

Minutes 2011_07_17 VSEC meeting

Minutes of the
NSS Vertical Section Executive Committee Meeting
July 17, 2011

The NSS Vertical Section Executive Committee held a meeting on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at a motel near the 2011 NSS Convention in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Executive Board members present were Chair Dick Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer Bill Boehle, At-Large Executive Members Terry Mitchell and Rory Tinston, Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator Terry Clark, Contest Coordinator Bill Cuddington and Education/Training Coordinator Bruce Smith. Nylon Highway Editor Tim white could not attend the convention and Bruce Smith was designated as proxy. At-Large member Miriam Cuddington was unable to attend this meeting. Vertical Section member (and rebelay course coordinator) Gary Bush was also in attendance along with Mike Rusin.

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Chair Dick Mitchell.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and deal with various issues that needed to be addressed before the annual business meeting on Wednesday.

1. Vertical Session topics. Bill Cuddington reported that there are at least two topics that will be presented at the vertical session after the business meeting on Wednesday. Bill and Miriam have a 10-15 minute presentation entitled what is the "Mitchell Upstairs"? A second presentation by Bill Cuddington will present some comments on the Mitchell System answering the question of how good it is.
2. It was recently brought to the EC's attention that an article published in the Nylon Highway (NH) on Knot Break Strength vs Rope Break Strength had some inconsistencies and inaccuracies. The EC discussed what should be done about the article and what our policy should be if something like this is discovered. Articles in the NH are put out there for discussion and comment. However, should we knowingly leave incorrect or otherwise questionable material out there without identifying the issues? It was decided to pull the article from the NH with a note stating that there were errors in the article and that it was being pulled for further review with the author.
3. Education/Training Coordinator Bruce Smith reported that several updates to the Basic Vertical Training Course are needed. He also proposed the need for a Nylon Highway article to discuss the premise that there is no "left" or "right" handed rappelling.
4. Terry Mitchell raised some issues with how the EC has been conducting e-business. It was concluded that we just need to follow the procedures established.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made and carried. Time of adjournment was approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Boehle

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Approved by EC e-meeting 5/20/2012