



Far West Division Summer Conference, 31 July – 1 August 2009
Hallmark Inns, Davis, California
FWD Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, July 31, 2008, 9am-5:30pm



Meeting called to order: 9:07 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 Johnston, Mother Lode RD; Scott Tikalsky, NC RD; Don Harris, SC RD; Rich Bailey, Professional Patroller Representative

Treasurer: Keith Dickens; Legal: Stewart Foreman; Secretary Janice Waits

Guests: Barbara Dixon, National Board member and Myer Avedovech, National Awards Coordinator. Tim White, Executive Director (arrived in afternoon).

Meeting Chair: Stephen Simi

Secretary/Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Stewart Foreman, Legal Advisor

Agenda: accepted as submitted

Introduction of staff, program supervisors, and guests, which included NSP Patrol Representatives.

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted:

- Approve 2009 Winter Meeting Minutes
- Appointments by DD:
 - Nancy Stromswold, to the position of Community Collage Liaison
 - Ken Bergmann, to the position of Awards Supervisor
 - Jim Margolis, to the position of NSP Promotion and Recruitment Advisor
 - Tim Viall, to the position of Communications/Newsletter Supervisor
- SAR team request for \$300: \$200 for travel and \$100 for equipment ID tags.

PROPOSALS: passed unanimously unless noted

- SM-09-1 PASSED — Purchase a Cascade 100 toboggan and tow hitch for use by Royal Gorge Ski Patrol, \$1,056.21 with costs to be shared (\$352.07 each) among Far West Division, Mother Lode Region, and the Royal Gorge Ski Patrol. Cascade Toboggan quote attached. Use of Community College funds
- SM-09-2 WITHDRAWN — by author (see Motions)—establish paper newsletter
- SM-09-3 TABLED — until further information is available — establish Avalanche Training Centers of Excellence throughout the Division
- SM-09-4 PASSED — Purchase 25 Avalanche Instructor Manuals for Instructors in the FWD. \$625 – one time purchase. Use of Community College funds

FUTURE DATES:

- November 14, 15, 2009 — Tri Advisory Conference, Yosemite
- March 19, 2010 — Winter Board Meeting, Northstar
- March 19, 20, 21, 2010 — Winter Educational Conference, Northstar
- August 6, 2010 — Summer Board Meeting, Davis
- August 6, 7, 2010 — Summer Educational Conference, Davis
- 2010 Election dates — Election Report *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*



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STAFF REPORTS:

- **Conference Coordinator:** Tony Atkins — update on conference events
- **Secretary:** J. Waits — *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
 - Winter Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2009 Approved with modifications
 - Elections Report: *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
2009 results Bill Hummer, ES RD and Scott Tikalsky, NC RD new term: 6/1/09/-5/31/11
2010 elections for: Asst. Div. Dir. (R. Evenson terms out); Region Directors for Eastern Sierra, Mother Lode, and Southern California
- **Registrar:** P. Jamison — Statistics and Registration — *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
- **Treasurer:** K. Dickens — August 15 all region financial reports due to treasurer
 - No Community College funds distributed without receipt of patrol financial report
- **Legal:** S. Foreman — on going discussions with National, re: NSP expressing opinion on wearing of helmets; legal component be included as a senior component.
FWD also supporting 2 bills:
 - a) Good Samaritan Law – provisions for non-medical as well as medical care.
 - b) Good Samaritan Immunity for volunteers under OES disaster service workers programs
- **Division Director:** S. Simi — *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
- **Asst. Div. Directors:** Ron Evenson and Bill Gibson - *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
- **National Board Report:** B. Gibson
 - Growth from a struggling National Board to an up and running Board with a capable National staff
 - Approval of National Bylaws rewrite scheduled for fall 2009
 - Myer Avedovech — National Awards Coordinator
 - New recognition award to be given to family of a deceased patroller, who died while performing patrol duties
 - National Outstanding Awards contest being redesigned, and a new national individual trophy. Winner to receive \$1000 towards next PEC conference
 - PEC scheduled for April 2010 at Snowbird
 - Renewed interest at National level in addressing Nordic needs
 - National has challenged itself for growth in number of patrols and membership
 - National will implement a new online registration process Fall 2009. This is an electronic implementation of the patrol's annual registration form. The process still requires forms and checks to be passed from Patrols, to Regions, to Divisions, to National offices.
 - OEC 5th edition –release schedule is summer 2010. Costs are projected to be similar to current 4th edition costs. NOTE: Far West Division will seek grant funding to purchase 1,800 5th edition manuals for the Division membership.
 - National Board has proposed a balanced budget for 2009-2010 – with possible surplus of \$70,000. Over last 5 years National identified that they spent approximately \$850,000 more than income, due to staffing changes, lawsuits etc., but still on 1 to 1.25 operating fee
 - The National dues will remain \$41 – The National Finance Committee is evaluating its financial position, and may suggest to the Nat BOD an increase September 2009.
 - Fund Raising Efforts at National level include on line auction items of donated items and the no fee NSP Rewards Visa card, NSP gets \$50 for each person who sign up, if the user purchased at least \$100 before November 2009
 - National is looking at possible grants for additional funding sources



