

# **NSS-CDS Board of Directors**

## **Meeting Minutes**

5/23/2009

### **I. Call to order**

**Kelly Jessop** called to order the regular meeting of the **NSS-CDS Board of Directors** at **11:45 am** on **5/23/2009** in **Tallahassee, FL**.

### **II. Roll call**

Bill Dunn conducted a roll call. The following directors were present: Kelly Jessop, Forrest Wilson, Jeff Loflin, Frank Ohidy, Bill Dunn, and John Faircloth. Tom McMillan participated by telephone. The following directors were absent: John Jones, Jeff Bozanic, and Harry Averill. Other persons in attendance: none

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Kelly Jessop presented a written copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Dunn presented a written copy of the Board actions between meetings report. The minutes and the Actions between meetings report were both approved as presented by unanimous vote.

### **IV. Officers reports/Old Business**

- a) **Committees report by F.O.:** Awards committee: 44 Abe Davis approved, 2 Henry Nicholson approved, 3 Sheck Exley approved, 3 International endorsements approved. Cave Files committee: Nothing to report. Cartography committee: Nothing to report. Social committee: Nothing to report. Landowner Relations Committee: Nothing to report. Conservation committee: No activity since last BOD mtg.
- b) **Properties report by F.O.:** Mill Creek Sink: Rob Anderson has taken over the responsibilities of Property Manager. Plans are being made to have a guides meeting in the next quarter and an emergency response training event in conjunction with Alachua County EMS personnel. The guides committee is working well and has reinstated Cindy Butler as a guide. Cow Springs: The damage to the clay banks reported previously has been repaired by Michael Angelo Gagliardi utilizing artistic methods developed for just this purpose. Special thanks also go to Kelly Jessop, Forrest Wilson for arranging for Michael Angelo to do the work and to Wayne Kinnard, Jill Heinerth, Bill Bowden, Mike McAuliffe, and Gene Page for assisting with the repairs. Ken Hill has been instrumental in identifying the Brazilian diver responsible for the damage. His efforts to prosecute the matter and or arrange for some form of restitution are ongoing. Cathedral Sink: Power is off at Cathedral. Also we need to do a site condition assessment of the Cathedral property.

School Sink: It has been through the efforts of a small group of divers now known as the School Sink Guides Committee that the CDS has been able to keep this site open to the membership. A new system of guided diving and a mentorship program has been developed to minimize the liabilities to the Section while maintaining open access to the cave. So far we have two active credentialed guides and more to come in the next quarter.

DEMA will be in Orlando again this year. We need to get plans in place for Vandalism prevention/education at Fl. Cave sites by October of 2009.

- c) **Treasurer's Report by J.L.:** During the first quarter of 2009, the section had a net loss of \$921.83. The major expenses during the first quarter were magazine printing and contract labor. We also have over \$7300 in accounts receivable. This is mainly from instructors paying for certifications with bad credit cards and uncollected revenue from UWS advertising.
  - d) **Training Report by J.F.:** Since the last BOD mtg., CDS Instructors have issued 153 certifications at various levels. The Training Director has also issued 1 training waiver during that period.
  - e) **Vice Chairman's Report by F.W.:** We need to go ahead and find a chairperson for the 2010 Workshop and also for the 2010 HECC. The NSS convention and the International Congress of Speleology will be held in Kerrville, Texas the third week of July. We need to appoint a representative for the CDS to the Congress of Grottos.
  - f) **Chairman's Report by K.J.:** The efforts of Ken Hill to get restitution from or prosecute the Brazilian diver that vandalized Cow Springs has already been discussed. The Administrative Mgr. reports she is having difficulty keeping up with all we ask her to do as a part-time position.
  - g) **Following the Officer's Reports a recess was called by the Chairman.**
- V. **New business** - Following the recess, Kelly Jessop whose term on the Board has expired, did not return for the new business portion of the meeting.
- a) **Election of Officers for the coming year:** Jeff Loflin was nominated for Chairman by JF, second by FW. Jeff Loflin was unanimously elected Chairman. Bill Dunn was nominated for Secretary by JL, second by FW. Bill Dunn was unanimously elected Secretary. Forrest Wilson was nominated for Vice Chairman by JL, second by JF. Forrest Wilson was unanimously elected Vice Chairman. Tom McMillan was nominated for Treasurer by JL, second by JF. Tom McMillan was unanimously elected Treasurer. Frank Ohidy was nominated for Program Director by JL, second by JF. Frank Ohidy was unanimously elected Program Director 1. Harry Averill was nominated for Program Director 2 by JL, second by FW. Harry Averill was unanimously elected Program Director 2.

- b) **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance:** Motion by JL to purchase a D&O Insurance policy for the Board thru Witherspoon & Associates Inc. The coverage amount of this policy is \$2,000,000 and the annual premium will be \$1,200. Second by BD. Discussion. JL called for a vote.  
In Favor: JL,BD,JF,FW,FO,TM  
Opposed: none  
Motion carries.
- c) **Change program/processor for website online store:** The Administrative Mgr. wants to change to a new online store program and payment processor for the website. Discussion. JL to research and discuss details of migration of website to new program with Admin. Mgr. and report back to the Board.
- d) **Concern about cost of printing UWS and the possibility that UWS may or will be over budget.** Discussion of various options. JL to discuss with UWS Editor the need to keep within the approved annual budget for the remaining issues.

## VI. Adjournment

**Jeff Loflin** adjourned the meeting at **approximately 4pm.**  
Minutes submitted by: Bill Dunn, Secretary