

VSEC Meeting Minutes

May 25th, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 PM by Chairman Gene Harrison. VSEC Members present were Chairman Gene Harrison, Vice Chairman John Bowling, Secretary-Treasurer Ray Sira, Member at Large Mike Rusin, Website Coordinator Gary Bush, and By-Laws Committee Chairman Bill Boehle. Absent were Member at Large Rachel Saker, Vertical Workshop Coordinator Kurt Waldron, Education Coordinator Hazel Barton and Contest Coordinator Bill Cuddington.
 - A. **Chairman** – Gene Harrison: Gene announced that we lost another caver, Long time NSS and VPI member Whitt Whittemore.
 - B. **Vice Chairman** – John Bowling: no report.
 - C. **Secretary Treasurer** – Ray Sira: Meeting minutes need to be updated on the Google drive and website. Gary has the new webpage ready for the meeting minutes.
 - D. **Member At Large Reports**
 1. Rachel Saker – Not Present, no report.
 2. Mike Rusin – No report.
2. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Education** – Hazel Barton: No present, No report. Gene announced that VTC Chairman Ron Miller will give a presentation at the convention during the Vertical Section Session.
 - B. **Vertical Contest** – Ray Sira: Gene talked to the Cuddingtons about the procedures for marking the contest ropes. Ray has purchased a 300' measuring tape. The files for printing the contest certificates still need to be updated. Ray will contact On Rope One to verify that the new slings are being made.
 - C. **Vertical Workshop** – Kurt Waldron: Not present, no report. Tor Steinke from the VSS has asked to use our ropes on Monday afternoon. Kurt will work with the JSS.
 - D. **Rebelay Workshop** – Gary Bush: Good to go. Look for an assistant to help with the workshop on Tuesday.
 - E. **Website Coordinator** – Gary Bush: The meeting minute's web page is ready as soon as Ray sends Gary the documents. Gary asked if we want to consider updating our website. All agreed to have Gary go ahead and see what he can come up with.
 - F. **By-Laws** – Bill Boehle: There are still a couple of minor changes suggested by Jay Clark that need to be looked into. Gene asked Bill to write up changes to be looked at after the convention.
 - G. **Equipment** – Ray Sira: Need to confirm that On Rope One is making the rigging straps we need for convention. Ray will be keeping the trailer for at least one more year.
 - H. **Awards** – Gene asked that we all talk to people at the convention to find someone to fill this position.
 - I. **Outreach** – Position is not currently filled. No report.
 - J. **Symbolic Items** – Bill will talk to On Rope One at the convention to formalize an agreement for them to take over the sale symbolic items.
 - K. **EC Candidates Committee** – John & Mike have not come up with anything. Ray we send out an announcement this weekend.
 - L. **2022 Convention** – Gene Harrison: We will be meeting at 5:00 Sunday at the climbing contest site to start rigging with a VSEC meeting will after.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Meeting Minutes Approval** – Gary made the motion that we accept the minutes from the April 27th VSEC meeting as presented. Mike seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Jesús Pérez Fernández "History of the Climbing Contest" book** – Ray has not heard from him recently. Ray did send a request the Vertical Section but only received 2 responses. O few

pictures were forwarded to Jesús. The book is supposed to be going to publication some time in May.

C. John Bowling asked when the climbing contest is scheduled to start. Gene said rigging will be Monday morning with the contest starting by noon.

4. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.