

NSS-CDS Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2010

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting on the NSS-CDS Board of Directors was called to order at 12:07 pm

II. Roll Call

The following directors were present: Forrest Wilson, Tom McMillan, Wayne Kinard, Frank Ohidy, Gene Melton

Others in Attendance: Jim Wyatt, Reggie Ross, Eric Deister, Walter Pickle

III. Discussion of last Minutes approval

IV. New Business

Discussion: Leadership/Properties report. The only report is of a “run in” at Cow between a diver and some locals. The local sheriff was called but the locals left before law enforcement arrived. Members should/will be advised to call local law enforcement or notify Cathy at Dive Outpost. If the “No Trespassing” signs are gone we need to acquire new ones to be posted. Ron at Dive Outpost said he has some fencing that he will donate for Cow. We will need some volunteers to put up the fencing.

Discussion: Profit & Loss Statement for Jan.-July 2010, presented by Tom McMillian. According to the report, the UWS magazine costs about \$3,500 per printing (\$7,000 this year so far). Most of the time there are dozens of magazines returned for bad addresses, etc.

Discussion: “Cave Diving Articles and Opinions” book. We have approximately 1,000 copies of the book on a pallet in Frank’s garage. One suggestion by Eric Deister is to give a free copy of the book to anyone who renews membership for five (5) years.

Discussion: NSS, the parent organization, has concerns about cave divers (guides and instructors) making a profit from taking divers or students in Alachua (Mill Creek) Sink. Instructors are not allowed to be paid or profit from dives in Alachua. Any guide reported to get paid for diving can/will be removed as a guide. Suggested that the rules for Alachua Sink should be re-written/revise to include:

- 1) No training dives
- 2) 100 dives after training (Abe Davis or equivalent)
- 3) Normoxic tri-mix (or above)
- 4) DAN insurance or equivalent

Also, bold lettering on the form that no fees will be charged for diving.

Discussion: State parks are presently accepting the individual or family pass as admission for cave diving. It is felt or suspected that in the very near future there will be additional fees for cave divers.

Motion (Frank Ohidy): To rescind the previous motion requires membership to acquire safety awards.

Vote: All in favor- all members present.

Discussion: Property Management. Revised or re-wrote the content only of the NSS-CDS Property Management Plan. This is to correct some misspelling and clarification of policy.

Motion: To approve Property Management Plan as amended.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote by all present.

Motion (Gene Melton): All CDS electronic information to reside on the same website.

Motion tabled- withdrawn by Gene.

Discussion: Ask Beth Murphy to continue with her assistance with UWS magazine. Beth will be contacted.

Motion: To give door prizes to CDF donated by CDS store.

Motion (Tom McMillian): To have all CDS supplies moved to a climate controlled environment.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote by all present.

Discussion: Have a booth at BTS

Motion (Gene Melton): Go to BTS and share a booth with Exploration Design.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote by all present.

Discussion: Releasing to the public the S&P's that regulate what the instructors are required to teach. The S&P's are copy write protected and should not be copied by machine or electronically. The rules are not publically available, however, the instructor may show the S&P's to any student so they can be assured that the instructor is following the guidelines.

Motion (Gene Melton): Name the Conservation Award the Wes Skiles Conservation Award.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote by all present.

Discussion: Instructors can log on to the online store and purchase items at a discount of 20%.

Motion: Give instructors 20% discount on the book "Cave Diving Articles & Opinions"

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote by all present.

Discussion: FL law provides that the BOD cannot be sued for casting a vote or making decisions that affect membership.

Motion (Gene Melton): To eliminate D&O insurance.

Vote: Frank- yes; Tom-no; Wayne-no; Harry (by proxy)- no; Bill (by proxy)- no; Forrest-yes; Gene-yes

V. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm

Action Items:

- Check “No Trespassing” signs at Cow and replace if necessary
- Recruit volunteers to put up fencing with Ron at Cow
- Revise rules for Alachua Sink
- Ask Beth Murphy to continue with UWS
- Move CDS supplies to climate controlled environment
- Contact Exploration Design to share booth at BTS
- Rename the Conservation Award where it occurs on website and in future publications
- Send email to instructors advising of 20% discount on “Articles & Opinions”

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at 3 pm

Location: Dive Outpost in Luraville

Minutes submitted by: Wayne Kinard