

Sno Jets Club-Sponsored vs. Member-Sponsored Events Policy

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A club-sponsored event is one where the Sno Jets Ski Club itself is financially liable for the event, regardless of whether the event is successful or not. Any money paid for those events goes to the Sno Jets first, then to the various vendors. A club member may be promoting or running the event (e.g. taking payments and making reservations), but the Sno Jets Ski Club is ultimately financially responsible. With a club-sponsored event, if the club commits money to something that not enough people attend, then the Sno Jets Ski Club absorbs all losses, not the member(s) running the event.

Some examples of "club-sponsored" events are the Year-End Party, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Pig Roast, ski trips, Golf Tournament, etc. These are "club-sponsored" Sno Jets events because the club put up the money to run them (even though taking payments and making reservations may have been done by a member) and the club assumes the liability for, and takes the risk for, the event's success.

A "member-sponsored" event is coordinated and run by a club member who takes the risk of committing money to that event. That member can choose to either pay up front for whatever charges may be incurred for the event and then have attendees pay them back, or they can opt instead to have the attendees pay their own way (e.g. pay for their own tickets, meals, drinks, fees etc.). Money paid for those events is never given to the Sno Jets Ski Club. It is given directly to the club member organizing the event or to the business where the event is taking place. The Sno Jets Ski Club is not in any way responsible for the event. The club member assumes any financial and/or logistical liability for the event.

Some examples of "member-sponsored" events are Wednesday Night Dinners, indoor skydiving, rafting, mine tours, train rides, SkySox games, Wolf & Wildlife Tours, concerts, Warren Miller films, fee-based parties at members' houses, etc. These are "member-sponsored" events because the club never had any official and/or binding involvement in setting up or running the event.

Since the goal of the club is to provide fun for everyone, both club-sponsored and member-sponsored events may, and should, make full use of club resources to promote the event (e.g. newsletter, web site, Yahoo distro, meeting announcements, etc.). However, any event, whether club-sponsored or member-sponsored, must have board approval before being promoted through club resources. Board approval may be given by the whole board, by the appropriate department head (Social, Trips, or Programs), or by the President if the appropriate department head is unavailable. Any member-sponsored event will not be promoted

if it conflicts with a previously scheduled club-sponsored event. Also, both club-sponsored and member-sponsored events are automatically open to all club members and, therefore, the members must abide by all club policies, including the "No Kids/No Dogs" policy.

Lastly, if a member has an idea for an event that would require the help of the club to succeed (large deposits would need to be made, for example), then the member must bring the idea to the board for approval because no member may commit the club to anything that hasn't already been approved by the board. The club also advises members to be respectful of organizing any private events that conflict with club-sponsored events, as doing so greatly increases the likelihood of causing the club financial harm due to extensive losses from "siphoned" attendance.