

NSS Vertical Section Annual Business Meeting (Draft 2)

July 28th, 2020

Online using Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm. 31 people were present. There was a quorum. The meeting is being held online due to the cancelation of the in person NSS Convention that was to be held in Elkins, West Virginia. The Convention Co-Chairs Meredith Hall Weberg and Rich Geisler hosted the meeting.
2. **Officers Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report:** Gene Harrison. There is a strict cut off for the meeting of 8:00 pm so we will try to move through the meeting quickly.
 - B. **Vice Chair Report:** Mike Rusin. No report.
 - C. **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Sira. Income \$998.14. Expenses \$210.78. Balance not including the Symbolic Items account \$7,690.90. I did not receive a Symbolic Items report but the balance in that account should be approximately \$3,300.00. A full report will be posted online.
 - D. **Secretary's Report:** Ray Sira. 277 people on the membership list but 106 of those memberships have lapsed. An additional 31 are due to lapse this year. When the invitations to this meeting were sent out it include the persons membership status and several people have renewed. It was decided not to remove anyone from the membership list this year because there was no convention.
 - E. **Members at-Large:** Bonny Armstrong and Bill Boehle. No report.
3. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Website Coordinator:** Gary Bush has agreed to fill this position until someone can be found to take it over. Gary had no report.
 - B. **Contest:** Bill Cuddington. Gene announced that Bill is not here and that he likely will not be able to attend next year's convention in California. We are looking for someone who can coordinate the contest in case Bill cannot attend.
 - C. **Workshop:** Kurt Waldron was not present. No report.
 - D. **Rebelay Workshop:** Gary Bush. No report.
 - E. **By-Laws:** Bill Boehle & Terry Mitchell. The By-laws were changed to allow for virtual/online meetings and the position of Editor was changed to Website Coordinator. Changes to the constitution will be voted on later in the meeting.
 - F. **Equipment:** A full inventory of the trailer has been done including photos of all the equipment. It is on the VS Google Docs page. \$400.00 was approved last year for additional gear but it has not been spent yet. We are looking someone to haul the trailer from its current location in Blacksburg, Virginia to the 2021 NSS Convention in California and from California to the 2022 convention in South Dakota.
 - G. **Awards:** Gene announced that this position is currently not filled, and that we are looking for someone to fill the position.
 - H. **Outreach:** Gene announced that this position is also not filled, and that we are looking for someone to fill the position. Hazel suggested asking if anyone present was interested in filling the open positions. Rachel Sacker and Rob Harris expressed interest in helping.

- I. **Convention Liaison:** John Bowling will be our liaison for the 2021 NSS Convention in California. Bonny Armstrong has reached out to Dan Austin, Chair of the 2022 NSS Convention in South Dakota. Dan said they do not have a facilities chair yet.
 - J. **Education Coordinator:** Hazel Barton. No report
 - 1. **Training:** Gene announced that Tim White has submitted an updated version of the Basic SRT Course Instructor Lesson Plan.
 - 4. **Old Business.**
 - A. Minutes from the June 20th, 2019 meeting were posted online for review. Bill Boehle motioned for the minutes to be approved as posted. Bonny Armstrong seconded the motion. Without any objections the minutes motion was approved by unanimous consent.
 - 5. **New Business.**
 - A. Bill Boehle reviewed the changes proposed to the constitution allowing for virtual meetings and changing the position of Editor to Web-Site Coordinator. Bill Boehle motioned to approve the changes to the constitution as posted. Gary Bush Seconded the motion. With no objection the motion was approved by unanimous consent.
 - B. Bill Boehle suggested the possibility of adding different events next year to spice up the climbing contest such as timing a climber from when they start to put their gear on.
 - 6. **Elections**
 - A. **Secretary-Treasurer (1-year Term):** Ray Sira agreed to run for another term. There were no other nominations. With no objections, Ray Sira was elected by unanimous consent.
 - B. **Two "At-Large" Executive Committee Members (2-year terms):** Current executive committee members are Gene Harrison (Chairman), Mike Rusin (Vice Chairman), Bill Boehle (Member at-large) and Bonny Armstrong (Member at-large). Gene and Mike's terms are expiring. Hazel nominated Derek Bristol and Rachel Saker. Bonny Armstrong nominated John Bowling and Eric Richards. Terry Mitchell nominated Gene Harrison. Gary Bush nominated Mike Rusin. Bonny Armstrong nominated Kimberly Lughart. Nominations were closed and each candidate was given time to promote themselves. Meredith posted a poll listing each candidate and members were asked to vote for 2. After the votes were tabulated Gene Harrison received the most votes. Rachel Saker and Derek Bristol were tied for second. A runoff was proposed for the second position, but Derek withdrew his candidacy. Gene Harrison and Rachel Saker were elected to the at-large positions.
 - 7. **The VS Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.**
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The Vertical Session:

- 1. Gene Harrison had a couple of presentations. VS Climbing Contest Load Analyses, VS Vertical Events Beam Anchors (for the 2021 NSS convention), and VS Vertical Events Gym Layout (basic planning guide for our arrangements in a gym). These will be made available on the Vertical Sections website.
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Vertical Section Executive Committee Meeting. A brief meeting was held by the executive committee at the end of the business meeting.

- A. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm.
- B. Attendance:** Ray Sira, Gene Harrison, Bill Boehle, Bonny Armstrong, Gary Bush, and Rachel Saker were present.
- C. The Executive Committee** elected Gene Harrison as Chairman and Bonny Armstrong as Vice Chairman. Appointments made were Bill Cuddington - Contest Chair, Kurt Waldron - Workshop Coordinator, Gary Bush - Website Coordinator and Hazel Barton - Education Coordinator.
- D.** There was a long discussion concerning training and how the Vertical Section could enhance it in the future.
- E. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.**