

1984 MINUTES

By Kirk MacGregor

The 1984 Vertical Section meeting was held in Sheridan, Wyoming on Thursday, June 28th at 12:30 p.m. Approximately twenty-five Section members attended. Executive Committee members present were Bill Cuddington, Kirk MacGregor, Gary Storrick and David McClurg, who chaired the meeting.

Kirk MacGregor announced that he was resigning as Secretary-Treasurer and presented the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports (see page in this issue of Nylon Highway).

Bruce Smith stated that Nylon Highway #18 had not been published before the convention due to lack of material. Bill Cuddington thanked the people who helped run the 1984 Prusik Contest, and asked for more volunteers in 1985. A discussion developed on unsupervised children playing near the Contest, creating a safety hazard. These were especially numerous this year because of the location of the gymnasium. David McClurg suggested putting up a warning sign saying that the Contest is not a baby sitting service and not to leave children there unattended.

David then asked whether Section members would be willing to contribute money to create a fund to pay for equipment testing. About ten people joined the discussion on this. Among other things, it was noted that the testing grants the Section offered in the past were not used, and that the major limiting factor seemed to be lack of access to test facilities (e.g. tensile testers), not lack of money to buy vertical equipment. The discussion ended without any action. However, the Executive

Committee has always been empowered to spend Section money on anything it feels is worthwhile so anyone who needs money for testing can submit a proposal to the Committee for approval.

Bruce Smith moved and Allen Padgett seconded that:

Each Executive Committee member with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for researching and producing one major contribution to the vertical Section's publication each year.

This was debated vigorously with some strongly for it and some strongly against it. It was agreed that Committee members could meet this requirement either by producing a contribution themselves or by persuading someone else to produce it for them. This motion passed with a fifteen (15) to seven (7) vote.

Then Bruce Smith moved and Bill Bussey seconded that:

The Chairperson shall prepare proposed Executive-Committee-member job descriptions to be submitted to the Section members present at the 1985 NSS Convention.

The vote in favor of this was unanimous.

The meeting then considered an NSS request for someone to produce a revised version of the

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out-of-print book Prusiking by Bob Thrun. (Bob himself was not interested.) Bruce Smith and Allen Padgett volunteered. After some discussion, it was decided to write a new book covering rappelling and rigging as well as prusiking with the book to be reviewed by the Section Executive Committee before publication. The Committee unanimously appointed Bruce and Allen as the book-writing committee. It was noted that the 1985-86 NSS budget contains the money for publishing this book, and the book committee agreed that the book would be finished in that fiscal year.

Following discussion of the need for a "Convention Coordinator", Gary Storrick moved and Bill Bussey seconded that:

Each year, the Vertical Committee shall elect a Convention Vertical Coordinator whose duties shall include inspecting the site of the next NSS convention and communicating with both the NSS Convention Committee and the various Vertical Section event chairpersons to ensure that proper facilities and equipment are available for all section activities and that the event chairpersons are adequately informed about facilities, etc.

If the choice of convention site has not been made at the time of the Vertical Section meetings, or a suitable person is not available, the Convention Vertical Coordinator position may be left vacant temporarily, to be filled by the Executive Committee when the convention site is selected, or as soon as a suitable person can be found.

The vote in favor of this was unanimous. (Note: The above motion originally contained a statement that the Vertical Coordinator would become a member of the Section Executive Committee. However, this was deleted by a seventeen (17) to four (4) vote immediately before the vote on what appears above.)

The meeting concluded with the elections. Those elected were:

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| Bruce Smith | Nylon Highway Editor |
| Bill Bussey | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Bill Cuddington | Executive Committee |
| Jim Hall | Executive Committee |
| Kirk MacGregor | Executive Committee |
| David McClurg | Executive Committee |
| Bill Cuddington | Convention Vertical Coordinator |

When the meeting ended at 1:55 p.m., the Executive Committee met briefly and selected Kirk MacGregor as Chairperson. □

ROB LANDAU has agreed to manufacture several of his chest rollers and is soliciting orders so that quantity production (10-20) can keep the cost down. The rollers, as described in Nylon Highway # 18 use a contoured plastic roller rolling on a steel dowel pin with the roller assembly attached to an aluminum chest harness block by a standard quick release pin. They will be made at cost. Prices should be \$10-\$20 depending on quantity. Contact Rob at 201 E 27th St. Minneapolis, MN. 55408; (602)-871-9026.

Treasurer's Report

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INCOME:

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Subscriptions	47.00
Back Issue Sales	701.50
Bank Interest	7.57
Other	3.60
Total	\$1463.72

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EDITOR:

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Reprinting N.H. Covers (1-8&15)	165.00
Other Postage	41.92
Printing Nylon Highway # 17 . . .	265.00
Printing Nylon Highway # 14 . . .	195.00
Mailing Envelopes	52.17
Other	34.23

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Postage	\$61.64
Supplies	10.15
Other35
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SPECIAL THANKS Take careful notice of the names listed under each Feature Article in the Table of Contents on the inside of the cover. These are the movers and the shakers of the vertical world...these are the people that feel being current about vertical stuff is important. Their concern keeps this publication alive and I truly appreciate their contributions. Words can not express my gratitude. Thank you...

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Number of Single Members	219
Number of Family Members (# people)	12
Number of Nylon Highway Subscribers	20
Number of Paid Grotto Subscriptions	1
Number of NH's Exchanged	10

Total Number of Section Members 231

Total Number of NH's Mailed 264

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ILLUSTRATIONS By the Editor

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