



**Far West Division**  
Summer Board Meeting  
July 30 – August 1, 2004  
Reno, Nevada

Meeting Called to order 8:15 am

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Ray Bryan (DD), Ron Evenson (ADD-elected), Stephen Francisco (ADD), Vern Herr (Treasurer), Tim OBrien (ES), Bill Gibson (NC), and Jerry Muszynski (SC).: and R. Bailey (Prof. Rep), Proxy for Arizona Region: John Nauman. 8:45 a.m. Ken Bergmann (ML) arrived, Janice Waits (Secretary).

- Agenda — Approved as submitted
- Minutes of Winter 2004 meeting approved as submitted
- Parliamentary — Mike Balavage, Legal Advisor

**FUTURE DATES:**

- December 15, 2004** Nominations DUE for Division Director and Assistant Director positions.. (5.4)
- January 3, 2005** Division Director and Asst. Division Director candidates list finalized by Elections committee. (5.4)
- January 24, 2005** List of Division Director and Asst. Division Director candidates, with their resumes and platforms to be posted on the FWD web site. (5.5.1)
- February 5, 2005** Winter Board Meeting, Mount Rose Ski Area
- February 7, 2005** Date of election. Division Director and Assistant Division Director (5.5.2)
- February 7, 2005** Candidate nominations for Region Directors of: Eastern Sierra and Northern California resumes and platform statements due.
- March 9, 2005** Date all ballots to be received or postmarked. (5.5.3)
- April 4, 2005** Date of election for Region Directors. (5.11.2)
- April 9, 2005** Results posted to WEB with written notification to candidates.
- May 4, 2005** Date all ballots to be received or postmarked for Region Directors.
- May 13, 2005** Results of Region Director election posted to WEB with written notification to candidates.
- August 5, 6, 7, 2005** Summer Board Meeting — Las Vegas, Nevada

**ELECTIONS 2004**— J. Waits review of written report

- Committee: Tim O'Brien, John Higgins, Lance Vaughan, Arron Walter  
Tech support: Christophe Marchant and Dave Coffin
- Ray Bryan reminded Board that the Elections Committee addressed only procedures of the election and that specific bylaw changes would be necessary to change the 'electorate' base.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** — V. Herr – Reports distributed in meeting

- 04/05 proposed budget distributed for discussion
- Tom Chesterman to replace Vern Herr, after a transition period



## **CONFIRMATION OF ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS — Unanimous**

- Certified Advisor — Dave Rhodes
- PEEK Editor — Cathleen Caulkins
- Legal — Mike Balavage
- OEC — Keith Tatsukawa
- Toboggan — Lance Vaughn
- Treasurer — Tom Chesterman

## **FLOOR MOTIONS:** Passed unanimously, unless noted.

- To accepted 2004/2005 budget as amended.
- Region Directors or their designee are to contact patrol representatives and/or patrol treasurers to verify Community College Attachment F reports. Region Directors to notify Division Treasurer when corrected Attachment F forms have been received and forwarded to Community College Coordinator. Disbursements to be withheld until satisfactory and/or correct Attachment F forms are received.
- Moved to closed executive session 2:00 pm
- Return to open session 2:45 pm
- That the Board redirect a specific group of people to audit the Lee Canyon ski patrol following the guidelines set forth by e-mail from Ray Bryan on Feb. 3, 2004. Cost of such audit to be borne by the Far West Division.
- To fund attendance of Scott Hoffman (APP President) to the 2004 summer conference, less the \$100 he is receiving from Southern California Region.
- To approve Community College expenditures of: \$1600 to Arizona Region for requested training costs; purchase of Leadership Development manuals \$358; \$1651 for requested training cost by Nordic Supervisor; and \$1556 to fund Asst. Division Directors attendance at Powder Fall 2005.

## **PROPOSALS:** Passed unanimously, unless noted

- **SM-04-01** Withdrawn by maker Before a patroller may be appointed to an advisory position at the regional or divisional level, the nominating party/parties must consult with and obtain the consent, in advance, of the officer of the patrol for whom the would-be appointee serves. As to patrollers already holding a position at the regional level or divisional level who are potential appointees to another regional or divisional post, the nominating party/parties must also consult with and obtain the consent, in advance, of the officer at the regional or divisional level for whom the would-be appointee serves. The governing body or board with authority to approve advisory appointments shall ensure that such consultation has occurred and prior consent obtained before approving any such appointment.
- **SM-04-02** PASSED Community College Operations changes. Add items 6, 7, 8, 10, & 11 from proposal to Community College Fundamentals Document, not Summary of Operation. PASSED as noted.



