

## April 2021 NCRC BORC Meeting Minutes

Virtual, USA, Earth.

Date: Monday, April 5, 2021, 8:30 pm (EDT)/5:30 pm (PDT)

Call to order at 5:30 pm PDT by Gretchen Baker.

Roll Call and Acknowledgment of Proxies

### *Attending:*

BORC: NC - Gretchen Baker, Med - Brian Ekey, Dive - Zeb Lilly, SC - DJ Walker, RMR - Andy Armstrong, WR - David Angel, Central - Jess Deli, Caribbean – Bull Miranda, Eastern – Tony Smith, SWR - Sarah Truebe, SE - Brandon Powers, TC - Roger Mortimer, NE - Greg Moore, NSS liasion - Marty Reames

Guests: Laura Demarest, John Punches, Casey England, Angela Hooker, Scott Linn

Approval of 2021 Winter meeting minutes – Approved without any changes. To be posted on NCRC website. (DONE)

Reports of Officers - None

Reports of Committees

1. 2021 Seminar Update- New York- Roger reported that June would be Level 1 only as a northeastern regional and National would be held August 27-Sept 4 with L1, L2, L3, and TOFE classes. IQ is proposed to be held in June, when more IQ students can attend. MOTION: TRN moves that we host an IQ class at the 2021 regional (previously national) seminar in New York in June. MOTION PASSED. Discussion about possibly holding 2 IQ classes in 2022, one at the Texas regional and one at the Virginia national. Roger will prepare a letter for after the national seminar in New York and send to the eligible pool of about 40-60 people. Depending on response, there may be 1 or 2 IQ classes in 2022. The BORC will need to approve any IQ classes held at regionals.
2. 2022 Seminar Update- Virginia – Tony; The proposed dates for the Virginia seminar (week of June 11) are the same as the NSS Convention in South Dakota. Tony will investigate other dates, preferably at least a week away from the NSS Convention dates. If need to be held closer, the week before convention is preferred.
3. Instructor Retention/Development Committee: DJ – no report
4. Branding Committee – Tim – no report

### Unfinished Business

1. JHA- Tim – no report
2. Regional gear cache fund – Gretchen; for the past few years up to \$1k/region to build up regional gear caches is allowed. Discussion on how to do the billing (either to NSS via Kristine Ebrey or pay out of regional fund and get reimbursed) and need to check the budget to see how long this program can continue.
3. Image Replacement - Marty; L1 student guide will be ready for distribution in about 2 weeks; the L1 powerpoints will be ready by the beginning of June; progress is being made in other areas.

### New Business

1. Next meeting – Monday, June 7 at 8:30 (ET)/5:30 (PT)
2. PNW Vacant position –; MOTION: SC moves to accept John Punches as PNW Coordinator. MOTION PASSES.

3. EdComm action items – Roger; tabled. Safety, L3 Search and L3 Management upcoming.
4. Website committee report – Gretchen (also check out the new pages on our website (thanks, Ian! Thanks, Eastern Region!) [NCRC - Safety](#); Discussion on whether NCRC should move website under the NSS umbrella. The NSS is currently developing a new website. A company is designing 8 template pages that will be accessible with WordPress. Tony pointed out that the new Eastern Region website is done with WordPress on the caves.org platform. Gretchen has talked with Ian, the webmaster, and he didn't voice an opinion on a move. David Angel is assigned to investigate this more and report back to the group.
5. Volunteer position descriptions – Gretchen; many volunteer positions exist within NCRC. Using a standard template from the NSS Education Division, each position will have a written description of what it does. Several have been started. Goal is to have good drafts of all of them by June meeting.
6. Upcoming Instructor meeting, April 11 -Gretchen; all BORG encouraged to attend.
7. Upcoming training – ; see below.
8. Instructor morale and mental health – Gretchen; recognizing instructor anniversaries in 5 year increments. Need to check with first NCRC instructors (e.g., Don Paquette, Diane Cousineau, Allen Padgett) of when they started, as not in database. Upcoming acknowledgements:

Year	Name	
25	John	Punches
15	Glen	Hugus
15	William	Putnam
10	Jessica	Deli
10	Andy	Armstrong
5	Wil	Orndorff
5	Joel	Flewelling
5	Bonny	Armstrong
5	Rhonda	Wright
5	Ron	Davis

9. Instructor retreat; BORG challenge– Gretchen; Would like to start planning an instructor retreat; BORG members challenged to invite other members and instructors to go caving/canyoneering/outdooring at least once in next six months
10. Brainstorming on NCRC activities ; please send ideas on what you'd like the NCRC to do to Gretchen

#### Announcements

Greg added more info about New York trainings.

Adjourned at 6:58 pm PDT.

### Upcoming NCRC Trainings

Season	Date	Training
Summer 2021	June 11-19 Tba	Level 1 in New York ICEE - Central
Fall 2021	Aug 27-Sept 4 Tba Tba Tba Tba Tba	National Seminar in New York Modular Level 1 in California (late Sept/early Oct) OCR – RMR SPAR-RMR Modular Level 1 in SE 2 OCR-Eastern (Blacksburg, VA and Martinsburg WV)
Winter 2021-22	Nov/Dec Tba Late Jan Tba	Level 1 & 2 in Arizona OCR in Hawaii Levels 1, 2 and SPAR in Texas OCR in Texas
Spring 2022		
Summer 2022	Tba	National Seminar in Virginia
Fall 2022		
2023	May?	National Seminar in Georgia