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STAFF REPORTS cont.

- National Board will elect three Board members this year
- **Region Director Reports:** *see Summer Meeting pdf reports*
 - Arizona; Eastern Sierra; Mother Lode, Northern California; Southern California
 - Professional Patrol: R. Bailey — working with APP, held mini avalanche clinics using dogs, at Squaw and Sierra Summit

NEW BUSINESS

- **Educational Needs Survey:** S. Simi
Reviewed form and gathered information. Determined it's better to gather information in spring from regions for following season planning
- **Program Guide:** S. Simi — assisted in achieving a balance budget for 09/10
see Summer Meeting pdf reports
- **Programs:** *see Summer Meeting pdf reports* for full reports
 - Safety
 - Avalanche: R. Bailey — Mission to get more people involved.
 - Mountain Travel & Rescue: K. Chulski — presented power point to Board, power point to be posted on FWD WEB page.
 - SAR teams: J. Kretchmann, N.Ca; M. Kelly, So.CA; M. St.Clair — Request for budget item of \$300, \$200 for travel & \$100 for equipment i.d. tags. See motions.
 - OEC: K. Tatsukawa — reviewed Saturday OEC presentation (brought his 1 ½ brains)
 - Transportation
 - OET: L. Vaughan — IT numbers dropping, aging population; recommended to RD's that they remind all patrols to register TES course for all hill trainings.
 - Nordic: J. Gurrola absent. Kevin Johnson, Inter Mountain Division spoke on Nordic program. Skiing and Nordic programs share common goals. National is reviewing and deciding if Nordic should breakout from within and stand beside Skiing program. Nordic may get independent representation and National program supervisor. Additionally a Nordic component may be added to the Winter Education Conference 2010
- Development
 - Instructor Development: D. Hill — an Instructor Development Course was conducted as part of the summer conference with 17 students. We may add an ID component to the Winter Educational Conference.
 - Certified: M. Nolen — discussed possible 'Certified Intro/overview component' to be added at Winter Education Conference 2010
- Recognition & Communication
 - Awards: D. Ritchie/K. Bergmann — Dr. Dave Ritchie's last year of service to the Division, after 11-years. Continued promotion of and education about completing awards forms.
 - Web Site: S. Beaman/T. Moore (both absent – on travel)
 - Alumni: F. Shoemaker — alumni can maintain a secondary registration with an 'active' patrol

Community College Report: N. Stromswold and R. Evenson

- Contracts were established with South Bay and Columbia Community. These program should be evaluated on a year-to-year basis for they depend on the California State's budget



