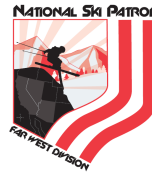




**FWD Board of Directors Summer Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
Davis, California
Saturday, March 7, 2015 9 am – 3:20 pm**



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Meeting called to order: 9:00 a.m., by Division Director Bill Gibson. Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Roll Call: DD Bill Gibson; ADD Lance Vaughan; ADD Richard Wilson; Ari RD Glenn Minuth; ES RD Nancy Stromswold; ML RD Tony Atkins; N. CA RD JJ Allen; S. CA RD Diana St.Clair;
Absent: Rich Bailey, Pro Rep

Proxies: None

Guests: Tom Sherry, National Board Member; Kevin Qualseth, OEC Sup.; Katie DuMont, Asst Dir. ES Region

Meeting chair: DD Bill Gibson - Introduction of staff, guests by B. Gibson.

Secretary Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Josh Masur

Agenda: accepted as submitted, to be amended as needed.

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted

- WM 15-M1 PASSED That the FWD donate \$1,000 to the NSP National Office fund raising campaign. Donation to be recognized by an engraved plaque, identifying the Far West Division as donor, is to be placed on the office display “sled.” In Lakewood
- WM 15-M2 PASSED That the Far West Division, have a consistent identification of Community College Funds as ‘unrestricted.’ see Guideline for Acquisition & Expenses of Ski Patrol Funds August 2007 - funds that are not subject to additional restrictions).
Agreement reached that all Community College Funds are to be ‘unrestricted’ but accounted for separately, and all expenditures of NSP be in accordance with NSP policy.
- WM 15-M3 PASSED That the FWD Board reject all funding requests submitted, via email and WM-15-2 proposal, submitted by Mike Kelly, for No.CA SAR equipment. *(See Action Items)*

PROPOSALS: passed unanimously unless noted

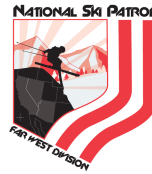
- WM 15-1 DEFEATED Funding request for No.CA SAR replacement equipment. *(See Action Items)*
- WM 15-2 WITHDRAWN by maker. Request for clarification of ‘restricted’ / ‘unrestricted’ Community College fund usage.

FUTURE DATES:

- July 31, 2015 Patrol / Region financial reports due to Division treasurer.
- August 1, 2015 Summer Board Meeting & Awards Banquet— Davis, California
- August 1, 2015 Proposals for Summer Board 2016 due
- Nov. 6 – 8, 2015 Tri-Advisory - Yosemite Valley *(dates confirmed 3/16/15 with K.Chulski)*
- March 4, 2016 Winter Meeting — Location TBD *(ski area)*
- August 1, 2016 Summer BOD Meeting — Location TBD



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DIISION STAFF REPORTS

Secretarial Items— J. Waits

Minutes — SM 2014 approved by email Sept. 2, 2014

Rosters (Division / Regional) request for updates by July 2015 for 15/16 Rosters

*Election Report — *see reports*

Region Director election results due to change in Bylaws, effective June 1, for a two year term: Eastern Sierra, Katie DuMont, Northern Calif, JJ Allen

* Registrar's Report — P. Jamison — see reports

* Treasurer's Report — K. Dickens

Reminders — Fiscal years ends June 30

- Division Expenses, to be submitted within 60 days of expense
- Board pre-approval required for expenses in excess of approved budget
- Program budgets should be used for program delivery
- Patrol Community College reports due to Treasurer by mid July
- Request Region and Patrol Treasurer contact information

Legal Report & Update — J. Masur

- No outstanding issues to be dealt with

DIISION DIRECTORS REPORTS

Division Director — Bill Gibson

Staff Appointments approved by Board

- Legal Josh Masur — replaces Stewart Foreman
- Alumni Harry Weldon — Prior approval by email

Visited more areas this season, even with less snow. If you have a 'need' Division support will try to get there

Assistant Division Directors

- L. Vaughan — *see report Appointed to Powder Fall Committee, 480 attendees. The Division has funds, but needs to catch up and provide trainings, due to lack of snow the past two years. Avalanche program continues working to identify next leadership core.
- R. Wilson — Participated in Los Angeles City Council proclamation presented to two Big Bear Ski resorts. Mammoth summer bike patrol growing. Sr. OEC evaluation scheduled for end of March. Alumni membership has increased, has seen a more active Alumni program in So CA Region.

