

Vertical Section Executive Committee Meeting

July 12, 2015

Alliance Inn and Suites, Waynesville, Missouri.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Terry Mitchell. VSEC Members present were Chairman Terry Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer Ray Sira, Member-at-Large Bill Boehle, and Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator Kurt Waldron. Also present were Webmaster-Rebelay Workshop Coordinator Gary Bush, Interim Contest Coordinator Peter Hertl, and JSS Representative Zach Schudrowitz. The Chairman announced that he held proxies for absent members Bruce Smith and Miriam Cuddington, so the required quorum of 5 has been met. EC members absent without proxies were Bill Cuddington, Mike Rusin, and Tim White.
2. **Reports**
 - A. **Chairman** - Terry Mitchell had all in attendance sign staff liability waivers. He reported the Rebelay Workshop was listed wrong in the Convention program, the Vertical Contest ending time was also wrong, and the Contest Awards ending time on Friday was wrong. Gary Bush said that he had already submitted a correction to the daily bulletin concerning the Rebelay Workshop, and Terry said that he would submit correction notices for the other two events.
 - B. **Secretary Treasurer** - Ray Sira distributed minutes from the 2014 Convention meetings, the Treasurers report and membership report. Ray reported that we were still owed a \$523 refund from the 2014 convention but that he is having difficulty getting it paid to the VS. Gary Bush said he would speak with Carol Tiderman about that and try to get that done.
 - C. **Symbolic Items** - Bill Boehle submitted a written report of SI income and expenses for the past year, and reported no items need to be restocked at this time.
 - D. **Awards Committee** - Bruce Smith was not present. Terry said that Bruce told him there have been no awards considered or presented during the past year.
 - E. **Education Coordinator** - Bruce Smith was not present. It was stated he is working on updates to the Vertical Training Courses.
 - F. **Rebelay Workshop** - Gary Bush. Gary Bush, John Woods and Bill Boehle looked at the gym and the setup looks good.
 - G. **Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator** - Kurt Waldron. The workshop gear has been inventoried and rated as good, useful, or poor. Anti heel-hang straps are needed as well as ropes longer than 200 feet. When to retire gear was discussed, and a sign up sheet for instructors was passed around.

- H. **Editor** - Tim White was not present. Gary Bush has sent him materials for NH #60.
 - I. **Webmaster** - Gary Bush. NH #59 is on the web and he is working on NH #60.
 - J. **Outreach** - Jon Schow was not present. No report and no response to emails. (Note: Terry received an emailed report from Jon the next day, July 13th)
3. **Old Business.** None.
4. **New Business.**
- A. Approval of meeting minutes. The minutes of the VSEC meetings from the past year were approved as published by unanimous consent.
 - B. JSS Request. Zach Schudrowitz requested that 13-17 year old JSS members be allowed to shadow VS members during the Vertical Contest. Kurt Waldron moved to allow the JSS to use the Vertical Workshop ropes on Wednesday July 15th. Bill Boehle Seconded. All approved.
 - C. Climbing Contest. Bill and Miriam Cuddington are not in attendance at this year's convention. Peter Hertl was asked to coordinate the Climbing Contest and has agreed. Jim Hall has brought the contest gear to the convention. There was discussion about how we would purchase the prizes and get the award certificates prepared.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
6. Following Adjournment, Ray Sira showed a video created by John Woods to consider for showing to participants at the beginning of the Vertical Techniques Workshop on Thursday. This updated video was well received and Kurt Waldron said he would use it on Thursday.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Sira, Vertical Section Secretary-Treasurer June 26, 2016.