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DIVISION PROGRAMS

- Tri-Advisory: K. Chulski — Nov. 14, 15, 2009, Yosemite National Park. See Web page and brochure.
- Winter Educational Conference: T. Atkins/S. Simi — March 19, 20, 21, 2010, Northstar. Possible inclusion of components for Nordic and Certified. Working co-partnership with Squaw Valley's 17-18 March Ski and Toboggan clinics. The theme for the Conference will be a Celebration of the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Olympics
- Summer 2010 Conference — August 6, 7, 8 Davis. California is being revisited as a location as well as the possibly a Saturday, educational program presentation only in the Southern California area. Dates and locations of these events are to be determined. Committee to plan and review new format, includes: T. Atkins, S. Simi, R. Evenson, B. Gibson, D. Harris (SC RD), D. St. Clair, R. Bailey.

OLD BUSINESS

- June Mtn/Sky Tavern: S. Simi — both patrols are registered with Pro-division. national is working on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- Flagstaff's Arizona SnowBowl, within Arizona Region. The FWD is working with Area Management to bring Snowbowl into NSP. A planning committee is working the bridge effort.
- Royal Gorge, Mother Lode Region. New growing Nordic patrol (see SM-09-1)
- Montecito — the Patrol Representative leading the incorporation, left the area, so nothing is expected to occur with this area. MLR Director is working this issue.
- Mauna Kea, Hawaii, Eastern Sierra Region. ESR Director will contact the patrol to see what support they need. Seven members: five OEC instructors, no OET instructors

OPEN FORUM

- Recruitment Actions — see Motions — new NSP Promotion and Recruitment Advisor J. Margolis
- NIMS (National Incident Management System) format for handling major incidents. Training is Free. Committee to review how to assimilate into NSP/OEC
Committee formed: C. Murphy; S. Simi; R. Evenson; B. Gibson; D. Harris, SC RD

COMMITTEES:

Summer Conference 2010 — Committee: T. Atkins, S. Simi, R. Evenson, B. Gibson, D. Harris (SC RD), D. St. Clair, R. Bailey

NIMS (National Incident Management System)

C. Murphy; S. Simi; R. Evenson; B. Gibson; D. Harris, SC RD

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Waits, Secretary

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ACTION ITEMS — Summer 2009 Meeting:

- **August 15** — Region financial reports are due to FWD treasurer
- **August 15** — Region rosters are due to FWD secretary
- RD's to remind patrol representatives to register TES courses for all hill trainings
- Email to RD's proposed region report form — secretary
- Action items from Winter 2009 meeting to be rolled forward (see below)
- Write grant for purchase of OEC 5th Edition (\$200,000) — S. Simi
- Contact National to understand the requirements of the OEC challenge course for a mature well-established ski patrol (Arizona Snow Bowl) — S. Simi
- Explore cost sharing of Arizona Snow Bowl bridge class, between Arizona and FWD —S. Simi/AZ Region — C. Grube
- Mauna Kea Patrol— contact to see what if any support is needed from Division to keep them a viable patrol. (Note: Bill Hummer may have a low cost solution)
- Clarify payment for services — How to pay if a volunteer instructor loses a day's pay, i.e. payment to a professional patroller for conducting a class, when he loses a days pay.
- 2010 Summer Meeting — question to Southern California: How many would come to a Division Meeting? How many would come if one-day discipline programs only?
- NIMS – task force: Cash Murphy, Don Harris (SC), B. Gibson, R. Evenson, S. Simi Adoption/compliance of NIMS by FWD.
- Request that all presentations be posted on the FWD web page and/or emailed to region program supervisors.
- Link European trip to FWD web site — Chuck Herbert to follow up on
- Notify all Avalanche Instructors, that Division is purchasing manuals for them. (Need to confirm shipping addresses before shipping from National).

Outstanding ACTION ITEMS from Winter 2009 Meeting:

- 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.
- 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.