

Consolidated Minutes of three NSS Vertical Section Executive Committee meetings
July 13, July 16, and July 18, 2014 during the NSS Convention in Huntsville, AL

I. **VSEC Meeting July 13** in the Conference Room of the NSS Headquarters building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Chairman Terry Mitchell. EC Members present were Chairman Terry Mitchell, Secretary Treasurer Ray Sira, and Members-at-Large Bill Boehle and Mike Rusin. Vice Chairman Miriam Cuddington was present by proxy to Terry Mitchell, thus the quorum of 5 EC members was met.

2. **Reports**

A. **Vertical Workshop Coordinator** – Interim Coordinator John Woods was not present, but Bill Boehle reported that he and John had looked at the gymnasium on Saturday. Bill said that the ceiling beams were very high and it looked like we would need longer ropes.

B. **Chairman** – Terry Mitchell stated that some of the times for vertical events did not get published correctly in the convention Program Schedule, and that he would submit corrected times to the Daily Bulletin. Terry also handed out copies of the Staff Liability Release forms for this year, and asked Mike Rusin if he would be available for 1st Aid in case of a medical emergency during vertical events in the gym.

C. **Secretary Treasurer** – Ray Sira reported that he has established a new VS bank account with Wells Fargo Bank, and that on Wednesday afternoon he will take the new VS Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the local Wells Fargo office to add them to the account.

D. **Symbolic Items** - Bill Boehle reported that he had re-stocked all of the symbolic items during the past year, and as a result he had to raise the selling prices for most items.

E. **Awards Committee** – Bruce Smith was not present, but Terry said that Bruce has service awards to present at the VS Business meeting on Wednesday.

F. **Education / Training Coordinator** – Bruce Smith. Not present, no report.

G. **Rebelay Workshop Coordinator** – Gary Bush. Not present, no report.

H. **Webmaster** – Gary Bush. Not present, no report.

I. **Editor** – Tim White. Not present, no report.

4. **Old Business** – None

5. **New Business**

A. **Approval of E-meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the VSEC e-meeting conducted Nov 22 thru Dec 2, 2013, were approved as published by unanimous consent.

B. **Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 4.(E)** The Bylaws Committee (Terry Mitchell and Bill Boehle) has prepared an amendment to Bylaw 4.(E) Vacancies, and distributed it to all VSEC members for review and comment. The proposed amendment corrects the inadequacy of the current bylaw to deal with unexpected vacancies in any EC position, such as the death of Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator Terry Clark last year.

Bill Boehle moved to approve the proposed Bylaw amendment. The motion was seconded by Mike Rusin. After brief discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

C. **Recruitment of New Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator.** Terry stated that John Woods is coordinating the Vertical Workshop this one time only, so we need to recruit a VS member to take over that position for an indefinite period. Several possible names were suggested, and it was agreed that we all need to talk to possible candidates and ask for volunteers during the Section Meeting on Wednesday.

6. **Announcements**

Terry said that unlike in years past, we have not received any request from the JSS to use our ropes during the convention, and it looks like JSS may not be conducting any vertical event this year.

7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

II. Abbreviated VSEC meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2014, following the conclusion of the VS Business Meeting in the Choral Room of Lee High School, Huntsville, AL.

1. During the VS Business Meeting, Ray Sira was re-elected to be Secretary-Treasurer for another 1-yr term, and Terry Mitchell & Mike Rusin were re-elected as EC Members-at-Large for another 2-yr term. These three and the other two serving Members-at-Large, Bill Boehle and Miriam Cuddington, met briefly at 11:00am to elect the 2014-2015 Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and appointed officers of the VSEC.

2. By unanimous consent, Terry Mitchell was re-elected to be the VS Chairman, and Miriam Cuddington was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Bill Cuddington was re-appointed as Vertical Contest Coordinator, Bruce Smith was re-appointed as Education Coordinator, and Tim White was re-appointed as Nylon Highway Editor. The office of Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator was temporarily left vacant.

3. Coordination was made for Terry, Miriam, and Ray to go the local office of Wells Fargo Bank during the Noon hour in order to add Terry and Miriam to the VS bank account.

III. VERY abbreviated VSEC meeting Friday, July 18, 2014, following the conclusion of the Vertical Contest Awards ceremony in Room 150, Lee High School, Huntsville, AL.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Terry Mitchell announced to the still assembled group that Kurt Waldron of Owings, MD, had volunteered to become the new Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator for the VS. Therefore it was necessary for the VSEC to formally appoint Kurt to that office. Noting that all 8 VSEC members were present in the room, Terry called a VSEC meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm.

2. **New Business.** Terry moved that Kurt Waldron be appointed as Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Bill Boehle. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted 5-29-15
Ray Sira, Secretary-Treasurer