

## BOD Meeting May 26, 2019

BOD Present: Cheryl Doran, T.J. Mullar, Forrest Wilson, Jason Black  
Members Present: Dominick Gheesling, Adam Hughes, Barbara Dwyer, Steve Forman, Michelle Forman and Chris Brock.

Called to order: 16:50

Brett Floren recorded these meeting minutes as the current secretary is not present. Motion to approve minutes as amended from last meeting, Not Approved. Agreement was made to circulate changes for approval.

No New Business or Old Business as was all pending unresolved issues were resolved pending new board members being seated on May 26, 2019.

1. It was requested that a note be entered into the minutes that the NSS has dropped an incomplete member database on the CDS and this issue is currently being addressed.
2. T.J. stated that 220 acres was set aside in the Mill Creek Preserve which has resulted in no development being permitted to the property line which would have essentially caused the sink to become a drainage dumping point. The NSS should be receiving funds shortly.

Motion to accept the election results as presented by the Election Administrator.  
Unanimous.

Board Members Now Seated: T.J. Muller, Jason Black, Renee Power, Brett Floren, Ken Sallot, Reggie Ross, Forrest Wilson

Nominations for Chairman called:

Ken Sallot nominated by Forrest Wilson. All Agreed. Ken Accepted.

T.J. Muller nominated by Brett Floren. All Agreed. T.J. Accepted.

Sealed Ballot Called for by Jason Black to select Chairman, All Agreed.

Voting Results: Ken Sallot 3 Votes - T.J. Muller 4 Votes. T.J. Muller has been selected as Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Ken Sallot nominated for Vice Chair by T.J. Muller. Ken declined.

Ken Sallot nominated Forrest Wilson. All Agreed. Forrest accepted.

Reggie Ross nominated Brett Floren. All Agreed. Brett accepted.

Sealed Ballot Called for by Jason Black to select Vice Chairman. All Agreed.

Voting Results: Forrest Wilson 2 Votes - Brett Floren 5 Votes. Brett Floren has been selected as Vice Chairman.

Remaining positions were discussed openly among the remaining board members and agreement was achieved among those board members with proper nominations and acceptance being acknowledged for the following positions:

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Secretary: Renee Power

Treasurer: Jason Black

Properties: Ken Sallot

Committees: Forrest Wilson

Training Director: Reggie Ross

Reggie Ross, by previous voting, was elected by the Instructors as Training Director.

The new board is now seated.

At this point the new secretary has assumed their duties of recording the minutes.

Motion to hold new business until the next meeting in 2 weeks.

Motion placed on hold to hear from Dominick Gheesling and his proposed motion regarding NSS-CDS accounting, reserves and expenditures to better promote the objectives of the NSS or the NSS-CDS defined in Article II of the NSS-CDS Constitution that include:

1. Promotion of the conservation, exploration, and study of underwater caves
2. Education for increased awareness, safety, and skill in cave diving.

Adam addressed accounting done by outside firm.

Cheryl addressed and defined reason for our balance.

TJ addressed that as a 501(c)(3), by law, all members can see all records, especially fiscal and the side Sheck Exley Fund with further discussion on codifying financial operations based on real expectations.

Cheryl discussed Sheck Exley fund further. Cannot be touched, only the interest thereof.

More discussion from TJ on Operations Manager and Treasurer having checks and balance system.

Reggie discussed the bright future for training and the education that will meet our objectives. Ideas and projects with efforts into training and increasing instructor membership. Plans to give value for being a CDS instructor. Need for cooperation between board and training committee to move in that direction.

Discussion on 2019 Conference and difficulty planning.

Suggested by Reggie to have Dominick come to another meeting to discuss further his challenges.

Discussion on Annual Meeting, how to make it more effective and increase member presence. Noted that adjournment ceased to hear Dominick's concerns. As a board we want to hear concerns of members.

Discussion with next year's conference to include conference coordinator and venue options.

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Brett made a motion to discuss at next meeting to allow new board to “settle in” to positions. Seconded by Ken.

Some venue locations were discussed to include Lake City, Marianna and Live Oak. Reggie suggested a Survey Monkey to see what membership wants.

Motion amended by Brett to discuss next year’s conference at the next meeting to discuss venue options, coordinator and start a Survey Monkey to get membership feedback via poll. Ken seconded. All approved.

Further discussion on having more in person meetings might increase membership attendance including mini workshops and socials with food, diving and a meeting.

Discussion lead by Jason to better advertise the general meetings and self promote effectively NSS-CDS on social media to “jazz” things up.

Discussion by Jason regarding investments and proceeds from investments can help with workshops leaving balances leveled.

TJ shared Alachua progress and offered to explain more after the meeting.

Next meeting to be Monday June 17 at 19:30.

Discussion on NSS-CDS vs CDS only membership and how/where to join/renew/pay. Desire to make process easy. NSS no longer collects money for grottos. Options discussed to create a seamless process.

Discussion on administrative methods regarding database and mailings and current vs old technology.

Discussion from TJ about a meeting with Kelly Jessop regarding elections. Currently using electronic voting and bylaws state paper ballots. Need to address changing bylaws to allow for electronic ballots should we continue in that direction. Will get exact wording from Kelly.

Discussed how to get any updated bylaws out to membership so they can see the changes.

Reggie commended Adam for his excellent work for the CDS.

Motion to adjourn by TJ seconded by Ken. All approved.

Meeting adjourned approximately 17:45.