasure to serve you all, and may TSSC continue for another 70+ years.

Sincerely,

Lisa Olivett, Former President

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.

On Tuesday **June 13** there will be a an outside **Dinner and Special Planning Meeting** at the home of President Rob Fletcher - 54 Spillway Road West Hurley, NY 12491 beginning at 5 pm. Please bring your great ideas for activities and events, a **dish to share for an outdoor pot luck dinner, a chair and BYOB.**

There will also be a vote on the proposed dues level change. See the Board meeting minutes of May 9 in the Club Business section of this NL for details.

[Hudson Valley Ski Club Link](#)

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FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **June 9**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Mariner's Harbor: Kingston, NY
- Saturday June 10, Noon to 5 pm - Almost Summer Bash at George Freer Park, Port Ewen
- Tuesday June 13, 5:00 pm - Outdoor dinner and Annual Planning Meeting at home of President Rob Fletcher - bring a dish to share
- Wednesday June 21, 10:00 am - Kayak outing to Ramshorn Preserve Dutchman Landing Park - Catskill, NY
- Friday June 23, 8:30 am - Hike to Hunter Mountain Fire Tower
- Friday June 23, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Ole Savannah
- Saturday **July 8**, 10:00 am - Kayak outing in Athens (also Athens Street Festival) 23 S. Water St. Athens, NY
- Wednesday July 19, 10:00 am - Kayak outing at Foundry Dock Park Cold Spring, NY
- Tuesday **October 10** - Regular Monthly Meeting including **Vote on Annual Budget**

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 Re-cap

Everyone seemed to enjoy the food, music, dancing and camaraderie at this year's Spring banquet at Ole Savannah which was attended by close to 60 members and guests.

A huge thank you to organizers Diana Ziegenfelder and Karen Spinozzi.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

No Programs in June



ALMOST SUMMER BASH

Saturday June 10, Noon - 5 pm

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 earlier in the day and a corn hole tournament during the picnic. **If you have a corn hole game set, please bring it to the event.**

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.

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HAPPY HOURS FOR JUNE

Friday June 9 - Mariner's Harbor 5:30 pm (Music by The Classics)

1 Broadway

Kingston, NY 12401

Friday June 23 - Ole Savannah 5:30 pm

100 Rondout Landing

Kingston, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Fire Tower Hike Series

Eight hikers enjoyed our first outing of the Fire Tower Series to **Tremper Mountain** on Friday May 12. The weather was nice, bugs were manageable and as a bonus the tower cabin was open enabling some great views of the surrounding peaks. We worked up quite a thirst but fortunately Woodstock brewing isn't far from the trailhead.

Our next hike will be to the tower on **Hunter Mountain** on **Friday June 23**.

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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 complementary subscription to The Conservationist magazine. For additional information visit the website at catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov.

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

- [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
- [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...."

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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 so bring a folding chair and food/beverage if you like. If not already receiving them, let Rick know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (rjje@msn.com)

The tentative schedule and rail trail parking area meeting points as communicated by Rick so far (**to be confirmed via weekly e-mail**) are as follows:

Wheels down 6:00 pm

- 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: *These rides are coordinated by fellow Club members but are **not** sponsored by TSSC.*

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KAYAKING

TSSC Kayaking is back again for 2023 with the next outing to be held on the occasion of the Almost Summer Bash - **Saturday June 10** at 10 am at George Freer Park in Port Ewen, 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 heavily the day of the scheduled trip, then the event is cancelled.

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

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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SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too early to begin your ski trip planning for next year. Information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

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

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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

Board Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2023

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View restaurant. Present: Mike Griffin, Kathie Quick, Steve Wingard, Katie Viglielmo.

The board members took on various items on a preparation list for the Almost Summer Bash on June 10. We will finalize what needs to be done at the May 23 meeting.

The proposed summer budget for club vote on May 23 is:

TSSC Summer Budget
Proposal

Expense	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed	
Hiking	100	0	100	
Kick-Off Party	450	0	450	
Summer Bash	550	564.14	650	
Kayaking	100	0	200	
Supplies-Office	50	48	50	Stamps for membership mailing
Trailsweepings & Website	175	202	295	
Insurance	800	785	825	
Refreshments	150	106.65	150	
Programs	50	65.72	75	
Publicity	400	448.2	100	22 Brochure Printing non recurring
Kingston Point Meeting	150	0	150	
NJ Ski Council Dues	75	75	75	
	3050	2294.71	3120	

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The board voted to change the dues to \$28 per person. The proposed bylaw amendment for a club vote on June 13 is as follows:

Change From

ARTICLE V-SCHEDULE AND PAYMENT OF DUES

Section 1-CLUB DUES:

The club dues shall be as follows:

Individual.....\$ 30.00

Couple. *\$ 45.00

*** (*couples shall be defined as two people living at the same residence)**

Dues will include all sales tax

To (New Proposed Language)

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Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

[Board Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2023](#)

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Kathie Quick, Mike Griffin, Katie Viglielmo, Steve Wingard.

The board finalized preparations for the Almost Summer Bash. [\(attached\)](#)

The proposed summer budget that was passed at the following general meeting is [attached](#).

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

[Regular Meeting - 5/9](#)

The TSSC General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Rob Fletcher

Upcoming Events

- **05/19 Happy Hour at Dear Kingston 530pm**
- **5/23 Board Meeting and General Meeting at Skyview Restaurant**

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- **06/10 Almost Summer Bash**

Board Meeting Report (Dale Ziegenfelder) - The Board worked on the interim summer budget and proposed by-laws change to reflect the new dues structure going forward.

Club Activities: Spring Banquet - A huge THANK YOU to Diana Ziegenfelder and Karen Spinozzi for having organized this event ! 59 people attended.

Almost Summer Bash (Kathie Quick) 06/10 at Freer Park. Burgers and other food items are on the menu. Free of charge for members

See newsletter for upcoming hikes, kayak adventures and upcoming sk trips next season through HVSC and NJ Ski Council

Results of 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 8:03 pm - Respectfully submitted, Donna Matthews Secretary

Regular Meeting - 5/23

Meeting called to order by President Rob Fletcher at Freer Park

Report from Dale Ziegenfelder on behalf of the Board regarding preparations/assignments for the Almost Summer Bash to be held June 10 at George Freer Park Port Ewen, NY

Dale also reviewed the interim/summer budget, highlighting a reduction in budgeted costs for IT support relative to the version that had been circulated ahead of the meeting. With a quorum of active Club members present, a vote on the revised, proposed budget was held and it passed.

It was noted that at the next (Planning) meeting to be held on June 13, a vote on the new dues level will be held.

Upcoming activities/events

- Kayaking: Wednesday May 31 – Great Swamp, Patterson, NY
- Happy Hour: June 9: Mariner's Harbor
- Almost Summer Bash: Saturday June 10 – George Freer Park. Food, kayaking, corn hole tournament and (hopefully) cycling.

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- Hike to Hunter Mountain Fire Tower: Friday June 23
- Happy Hour – June 23: Ole Savannah

50/50 raffle held with \$ 36 generated for the Club.

Meeting closed by Rob Fletcher. Minutes submitted by Jeff Huth

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

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

Executive VP - Jeff Huh 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 , Treasurer@trailsweepers.org

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

Skip Alford (4/'25) 481-2898

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

Katie Viglielmo (4/'24) 203-482-1954

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

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Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

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Kayaking - TBD

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670, Carol Tomasetti 594-9045

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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