

Vertical Section Executive Committee Meeting

July 17, 2016

La Quinta Inn & Suites, Ely, Nevada.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 member Miriam Cuddington, so the required quorum of 5 has been met. EC members absent without proxies were Bill Cuddington, and Tim White.

2. **Reports**
 - A. **Chairman** - Terry Mitchell had all in attendance sign staff liability waivers. He Reported the Climbing contest coordinator Bill Cuddington would not be attending this year's convention. Peter Hertl (who ran last year's contest) will also not be at the convention. A group effort will be used to organize this year's contest.

 - B. **Secretary Treasurer** - Ray Sira distributed minutes from the 2015 Convention meetings, the Treasurers report and membership report. The names and address for the Ally account have been changed.

 - C. **Symbolic Items** - Bill Boehle submitted a written report of SI income and expenses for the past year.

 - D. **Awards Committee** - Bruce Smith was not present. An E-meeting was held earlier to approve a Lifetime Achievement award for Bruce Smith. Previous recipients have been Charlie Gibbs, Dick Mitchell and John Cole. A plaque will be presented to Bruce during the convention.

 - E. **Education Coordinator** - Bruce Smith was not present. Bruce Smith has resigned from his position as Education Coordinator. Terry has been talking to people about a replacement coordinator. The Terry Mitchell and Kurt Waldron have volunteered to be an education committee until a replacement coordinator can be found. A possible train the trainer program was discussed.

 - F. **Rebelay Workshop** - Gary Bush. More scaffolding is needed for the Rebelay course. More should be delivered by Monday morning. More copies of the release form are needed.

 - G. **Vertical Techniques Workshop Coordinator** - Kurt Waldron. The workshop gear has been fixed and is ready to use. An ad will be placed in the daily news letter for volunteers to help with the workshop. We may not have a way to display the workshop video. Ray has a friend

in Ely who may loan us a large monitor. Jenny Clark may be available for administrative help during the workshop. The EC will meet again on Wednesday night to write guidelines for the different stations.

H. **Editor** - Tim White was not present. No report

I. **Webmaster** - Gary Bush. PDF of NH60 is needed. No response from Tim White. Bill Boehle has videos of some historic climbs. Bill Boehle has PDF's of old Nylon Highways. More need to be scanned.

J. **Outreach** - Jon Schow was not present. Jon will not be at the convention this year. The VS Facebook page has 786 likes. Gary Bush will look into find someone who can post to Facebook live during the convention.

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. Climbing Contest. Bill and Miriam Cuddington are not in attendance at this year's convention. Ray Sira and Gary Bush will look into printing the award certificates. Bill Boehle and Mike Rusin volunteered to shop for prizes.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Sira, Vertical Section Secretary-Treasurer May 29th 2017.