

Far Wet Division Winter Board Meeting

March 8, 2013

Tahoma, California

9:20 AM - 2:30 PM

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Meeting called to order: 9:20 am, by Division Director Bill Gibson

Meeting Adjourned: 2:25 p.m.

Roll Call: DD Bill Gibson; ADD Lance Vaughan; ADD Tom Sherry; ES RD Nancy Stromswold; NoCa JJ Allen; Legal Stewart Foreman.

Proxies: SoCal RD Diana St. Claire (ltr from Don Harris); ML RD Lance Vaughan (approved by phone)

Guests: Brian Long

Meeting chair: DD Bill Gibson

Secretary Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Stewart Foreman, Legal

Agenda: accepted as submitted, with amendments as needed.

Introduction of staff, proxies and guests.

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted

- Accept treasurers winter financial report as submitted
- To reimburse Div. Director & Asst. Div. Directors due to unforeseen costs – all expenses above previously approved budget to attend the National 75th Board meeting,

PROPOSALS: passed unanimously unless noted

- WM-13-1 RETURNED TO MAKER “9.1.5 The courses in the avalanche Program qualify as Senior electives.”
Not part of FWD authority
- WM-13-2a PASSED Aug. 3, 2013 Board Meeting and awards banquet be held in Davis CA.
- WM-13-2b DEFEATED Aug. 3, 2013 Board Meeting and awards banquet be held in Fresno, CA
- WM-13-3 WITHDRAWN by maker Add ‘Best Practices’ to Division Policy & Procedures
- WM-13-4 WITHDRAWN by maker Request by Mother Lode Region, for \$1,500 to ‘subsidize’ patrollers lodging costs while supporting the start up of a Kirkwood patrol.

FUTURE DATES:

- August 3, 2013 – FWD Summer Board Meeting / Awards Banquet – Davis, California
- September 14, 2013 – Training Event in Davis, CA, sponsored by Eastern Sierra and Mother Lode Regions.

DIVISION STAFF REPORTS

- Secretarial Items – J. Waits
 - *Minutes Summer 2012 – approved by email September 2012.
 - Request for Region updates as they occur
 - *Election – Incumbent candidates successful: Div. Dir. Bill Gibson and Asst. Div. Dir. Tom Sherry to serve a two year term ending 2015.

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- *Treasurer's Report – K. Dickens – Winter 2012-2013 Report *distributed in meeting*
- *Registrar's Report – P. Jamison – *distributed in meeting* – overall registrations are down, what can Division do to increase membership? Request for corrections i.e patrols to correct regions and patrol name corrections.
- Legal – Stewart Foreman – oral report
Title 22 stalled, working with National Committee and Professional Ski Trade Association.

DIVISION DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- *Division Director Report – B. Gibson
- *Assistant Division Directors
 - L. Vaughan
 - T. Sherry
- National Board Report – B. Gibson
Dues increased by \$9, still below cost of living. Members receive increase in services form data base. Organization needs 'infrastructure' updates. National Board elections are sending out a call for nominees from Regions.

REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- *Arizona Region – C. Grube
- *Eastern Sierra Region – N. Stromswold
- *Northern California Region – JJ Allen
- *Southern California Region – D. Harris
- Prof. Patrol Representative – R. Bailey – no report
- Mother Lode Region – Jim Simons – phoned in – approved proxy of L. Vaughan; Reported on support for Kirkwood and a Women's Clinic is scheduled there. Narrow band radios seem to be working. Proposed WM-13-4. Withdrew proposal after phone discussion with Board.

PROGRAM SUPERVISORS REPORTS

- *Avalanche – R. Morrow
- *Certified – M. Nolen
- *Instructor Development – D. Hill
- *MTR – Mountain Travel & Rescue – K. Chulski
- *Nordic – M. Kelly
- *OEC and Medical – K. Tatsukawa
- *OET – Outdoor Emergency Transport – D. Whitcher

ADMINISTRATORS/LIASIONS

- *Alumni – F. Shoemaker
- *Awards – K. Bergmann
- *Communications/WEB – T. Moore
- *Communications Newsletter – T. Viall
- *Community College – N. Stromswold
- *Conference Coordinator – T. Atkins (see WM-13-2a and WM-13-2b)
- Disaster Services – S. Simi *no report*

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- *Promotion/Recruitment – J. McGuigan
- SAR Liaison, North / South *no reports*

OLD BUSINESS

- Tri Advisory meeting template outline – B. Gibson – wants FWD to ‘own’ it. L. Vaughn to work with K. Chulski to complete ‘meeting template/outline’.
- Awards – Request from Southern California Region for consideration by Division of two new awards: Outstanding Mountain Host and Outstanding Alumni.
Action: DD B. Gibson said that request be put into a formal proposal and be forwarded to Awards K. Bergmann for Awards Committee review. *Note: awards already in place in Southern California Region.*
- SAR Radio request – M. Kelly – nothing submitted. To be contacted and request be submitted by Summer Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Waits FWD Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

- Summer Agenda item — T. Sherry to head committee – to discuss recruitment and retention of patrollers. Establish ‘best practices’.
- Reminder to Region Directors to be holding Board meetings, have a budget (approved by their Region Board), and locate your bylaws. Encouraged to have an Assistant Region Director.
- Senior Evaluators – DD Bill Gibson requests that all regions go back to their OEC advisors and obtain a list of current Senior evaluators and/or those eligible for certification or recertification.
- Web master to receive and post dates and information on the August 3 FWD Board meeting and the September 14 Training event sponsored by Eastern Sierra and Mother Lode Regions.
- Create a concise list of FWD policy & procedures. T. Sherry, L. Vaughn and J. Waits. (see WM-13-3 withdrawn by maker)