

NSS-CDS Board Meeting

Date/time: June 8, 2020, 16:00

Location: Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic

Board Present: Renee Power, Richard Blackburn, Brett Floren, Ken Sallot, Jason Black, Robby Brown

Board not Present: Max Kuznetsov

Members Present: Barbara Dwyer, Howard Smith, Adam Hughes, Ricardo Castillo,

Called to Order: 16.05

Old Business:

1. Approval of old minutes. Renee Power motioned to approve. Richard Blackburn Second. Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Richard Blackburn, Robby Brown, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not present for this vote: Jason Black
2. Adam reaching out to members about whether they want a refund or the Hart Springs shirt.
3. Electronic Membership Platform: A work in progress. Brett is working on it.

New Business:

1. Board member emails. Option is available to send from "[boardmember](mailto:boardmember@nsscds.org)"@nsscds.org. Brett Floren motioned that the NSS-CDS adopt a data retention policy that any email received to a NSS-CDS email address will be archived for 3 years. Robby Brown Seconded. Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Richard Blackburn, Robby Brown, Jason Black, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0
2. Committees – Richard Blackburn: Most all who chair committees will remain.
3. Committee Budgets – Richard Blackburn would like a treasury report to understand the needs of various committees. Jason Black presented a verbal report of the current bank balances.
4. Treasurer: Jason Black presented a verbal report of the current bank balances.
5. Ricardo Castillio wants to be able to print NSS-CDS certification cards on site in Mexico.
6. Scholarship: Any undergraduate. Jason Black will come up with the application eligibility criteria.
7. Vice Chair: Discussion about board email addresses and ability to compose an email from this address. Let Brett know if we want this ability. Discussion on back up emails.

8. Renee motioned for Kelly Jessup to form and chair Bylaw Change Committee. Robby Seconded. Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Richard Blackburn, Jason Black, Robby Brown, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0
9. Re-evaluate gas sharing standard in 90 days. August 4th. Renee motioned. Seconded by Ken Sallot. Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Jason Black, Richard Blackburn, Robby Brown, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0
10. Discussion about a “outside medium sized conference” in the fall to donate prizes intended for annual conference that was cancelled due to Pandemic. Alternatively — Special drawing 45 days out. Offer ticket sales up until that point. Offer conference refund if they would rather. Some will prefer to leave it as a donation. Adam states we can’t collect money for prizes ahead of time for an online raffle due to our 501(c)3 status. Better to do live. Only two prizes collected for the raffle; O2ptima CM and Submerge Scooter. Suggested that manufacturers would rather have live event for “hands on” with product.

Ken Sallot made a motion for each board member to compile a description of each board position and responsibilities over the next year to pass along to the next board as an organizational SOP. Seconded by Renee Power. Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Richard Blackburn, Robby Brown, Jason Black, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0
11. Ricardo Castillio is interested in doing a NSS-CDS conference in Mexico. He will put together a proposal for the Board.

Property

Cow: No issues.

School Sink: Closed to diving. Guided only. Eric Diester and Paul Heinerth are in charge of the guides. When the cave is cleared, the guides will have keys.

Alachua: Andy Pitkin is a guide at Alachua.

Training: Max Kuznetsov is in Russia trying to coordinate NSS-CDS Apprentice Cave and CCR Cave. His goals are to continue Reggie’s vision of training. Max is hoping to cross over a few cave instructors in Russia to NSS-CDS instructors.

Motion to adjourn: Renee Power

Seconded: Richard Blackburn Yes: Renee Power, Brett Floren, Jason Black, Richard Blackburn, Robby Brown, Ken Sallot. No: 0 Abstain: 0

Seconded: Richard Blackburn

Adjourned time: 18:27