## PROPOSALS cont.

- **SM-04-03** TABLED Time certain, for specially called September Board meeting to allow bylaw language to be written for change in voting electorate.  
Moved and seconded to amend consideration. Board to call a special meeting for consideration of proposed Bylaws change, at which time, Board will decide if a second 30 day special meeting is required for a second reading. Passed, opposed by T. O'Brien

## REPORTS HEARD IN MEETING:

**Summer Meeting Overview** — John Doolittle

**Community College Report** — Hugh Foster

- Report distributed in meeting, with oral clarification
- Attachment F reports – need to be corrected (See Motions)

**Legal Report** – Mike Balavage

- His efforts will be dictated and limited to best interests of National Ski Patrol

**Division Director's Report** – Ray Bryan -

- Attended Nationally sponsored Div Directors Meeting
  - Role of Div in delivery. Program delivery methods – to be how National wants to see delivery handled
  - Direct registration — Mechanics still need to be worked out
  - Skill levels - Levels to reflect current 'skill' of member. Current names to be used for recognition of requirements achieved at one time.

**Asst. Division Director** – Steve Francisco — Advisor reports

- **Registration Report** – P. Jamison - Written report distributed in meeting
- **OEC** – Keith Tatsukawa working on transition with Doug Hill, looking for specific region needs and Online course – distance learning – done under Keith's control-must be cleared by national.
- **Ski/toboggan** — Lance Vaughn –review of program, goals for 04/05
- **Certified** — Dave Rhodes - program report to be sent to RD's.

**Asst. Division Director** — Ron Evenson – Advisor reports

- **Avalanche** – Mike Laney - report e-mailed to Board, reviewed orally.
- **Inst Development** – Howard Jordan – oral report - list of 39 instructors with 9 IT's.
- **Mountain Travel Rescue** — Robert Parkhurst – oral report.
- **Nordic** – Gwynne Pugh absent – e-mail report given by Ron Evenson.

## REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS

- **Mother Lode** RD Report: continues to put NSP name out in public and to work on patroller skills.
- **Eastern Sierra** RD Report: working on increasing number of paid patroller members.
- **Northern CA** RD Report: delivered lots of classes – numbers holding well, will try to add additional classes – working with major local area (Shasta) – to get paid staff to be members.
- **Arizona** RD Report: not much to report-Las Vegas Ski/Snowboard park (aka Lee Canyon) bought by Powder Corp.



- **Southern CA RD Report:** has 3 new board members within region; has only 1 key board position still open; improving our PR area.  
**Professional Board member** — Rich Bailey – oral report to board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Member Benefits/Value** – Ken Bergman – document e-mailed to Board  
Next step with these materials Post materials on FWD WEB site - and disseminate through RD's to PD's
- **Summer Conference 2003 Revenue** – issue – non return of \$1,439.84 revenue generated from Summer 2003 conference and kept by High Sierra patrol – board directed Ray Bryan to further discuss with John Jamison and request money be returned to the Division. High Sierra to request division funding support if needed.

#### **MOTION: no motion – status quo**

- **Title 22** — Ron Evenson — Initial response was it would take two years, sent packet of information, received acknowledgement. Ray enlisted CSIA support. Via lobbyist Chuck White (with waste management) – we were able to meet with Adm Asst to Lois Wolk Assemblywoman, 8<sup>th</sup> District.– She has agreed to move it forward, and possibly introduce legislation on our behalf. Looking at using Subsection 100 that CHP used to pass theirs. Ken Bergman Requested for electronic copy of letter be sent to RD's.  
Group to meet with Chuck White at Saturday session to move this forward.
- **Northern California Region** – Bill Gibson update on Region status  
Has 2 active ski areas with 1 patrol – that want NSP; “Lasson Vocanic Patrol” has no relationship with public lands administrators; Shasta Mountain is doing well  
Reminder from Ray – cannot register a patrol that does not have a managing authority using the members as patrollers.
- **Authorized Training Centers** Ray Bryan – framed certificates to each patrol listing their eligible training center authorizations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Mt. Waterman; Explorer, Big Pine, Angeles Crest & Ski Sunrise**— Jerry Muszynski  
Ski Sunrise merging with Mountain High.  
Mt. Waterman – currently has valid relationship with a ski area and will register.  
Big Pine & Angeles Crest Nordic – have been asked to cease & desist by Forest Service - and told to remove any and all equipment  
Explorer primary members are connected to Mt. Waterman
- **Peek Publishing Options** – Stephen Francisco  
Review of possible change to print house and will review costs at Kinko's
- **Mark Dorsey, National Asst. Executive Director**
  - 1) Changes National is undergoing to be much more systematic and accurate in reporting information.
  - 2) Seeing changes in regulatory agencies
  - 3) Challenging of where OEC fits – how to meet needs of area management
  - 4) Finances – association & non-profits facing close scrutiny, IRS paying closer attention
  - 5) National board working to have contemporary business practices

**Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm**