



**Far West Division – Mid-Winter Board of Directors Meeting
Northstar Ski Area
March 19, 2010**



Meeting called to order: 9:05 a.m. by Division Director Stephen Simi

Roll Call: Stephen Simi, DD; Bill Gibson, ADD; Bill Hummer, ES RD; Don Johnston ML RD; Jason “JJ” Allen, NoCA RD; Don Harris, SoCA RD. Absent: Ron Evenson, ADD, no proxy.

Proxies: Arizona – Scott Leonard; Professional – Jim Simons

Treasurer: Keith Dickens; **Secretary:** Janice Waits.

Meeting Chair: Stephen Simi

Secretary, Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Bill Gibson

Agenda: accepted as submitted

Introduction of staff, program supervisors, and guests.

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted

- That the FWD Board approve and send a member to attend the ISSW - not to exceed \$500. Attendee to be named at a future date.
- That the FWD procure the email communications system, ‘Constant Contact’ for Division use and newsletters. Cost to be no more than \$300 per year.

PROPOSAL(S): passed unanimously unless noted

- WM-10-1 PASSED — Bylaws Change First Reading. NEW Section: 8.6.3 All receipts and expenditures shall be submitted for reimbursement to the Division Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the date the expenditure was incurred and within the same fiscal year. Expenditures incurred in May and June shall be submitted within twenty (20) days. Receipts and expenditures submitted after the dead line has closed will be paid only on approval of the Division Director and Board of Directors.
Second Reading to be by email vote April 23, 2010.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Tom Moore, Communications/WEB (replaces retiring Steve Beaman)
- John McGuigan, Promotion/Recruitment Program (replaces retiring Jim Margolis)

FUTURE DATES:

- Aug.6, 2010 — Summer Board Meeting, Mammoth Mountain
- Aug. 6, 7 & 8, 2010 — Summer Educational Conference, Mammoth Mountain
- March 2011 — Winter Board Meeting, Northstar (Dates Friday 11 March 2010)
- March 2011 — Winter Educational Conference, Northstar (Friday-Sunday 11-13 March 2010)

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Conference Coordinator:** Tony Atkins — update on conference events
- **Secretary:** J. Waits — *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*
 - Summer Meeting Minutes, July 31, 2009, approved 8/17/09 as submitted
 - Rosters. Patrol Representative list distributed that is being used for election. Request new rosters be sent as they are updated.



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- **Secretary cont.**
 - Elections Report: (Dates to be determined)
2010 Results for ADD election: Lance Vaughan, to replace Ron Evenson who terms out
2010 Region RD Elections for Eastern Sierra, Mother Lode, Southern California and
Northern California . Ballots to be mailed April 5, 2010.
- **Registrar:** Oral recap of total registered patrollers. *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*
- **Treasurer:** K. Dickens — Oral summary presented on the following: 09-10 Budget – mid-season status of expenditures; IRS filing status update and 2005 filing issue (*resolved after Winter Meeting, no late fees*).
 - Review of expense reimbursement guidelines (with B. Gibson).
 - Community College funds not distributed without receipt of patrol financial report.
- **Legal:** S. Simi (S. Foreman absent). Oral summary on:
 - Helmets, nothing further from a National perspective. Some Ski Areas now requiring employees to wear helmets.
 - Good Samaritan Law and recognition of OEC continuing to move forward.
 - Prepared to review Division’s authority to appoint/re-appoint Professional Division members – no action is necessary at the Division-level at this time.
- **Division Director:** S. Simi
 - Presented “2010 National BOD Presentation Program-Centric Administration” at the National BOD Meeting Jan 2010 (see posted PDF of the presentation). Some aspects of the FWD presentation and processes are being implemented at the National level. The change may add clarity to how the National BOD operates with respect to programs and program development.
 - Good Samaritan Law: continued involvement and support to get NSP OEC recognized by Title 22
 - NSP is making strides in being recognized as a Phase II component with California Volunteers Disaster Corps. Attended the first Phase-II implementation teleconference. Also working with other Division Director’s on NSP ‘National Immunity’ for OEC providers.
- **Asst. Div. Directors:** B. Gibson. *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*. R. Evenson, absent.
- **National Board Report:** B. Gibson
 - Division DD’s and ADD met 1 day earlier than National Board meeting to have prepared answers for National Board meeting.
 - National Board now meeting by Skype, with DD’s and RD’s holding separate phone conference during Skype Board meeting. This allows rapid agreement and response among Divisions to National. This is causing a change at National, Divisions are driving the National Board, not top down.
 - OEC Program Supervisors are now appointed at Division level, which is similar to all other NSP Program Supervisors appointments. Previously OEC Program Supervisors were appointed by OEC National Program Director – a unique case.
 - Nordic is again a National Program.
 - National is discussing possible support of the FWD’s Educational Conference, when PEC is not being held in off years.