National Board — Tom Sherry Feels the electorate did a good job of staffing the National Board. Board willing to do things and get things done. Presently the Chair of the Planning Committee. Now have yearly plans for office and the three standing committees. Hopes to do long term strategic planning of five to ten years. Presently reviewing significant overhaul for the IT hardware.



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REGION DIRECTORS REPORTS

***Arizona** — G. Minuth

***Eastern Sierra** — N. Stromswold

Mother Lode — T. Atkins verbal report. Due to lack of snow, many ski areas had a shorter number of days available for patrolling. Sept. 13, with Eastern Sierra Region held an Instructor Education Conference and Instructor Development class in Davis, CA.

***Northern California** — JJ Allen Two areas briefly opened.

***Southern California** — D. St. Clair Holding monthly Region PD meetings to deal with issues and plan events. So CA awards banquet, May 2, Long beach CA

•**Profession Patrol Representative** — Rich Bailey – report provided by T. Atkins
Rich is now president of the APP with a goal to reach out to other areas of the country in support of encouraging the use of APP at their ski areas.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- *Avalanche — Keith Church was appointed program supervisor, after resignation of Rob Morrow. His program emphasis will be on building a larger base of avalanche Level I and II instructors. Keith is from the So CA Region. National Office is looking for a new Avalanche Director.
- *Certified — L. Vaughan
- *MTR Mountain Travel and Rescue – K. Chulski
- *Nordic — M. Kelly
- *OEC — K. Qualseth Division will work with So CA Region on instructor re-certifications
- *OET Outdoor Emergency Transport – D. Witcher
- *Tri-Advisory — K. Chulski
- *Instructor Development — D. Hill ID -- textbooks (student or instructor) is a ‘free’ download

ADMINISTRATIVE LIASIONS REPORTS

- *Communications/Newsletter — T. Viall
- *Community College Program — T. Taylor
- *Recruiting — J. McGuigan

OLD BUSINESS

- **Nordic Patroller Manual**- still being worked on, more information to follow.
- **National Office Staff Updates:**
 - New executive Director: John McMahon
 - Education Director: still looking as of today, supposed to be completed by April
 - Reassigning of tasks: Contact Carol Hudson, re patroller updates. Jill Bjerke only does data entry. Tricia Burns is Administrative Asst. to John McMahan and Human Resources.
 - National IT update – Committee of 5 is overseeing IT and meets once a week. Patroller profiles are up to date and now include awards and course completions.



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NEW BUSINESS

- Reminders:
 - To review your Region and Patrol financial reserves. Division has up to a 4 times reserve, but some regions are above a 4 times reserve.
 - To use the FWD Google Calendar when posting trainings. The post will show on the FWD's calendar.
 - Only RD's and DD's can request and give out a Meritorious Service Award.
- Nordic Program Update — presently 'stagnated' still trying to recruit Nordic patrollers, for the various types of Nordic patrolling that is being practiced. Looking at maybe three 'types' of Nordic patrollers.

ACTION ITEMS

- Request to Regions, to include by Patrol, contact information for each Patrol's Treasurer (name, phone, email information).
- Regions that have been providing continuing education programs, combined or not, to collaboratively create a document of how they provide the required continuing education courses. This will create a best practice document. This document of how to provide continuing education courses, will then be presented to the National office.
What the FWD sees as 'evolutionary' other Divisions see as 'revolutionary'.
- For August Board Meeting – Regions requested to come up with ideas for increasing recruitment Division wide. i.e. selling the brand.
- SAR No. CA – B. Gibson, L. Vaughan, and R. Wilson, to have a conversation with M. Kelly, to review Patrol ownership and use of hard assets, i.e. SAR tents.
Tabled discussion of all hard assets until clarification of who 'owns' the asset.
- ES N. Stromweld to request Tahoe Back Country for a written equipment inventory. Note: Tahoe Back Country obtained a grant – and is using funds to erect a building to store their equipment on National Forest land. The building will belong to the National Forest Service.
- Use of Funds document needs to be reviewed and followed. Legal Advisor to review.
- Questions: Who owns liability for equipment on National Forest Service land? See specific MOU for National Forest in question.

OPEN FORUM

- Division funding subsidies for Instructors Recertification Clinics to be reviewed.
- More Division staffing changes possible
- So CA RD D. St. Clair: Request the Com College Representative to clarify why some So CA areas have not received Community College Funds. B. Gibson to be cc'd on email request.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Waits, FWD Secretary