

CSMC Board Meeting

January 27th, 2026

Minutes taken by Parker Townes

Board Members Present:

Parker Townes, Tony Tang, David Murray, Eric Klaszus, Erin Marshall, Jessica Murray, Mika Hakkola, Rob Maiman

Alex Joseph Absent

- Parker Townes motioned to have Tony Tang elected as a board member.
 - All eight of the present board members voted in favour, with no present board member opposing the action.
 - Alex Joseph was not present to vote on the action.
- Tony will be added to all of the relevant documentation for his official placement on the board.
 - Parker and Tony will have to be added to the banking information. We still have not heard back from the bank to have Parker officially added as a co-signer.
- Erin will walk Tony through her current responsibilities, and they will work closely together on tasks related to accounting and financial matters for the club.
 - Erin plans to step down from her role on the board in April.
- Tony has created a Google Sheet that includes member names on their bank transfer, their corresponding name on Meetup, and their membership start and expiry dates.
 - We will progressively move toward using the Google Sheet instead of having memberships updated on Meetup profiles. This will be a simpler system for trip organizers to check participant memberships are up-to-date – an urgent problem that has come to the attention of the board. This will also decrease the workload for the board member responsible for updating memberships (currently Jess). Transition is estimated to be completed sometime around April 2026.
 - Alex to update the club website to make it more clearly stated that members must include their meetup name in their e-transfers to the club – a current issue that some members are failing to do.
 - We will eventually add waivers and avalanche safety checks (A1) to the Google Sheet as well.
 - Once implemented, board members will gather input from trip leaders to decide if the club will continue with the current system or introduce a paywall through Meetup directly or via a third party.

- Parker made a quick comment to board members emphasizing club equality, inclusion, and diversity following an event on WhatsApp where a club member expressed views that went against our values as a club. Maintaining these values is the responsibility of all club members, and behaviour directly opposing these values will not be tolerated.
- The board has committed to creating club merchandise. Eric has identified a potential supplier (Top to Bottom). Parker will reach out for a quote on hats, buffs, and touques.
 - We will use the current club logo for these items.
 - A new logo will be created for t-shirts that will be released to club members at a later date.
- Erin has identified that the club has 142 current paid members at the time of the board meeting.
 - The board agrees that it is a reasonable goal to strive toward reaching 200 paid club members.
- Following the meeting, the board anonymously voted on the following two actionable items:
 1. The club shall raise annual membership dues by \$5.00 for individuals, couples, and families. Drop-in cost would remain at \$17.00 per person.
 Single \$40.00 --> \$45.00
 Couple \$60.00 --> \$65.00
 Family \$80.00 --> \$85.00
 Drop-in \$17.00
 Individuals unable to pay for annual membership dues because of financial challenges may complete a special project with the club in lieu of payment.
 2. Board members will be exempt from annual membership dues because of their ample contribution to the overall function of the club.
 Board members who are not contributing to achieving objectives or fulfilling responsibilities may be asked to step down from the board but are absolutely welcome to remain a club member/trip leader.
- The results of the vote are:
 - 9/9 board members voted in favour of raising annual membership dues by \$5.00, passing the motion.
 - 3/9 board members voted in favour of exempting annual membership dues for board members, failing to pass the motion.