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- **Region Director Reports:** *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*
 - Arizona; Mother Lode; Northern California; Southern California
 - Eastern Sierra – B. Hummer oral report
 - Low candidate numbers and have started comparing offered area benefits.
 - “0” Region dues for 2010 and 2011
 - Winter Education Conference – Request possibility of signing up only for specific events and not all as a package. Explain what you get for total package.
 - Professional – B. Simons proxy – no formal report

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORTS *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*

- **Mountain Travel & Rescue** – K. Chulski
- **Outdoor Emergency Transport** – Lance Vaughan is mentoring his replacement.
- **Avalanche** – Proxy B. Simon. R. Bailey to host Lev. II at Sierra Summit
Requesting funds to attend ISSW. (see Motions and Action Items)

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORTS cont.

- **SAR** – No report filed. See Action Items for request of “lessons learned” from March 2-4, 2010 Castle Peak rescue event.
- **OEC** – K. Tatsukawa (absent). New OEC texts not due out till 2011.
- **Nordic** – J. Gurrola (absent)
 - Need more coordination for events at Summer and Winter conferences.
- **Instructor Development** – D. Hill (absent) – reported that there will be an ID course at the 2010 Summer Conference.
- **Certified** – see FWD web site for program description for APP Spring Clinic at Stevens Pass, WA (April 21-25). Looking at a way to integrate sled and avalanche evaluation into Squaw clinic.
- **Community College Report** – N. Stromswold, PowerPoint presentation
 - Status of program and requirements to participate
 - Community College funds will not be distributed until FWD Treasurer has received a patrols financial report.
 - Position paper to be created *See Action Items*

OLD BUSINESS

- Website Updates – T. Moore *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*
 - Going to open source “Joomla! Free program, that does not require programming or maintenance from a web master.
 - Request for a ‘graphic’ artist to assist with initial design of Division Web page.
- Reimbursements – B. Gibson.
 - FWD vs NSP reimbursement. FWD is within IRS guidelines. No changes to current amounts reimbursed policy. Review of guidelines.
- Mauna Kea F074 patrol update.
 - Has registered members, but does not have a memorandum of understanding with overseer of Mauna Kea snow area. Further clarification of patrol status has been requested.
- Tri Advisory Meeting. *See Winter Meeting PDF reports*



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OLD BUSINESS cont.

- FWD Board to review program for possible inclusion in Summer and Winter educational conferences.
- Certificated — Expectation of FWD and APP partnership to move forward. Possible inclusion of trainings at Winter Educational Conference or Squaw Valley Clinic

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Waits
Secretary, FWD Board

ACTION ITEMS listed on last page.



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- National's Patrol Representative contact list; due May — Tom Moore to work with the Region Directors to update contact list; National contact is Sherry Overton.
- Elections — Secretary, J. Waits to update elections posting, send to Tom Moore web posting.
- Web Site — Tom Moore to update web site banner with 2010 activities information.
- Patrol Registration Process — due June 2,
 - 1) get Instructions from National for access and
 - 2) need Region Directors to identify access points to National Registration system –i.e. region registers and/or patrol representatives
- Community College — request for a position paper on Community College from N. Stromswold and S. Simi
- New Division Award — Don Harris to follow up on a possible new award for an off snow rescue.
- Web Site — Tom Moore to identify NSP.org important links for Division web site
- SAR — Request to J. Kretschmann to report to FWD Board on lessons learned and/or a debrief of March 2-4, 2010 Castle Peak rescue activities.
- Permanent Address for Division Contacts — Stephen Simi to find out what other divisions are doing.
- 2010 Summer Conference — S. Simi to contact/invite Cheri Overton, National Registrar to hold a registration session at the 2010 Summer Conference.
- Avalanche Supervisor — S. Simi to determine who is to represent Avalanche program as program supervisor