

Vertical Section Executive Committee Meeting

June 18th, 2017

Extended Stay American Hotel, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Terry Mitchell. VSEC Members present were Chairman Terry Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer Ray Sira, Member-at-Large Bill Boehle, Member at Large Mike Rusin, and Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator Kurt Waldron. Also present was Webmaster-Rebelay Workshop Coordinator Gary Bush. The Chairman announced that he held proxies for absent members Miriam Cuddington and Bill Cuddington so the required quorum of 5 has been met. Editor Tim White was absent without furnishing a proxy, and the position of Education Coordinator is currently vacant.

2. Reports

- A. **Chairman** - Terry Mitchell and Gary Bush will be meeting with the 2018 convention committee Monday at noon. Terry has a list of 2018 requirements he will present at the meeting. JSS will be using our ropes again with assistance from Kurt Waldron. Gary will pick up the contest ropes from On-Rope 1 Monday morning, and rigging will begin about 8 am. Climbing contest coordinator Bill Cuddington will not be attending this year's convention. A group effort will once again be used to organize this year's contest. All in attendance signed staff liability waivers.
- B. **Secretary Treasurer** - Ray Sira distributed minutes from the 2016 Convention meetings, the Treasurers report and membership report.
- C. **Symbolic Items** - Bill Boehle submitted a written report of SI income and expenses for the past year.
- D. **Contest** – Bill Boehle reported the contest records board is not here this year. We have a smaller printed version. We may do poster sized paper version for next year. Bill Cuddington has donated 1 of his long racks to the Vertical Section for use at the contest. Jim Hall is bringing the contest gear but will not be able to take it back. Ray Sira suggested buying a box trailer to haul the contest and workshop gear. Bill Boehle has a few prizes left over from last year. Bill Boehle and Mike Rusin will take care of acquiring additional prizes for this year. Ray Sira has automated the certificate printing and has a printer available. It was suggested that for future conventions we move the workshop to Wednesday and have the business meeting and awards ceremony on Thursday, leaving Friday open. The EC decided to try that for next year.
- E. **Awards Committee** – Ken Alwin was not present. He reported to Terry Mitchell there were no recommendations for awards. Bill Boehle suggested putting the Lifetime Achievement Award recipients on the web site.
- F. **Vertical Training Committee** – Terry Mitchell reported a list of goals and objectives will be submitted at Wednesday's VTC meeting for approval. Terry has written a program of

Instruction for the Basic Vertical Training Course. Lesson plans and an instructor guide are still needed. Bonnie Armstrong has recruited Tom Evans to join the committee. Other members on the committee are Terry Mitchell, Gary Bush, Kurt Waldron, Nigel Dyson-Hudson, and Bonnie Armstrong.

G. **Rebelay Workshop** - Gary Bush. No scaffolding will be needed this year. The facilities manager is requesting that 2 slings be used at all rigging points. Staff liability waivers were distributed to those present to be signed.

H. **Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator** - Kurt Waldron. Kurt will check on the number of people signed up. A waiting list will be started at the climbing contest if needed. Kurt is looking for instructors and will put an announcement in the daily news letter. Mitchell systems need looking at. 300 feet of contest rope will go to the workshop. Kurt is trying to get our ropes on a 10 year replacement cycle. Gear is in good shape.

I. **Editor** – Tim White was not present. Terry Mitchell reported on searching for a new editor. He said there was a volunteer inquiry last December, but when he followed up on it few months later, the woman had changed her mind. He will ask for volunteers at the meeting on Wednesday.

J. **Webmaster** – Gary Bush. Previous treasurer and secretary reports have been added to the latest Nylon Highway. Membership information has been updated.

K. **Outreach** – Jon Schow was not present. Terry read a report from Jon stating the Vertical Section Facebook page has 839 likes. Nothing else to report.

3. **Old Business.** None.

4. **New Business.**

A. Approval of meeting minutes. The minutes of the VSEC meeting from 2016 were approved as posted by unanimous consent.

B. Equipment Trailer. Gary Bush will look into purchasing a box trailer for the section's gear this week.

C. Miriam Cuddington will not be running for reelection to the Executive Committee this year. Terry Mitchell will not be running for reelection next year.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Sira, Vertical Section Secretary-Treasurer June 2, 2018.