

Minutes of the
NSS Vertical Section Executive Committee E-Meetings
July 2010 to June 2011

The NSS Vertical Section Executive Committee held a series of E-meetings on a variety of issues during the period from July 2010 to June 30, 2011. Executive Board members participated in the meetings via email, telephone and regular mail.

January 2011 - Removal of password for Nylon Highway on VS website

The VS Board has been considering removal of the password for access to the Nylon Highway on the VS website for some time. Since VS dues was reduced to zero dollars, it was decided that it was important to provide easy and unobstructed access to the educational and safety information contained in the Nylon Highway to all interested individuals. Following a vote of 7 in favor and 2 not responding, the password was removed as of January 10, 2011.

January 27, 2011 to February 21, 2011 - NSSVS Awards

The VS Board has been making efforts to formally recognize those who have made significant contributions to and otherwise served the Vertical Section over the years. In addition, the VS Board recently established criteria to guide the Awards Committee in considering nominations for the Vertical Section Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is intended for individuals who have provided a contribution to vertical caving, recognized nationally, that has benefitted the activity in terms of technique, equipment, or knowledge base.

The Awards Committee received a two nominations recommending that an award be given to Charles Gibbs: Inventor of the Gibbs Ascender and John Cole: Inventor the "Rack". On January 27, 2011, an e-meeting was called to consider these two nominations. After review and discussion, as of February 21, 2011 there was a unanimous vote in favor of the award. NOTE: The award to Mr. John Cole was presented the evening of June 1, 2011 at a Huntsville Grotto meeting by Bill and Miriam Cuddington. The award to Mr. Charles Gibbs was presented by Bruce Smith on June 26, 2011.

June 5-13, 2011 - Approval of minutes from VSEC regular and E-meetings

The minutes from the August 1, 2010 VSEC meeting and from 2009-2010 E-meetings were approved by a majority vote of the VSEC as of the close of the E-meeting on June 13, 2011.

NOTE: There were other discussions on various topics between Executive Committee members throughout this period. None of these are recorded in these minutes since no motions were made or voted on and they did not constitute E-meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved by EC e-meeting xx/xx/2011