

# 1985 Vertical Section Minutes

The 1985 meeting of the NSS Vertical Section was held Monday, June 24, in Frankfort, KY at Kentucky State University. Approximately 45 Section members were present. Executive Committee Members present were Bill Cuddington, David McClurg, Jim Hall, Bill Bussey and Kirk MacGregor, who chaired the meeting.

After a luncheon, Kirk MacGregor, called the meeting to order at about 1:00 pm.

The meeting started with Bill Bussey reading the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. These are printed on page 4 of Nylon Highway #21. Kirk MacGregor noted the closing balance made us look "...richer than we, in fact, are", due to the introduction of multi-year memberships. This money is committed to printing Nylon Highway in later years. There was discussion about placing these funds in a savings account or money market fund. Bill Bussey said he was looking into this.

Bruce Smith asked why there were only 345 issues mailed, as listed on the Secretary's report. Kirk MacGregor replied saying the report reflects only what would have been mailed on the report date.

Kirk MacGregor noted that there was a significant increase in members over the year. Membership rose from 231 to 308.

Kirk MacGregor mentioned a typographical error in the 1984 meeting minutes. On page 19 of Nylon Highway #19, Vertical Committee needs to be changed to Vertical Section.

There was much discussion on the Editor changing the wording or intent of meeting minutes as printed

in Nylon Highway. Kirk MacGregor moved that:

The Editor must publish the annual meeting minutes exactly as received from the Secretary/Treasurer except for obvious errors in grammar, spelling and usage.

In the discussion, Allen Padgett stated that the situation was that "Chairman" was changed to "Chairperson". Kirk MacGregor noted that the only minutes we have are those printed in Nylon Highway, thus they should be as accurate as possible.

Bruce Smith said the Editor should have a right to edit. Since this publications goes out internationally, we have a duty not to look like "American Chauvinist Pigs." Smith finally contended that in this case "Chairman" was incorrect usage and made the appropriate adjustment.

The vote carried with only 2 opposed.

Next, Kirk MacGregor handed out copies of an Executive Committee Job Description which he completed as directed in the 1984 meeting. These clarify the specific duties of Executive Committee Members. He proceeded to cover the high points of the Chairperson's job.

Greg Valent noted that the Secretary/Treasurer's job is seemingly overloaded. Discussion then followed about this job. The consensus was that the Secretary/Treasurer's job will remain as it is as long as someone will do it. Kirk MacGregor then proceeded to go over the high points of the Secretary/Treasurer's job. Bruce Smith then complemented the Sec./Treas. on the job he had done over the past year.

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In order to save time, Bruce Smith asked that the Executive Committee look these descriptions over, and make a finalized report for the section meeting next year. This was adopted by acclamation.

The matter of purchasing a "Headline Maker" in order to make better headline copy for the Nylon Highway was then discussed. Kirk Macgregor moved:

The Vertical Section spend up to approximately \$300 to purchase a headline maker for the Editor's use. The Executive Committee and the Editor will make a reasonable effort to find one which would give us the best possible value.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Allen Padgett then gave a report on the progress of On Rope. The vertical techniques book he and Bruce Smith are writing for the NSS, and which is being sponsored by the Vertical Section. He noted that it should be in print by next year if all goes as scheduled. Kirk MacGregor then made an informal motion on whether the Section wanted to continue work on the book. The motion passed, with a chuckle, with all present in favor and Allen Padgett and Bruce Smith opposed.

Discussion was held on whether the section should have a patch, hat, or other symbolic device. Kirk MacGregor moved:

The Executive Committee will look into getting a Logo for use as a symbolic device.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Bruce Smith made his usual plea for articles. He noted several areas where work was needed. Articles on bolting, big wall and dome SRT, and the Dougle Bungie climbing system are all in need

of being written about and would be especially welcome.

Bill Cuddington urged people to sign up to help with the Vertical Contests starting the next day.

The meeting concluded with elections. Those elected were:

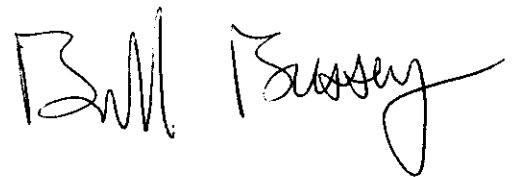
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| Dave McClurg      | 1986 Convention Coord. |
| Bruce Smith       | Editor Nylon Highway   |
| Bill Bussey       | Secretary/Treasurer    |
| Bill Cuddington   | Exec. Committee Member |
| Richard Schreiber | Exec. Committee Member |
| Kirk MacGregor    | Exec. Committee Member |
| D. C. Province    | Exec. Committee Member |

The duties of the Convention Coordinator were then quickly discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.

After the meeting the Executive Committee met and selected Richard Schreiber as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,



**RECORD TYROLEAN DONE IN CANADA**

The Editor has just heard of a record long 1471' Tyrolean that was successfully done in the Canadian Rockies in March by a Canadian Rescue group during a training class. PMI was the rope while the top to bottom drop in the gorge was estimated at 1000'. The 1471' was reported as the actual free space traversed. I will attempt to get the whole story for a future issue for the Great Vertical Events column.