



**Far West Division
Winter Board of Directors Meeting
Northstar at Tahoe
March 13, 2009**



Meeting Called to Order: 9:22 A.M. by Division Director, Stephen Simi

Roll Call: Stephen Simi, DD; Ron Evenson, ADD; Bill Gibson, ADD; Curt Grube, Arizona RD; Bill Hummer, ES RD; Don Johnson, Mother Lode RD; Don Harris, SC RD; Northern Calif. Region – no representative present.

T. Atkins, proxy for Prof. Patrol Rep. Rich Bailey

Treasurer: Keith Dickens; Legal: Stewart Foreman;

Meeting Chair: Stephen Simi

Secretary/Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Stewart Foreman, Legal Advisor

Agenda: accepted as submitted

Introduction of staff, program administrators, and guests.

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted

- Deposit to secure 2009 summer conference in Davis, CA location, not to exceed \$1,000.
- Creation of a 2009 summer conference brochure (tri-fold) not to exceed \$500
- If needed, cover expenses of Legal Advisor, Stewart Foreman, to attend as a representative of the Far West Division, the March 24, 2009 state hearing on Good Samaritan Law. Not to exceed \$200
- If needed, cover expenses and transportation costs to cover a meeting with and at June Mountain patrol. Expectation is that meeting will not take place. Not to exceed \$1,000
- If an active NSP member perishes, the Division may donate up to \$100 to a 501c3 charity in the name of the patroller or send flowers to their memorial service, not to exceed \$100. (1 abstention)

PROPOSALS: none submitted

STAFF REPORTS

- **Secretary:** J. Waits
 - Election Report: — see report at end of minutes.
 - Request for updated region rosters by email as updates occur.
- **Treasurer:** K. Dickens
 - FWD Account summary discussed in meeting
 - FWD Budget mid-season report: preliminary balances only, additional program expenses still to be submitted
 - IRS filing status. Still requesting extensions. Requesting penalty waiver to be in writing.
- **Registrar:** P. Jamison absent — updated — Registered Patrollers as of 3/20/09 1,653 volunteers and 142 Pro's — total of 1,795



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STAFF REPORTS cont.

- **Legal:** Stewart Foreman:
 - FWD leadership is working with California legislators to achieve passage of a Bill in California to strengthen the state's Good Samaritan Law so that it will provide immunity to volunteers who provide emergency medical and non-medical care to injured or sick individuals. A motion was passed to fund expenses to support the legislative hearing.
 - Good Samaritan Update: issue of “immunity for providing emergency medical care”, but none for other emergency care, does not include ‘extrication’. Be aware, if or when, doing care under other situations – only the medical care portion is considered under the Good Samaritan Law.
 - Volunteer patrols joining Pro-Division (June Mountain and Sky Tavern). Possible committee visitation/meeting with June Mountain management (see motions-costs not to exceed \$1,000).
Committee formation: J. Stewart, S. Simi DD, B. Gibson ADD, D. Harris, SC RD, B. Hummer, ES RD, R. Bailey, Prof. PR, Tom Sherry.
 - PayPal and FWD Tax ID number in appropriate use. S. Foreman and B. Gibson to write PayPal, clarifying ownership of the FWD NSP Tax ID number.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

- **Division Director:** S. Simi — see report at end of minutes
 - Report on National Board meeting — see report at end of minutes
- **Asst. Division Director:** R. Evenson
 - Working on Community College program; forms and enrolling instructors.
 - Attended the Tri-Advisory in 2008 and the National Board meeting in Utah.
- **Asst. Division Director:** B. Gibson — see report at end of minutes

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Arizona: C. Grube — see report at end of minutes
- Eastern Sierra: B. Hummer
 - ESR Has 11-13 patrols. Conducts 3 Region meetings a year, emphasized that patrols are a ‘large’ family, encourages swapping of patroller to share ideas. Has had success with candidates taking OEC after they pass proficiency. Took an Action to produce a write up of how the multi-patrol OEC Piedmont Final is conducted. In response to FWD needs: ESR stated that they need more IT’s for OEC.
- Mother Lode: D. Johnston — see report at end of minutes
- Northern California: per B. Gibson. NoCal has officially added another patrol (total 3 patrols).
- Southern California: D. Harris — see report at end of minutes
- Professional — no report



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PROGRAM SUPERVISORS — reports to the Board

- DD S. Simi — request written updates on programs for '08-'09.
Also address: needs/support; staffing needs; and planning timeline for the '09-10 season.
- OET Supervisor: L. Vaughn — see report at end of minutes
- WEB: S. Beaman (absent)/T. Moore presenting.
Polled Board for what they expect WEB site to do and contain.
WEB posted material needs to be proofed for correct information and before posting.
Proof entire document, not just first page. Be sure you only post what is necessary. No addresses.

Meeting Adjourned — 4:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Janice Waits, FWD Secretary

FUTURE DATES:

- April 6, 2009 — Eastern Sierra and Northern California Region Election Ballots sent out along with candidates platform and statement
- May 4, 2009 — Eastern Sierra and Northern California Region Election Date all ballots to be received/postmarked
- July 31, 2009 FWD Board Meeting — Davis, California
- July 31 – Aug. 1, 2009 FWD Summer Meeting — Davis, California
- March 10, 11, 12, 2010 Squaw Proficiency Clinic
- March 12, 2010 FWD Winter Board Meeting — Northstar
- Mach 12, 13, 14, 2010 Winter Education Conference — Northstar

ACTION ITEMS:

- Community College group to write a 'white paper' explaining the program; how and where the funds generated by NSP registered classes are returned to community colleges, when registering courses with approved curriculum.
- Legal — Request to Legal, S. Foreman, with B. Gibson, to write a letter in conjunction. Letter to PayPal clarifying ownership of the FWD NSP Tax ID number.
May 2009 Update—Per Division Director, S. Simi, no action is now necessary. Based on subsequent information/clarification, the patrol in question is now using their own NSPS tax ID number and the FWD's NSPS tax ID number will now only be used by the Far West Division.
- Legal — Committee to be formed re: National/pro patroller registration issues at June Mountain and Sky Tavern. Committee to consist of: S. Foreman; S. Simi; B. Gibson; D. Harris, SC RD, B. Hummer ES RD; R. Bailey Prof. Pat; Tom Sherry.
- Eastern Sierra, B. Hummer, requested a write up of how the OEC Piedmont Final Exam is conducted.
- Mother Lode— request an article for PEEK about the new Royal Gorge patrol.
- So. Calif. — request article for PEEK about NSPS/OEC and water rescue, i.e. Terry Jesse's high-speed water-skiing crash.
- WEB — Request formation of a working IT committee, made up of: executive level, region directors, and program representatives. Wants WEB sites to serve a purpose in Region and at Division level.

See separate addendum file "2009 Winter Meeting Reports"