

NSS-CDS Board meeting February 18,2024, 1900hours

Quorum- Yes

BOD Present- Sam LeFlore (SL), Gayle Hall (GH) at 1930 hours, Max Kuznetsov (MK), James Chandler (JC), Fred Stratton (FS), Renee Power (RP), Steve Forlenza (SF)

BOD Absent- Mark Schroder (MS)

Members Present- Adam Hughes (AH), Cameron Mahaffey (CM), Carrie Spenser (CS), Teri Walker (TW), Chris Brown (CB), Ian Parrish (IP), Barbara Dwyer (BD)

SL Called meeting to order at 1903 hrs.

SL made a motion to accept January minutes. SF second, All in favor.

Treasurers report

SL – Outlined GH's/AH Treasurer and Manager's report for January 2024. Details as per report. (See report for details)

DEMA 2024- RP- who is organizing? RP will be co- organizer. AH will work with RP to purchase rooms.

International Conference

AH- Full steam ahead. In the process of setting up the ticketing software and new store items. The venue is secure. Armory in Lake City. \$170.00 plus misc. fees. Need a grand prize. MK will speak to SF Tech about a drysuit as a grand prize for the event.

Training Update

MK- Instructor renewals complete. Only 1-2 did not renew. The Training Committee is continuing with the training material update. Taking longer than expected. Ben Pyles attended the recent training committee meeting and is ready to move ahead. MK spoke to Lamar to get approval to use Dive Rite gear in all new material. Lamar is receptive and the board is ok with using Dive rite gear in all new training material. AH- will give Ben the lifetime membership AFTER the work is complete and approved. JC- will draft a simple MOA. MK- DPV workshop tentatively scheduled for May 30, 2024 at Ginnie Springs. MK will coordinate with Ginnie to secure the site for the workshop. Workshop details will be added to UWS, Facebook and Website.

State Park Update

Ian Parrish in attendance for his first meeting. Welcome aboard. CB- Emerald sink is in good shape. No workdays required. FS- Madison- Spoke with Erica Lewis regarding fences and benches. Much less work than Peacock. Will set up workdays sometime in the beginning of April. FS- Edwards Spring is up for sale. Does the CDS want to get involved with managing spring? SL- Suggests continuing the conversation and see where it brings us. AH- Cave system is large and there are other entrances to this system. System is like School Sink. FS has had recent conversations regarding Telford.

New Business

SF- Spoke to Chase Friedman of Vanquish Media Group regarding a private viewing of “Diving into Darkness” by Jill Heinerth. Three screening packages to choose from. Screening during the International Conference is a possibility. The best time to show the film, if we decide to proceed with the showing, is TBD. Sunday evening after the conference, Thursday evening after the DPV workshop or Friday Evening after/during the social are prospective time frames for the showing. Finances are still being worked on to see if it is actually feasible to proceed.

BD- Ad rates for UWS? - AH will get with BD BOD approved rate structure in a previous vote.

FS/RP- Grim reaper sign online by CREER. Possible trademark violation. RP spoke to PADI regarding the sign. The sign was originally produced by PADI and NSSCDS. JC will draft a letter to CREER if needed. MK will contact Roger Williams to find out more about sign usage in Mexico. SF will speak to members of CREER that he knows. (Kim Davisson and Skanda Coffield from Protec diving Tulum). IP has experience with Trademarks. The sign is a landmark in the caving diving industry and should be protected to preserve. Trademark is a straightforward process.

JC- Motion to close the meeting. FS seconded. All in favor 2037 hrs.

Zoom Meeting Link

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