

Mt. Spokane Prime Timers
2018 Spring Meeting
May 2, 2018

Members present included:

Anne Irmer, Ron Andrews, Patti Aspinwall, Gail Harris, Don Harris, Roger Schramm, Erick Boisen, Cheryl Boisen, Galen Chamberlain, Dave Whipple, Tom Tauscher, Nancy Tauscher, Suzanne Oliver, Jim Pflapsen, Linda Pendleton, Holly Mullen, and Ruth Kilpatrick.

Call to Order: At 4:25 pm by President Tom Tauscher with Ron Andrews facilitating.

Treasury & Membership Reports:

Treasury report by Gail Harris reported a slight loss, \$216 for the season. Presently, checking account has \$1,962.29 balance.

We have 100 hats left for purchase at \$7 each. We will do a better job trying to sell them at the Pre-season party. Linda Pendleton will make a sign to advertise the hats and sell them at our October function. We may use the sign in the garage to continue selling them at the mountain during the next ski season. The hats are a great source of income for the club.

Membership report by Anne Irmer shows that there were 338 members in the 2016-17 season and 325 in the 2017-18 season. However we had 52 new members join last season. People are excited about joining Prime Timers. It was suggested a letter outlining benefits and responsibilities of membership be provided for the Prime Timer table to distribute to those inquiring about Prime Timers. The discussion revealed there is such a letter already being emailed to our new & renewing members. It was agreed to provide this letter for distribution at the Prime Timer table in the garage.

Survey results:

90 members responded. This cross-section of membership was overall very happy with Prime Timers. Survey suggestions included a possible welcome for new members, similar to Mt. Hosts that are at other ski resorts. Mt. Spokane has no employees that are hosts; rather the hosts seen on weekends are volunteers. Perhaps people in our club would take on this role or have instructors from the mountain do this if they are not working.

98% of people liked the lunches. We will keep the number to 3 per season. Concerns about lunch RSVPs and no-shows was discussed. We will relate to the membership, in the Newsletter, the cost to the club showing the membership the financial loss to the club when people no-show, as we still have to pay the mountain for our meals.

We have previously allowed members to sign up for any or all of the season's lunches at one time, but due to no-shows, we decided it would be best if members signed up for one lunch at a time - the upcoming lunch.

80% liked the Regional Invitational exchange with other mountains.

How people get information about Prime Timers: #1 e-mail/newsletter, #2 website, #3 Facebook and #4 lodge

46% of respondents attend social hours. This increases to 70% if the social hour is part of a special event. The time for the socials will be 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

37% said they would participate in the off-season cycling that Dave Whipple organizes.

75% + liked continuing with the Whitefish trip.

Review of Officers & Duties:

Tom Tauscher will remain President. It works well to have one voice communicating with the Mountain.

Patti Aspinwall will remain Secretary providing minutes for our annual meetings and other correspondence.

Gail Harris will continue to be our Treasurer, providing excellent detailed reports about the fiscal health of Prime Timers.

Committees and Duties:

Anne Irmer will continue with Membership, Newsletter and Database coordinator for our club for which we are all very thankful!

Website master: Our webmaster Stan Holm, who has done a wonderful job for many years, has retired his volunteer position. We really appreciate all that Stan has done for Prime Timers for so many years. Dave Whipple will approach Dan Panther and Brian Beatty regarding taking this over, perhaps with Dave being part of this committee. Dave will contact Tom and Anne regarding the results of this ask. If there isn't a positive response we will put it out to the membership for volunteers. Discussion was for a new web design that is simple, possibly using Go Daddy.

Debbie and Jim Allen were not present but we voted to have Debbie continue in this role as she had expressed interest in continuing as Social Hour Coordinator.

Holly Mullen will continue to work with Gabe as the Lunch Coordinator.

Event Planning: It was decided that one person would be in charge of each event rather than a committee in charge of all events.

Our events include:

Pre-season party - Anne Irmer

Whitefish Trip – Galen Chamberlain

Valentine Social on Feb 13th – Roger Schramm & Ruth Kilpatrick

Regional Invitational – NEED SOMEONE

20th Anniversary Party – Linda Pendleton & Cheryl Boisen. This party also coincides with the 3rd lunch on March 27, 2019.

New Business:

2018-19 Dues will increase to \$25 per person. The increase is primarily due to the increase cost of lunches. If dues have not been paid by the time a person RSVPs for lunch, they are considered a guest and put on the waitlist. If the dues are paid within a week prior to the lunch, they will have a reserved lunch, otherwise they will remain on the waitlist and pay the guest fee of \$10 for lunch if a lunch is available. All guests will now pay \$10 for a lunch to be paid at the time of the reservation and no later than a week prior to the lunch or they will be on the waitlist. The cost of a Guest lunch is subject to change based on the cost the mountain charges Prime Timers for the lunches.

Members present voted to compensate officers and committee chair-people for their dues. This Includes: Tom Tauscher, Patti Aspinwall, Gail Harris, Anne Irmer, Debbie Allen, & Holly Mullen. This

will also extend to the Web master when appointed.

Social Hours will continue each Wednesday during the months of January - March unless the mountain closes. The survey responses liked the better snacks, especially the Nacho Bar. We will add a "Donation Jar" to help cover expenses for premium beer and enhanced snacks. Tip will remain at Gail's discretion based on the amount of service provided by the bar staff, but no less than 10%. Costs for the Social Hour will continue at \$7 for Beer and Wine and \$3 for Soft Drinks.

Regional Invitational Event will charge \$10 for Beer and Wine and \$5 for Soft Drinks.

Pre-Season Party at Bear Creek Lodge can accommodate 120 people. 2017 - 2018 Prime Timer members will pay \$15 for the dinner with the balance subsidized by our dues. Non-member guests will pay the full cost of the meal as determined by Bear Creek Lodge. Beverages will be purchased independently of the meal directly from Bear Creek Lodge.

Calendar of Events:

Pre-Season Party is reserved for **Saturday October 27th** with a possible Halloween theme. We may change the date to October 20th to avoid conflict with the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol Ski Swap. However, it was discussed that most Prime Timers involved in the Swap work on Thursday and shop on Friday, so having the party on Saturday should not be a problem.

Lunches: January 16th – Nancy Tauscher will coordinate

February 20th – NEED A COORDINATOR

March 27th – Linda Pendleton and Cheryl Boisen will coordinate in conjunction with 20th anniversary celebration.

Special Valentine Social - February 13th - Roger Schramm and Ruth Kilpatrick are the organizers.

Regional Invitational Event – March 13th with a St. Patrick's Day Theme - **Need an organizer.**

Miscellaneous Business:

Ron Andrews will be reimbursed for his color ink cartridges and paper used for our documents. He will send his receipts to Gail Harris for this reimbursement.

Increasing Membership:

Tom reported the booth at the Mt. Spokane Ski Swap has not had much attention due to the younger ages of attendees at the Swap. We will decide if we would like to have a booth this year.

It's possible the mountain will provide a link on their website to the Prime Timers' website when they redesign their webpage. Last season the Prime Timer events were posted on their on-line ski/snow report.

Overwhelmingly the group expressed pleasure how we are working together as a team with the same goals in mind for continuing Mt. Spokane Prime Timers to be a strong presence in our community.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Submitted by: Patti Aspinwall, Secretary