

NCRC BORC Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting

Date: **October 18, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

5:30 PDT by Gretchen Baker

Recording Secretary: Bonny Armstrong

In Attendance

BORC: NC – Gretchen Baker, TC – Roger Mortimer, SC – DJ Walker, RM – Andy Armstrong, WR – David Angel, Central – Jess Deli, SW – Sarah Truebe, NE – Greg Moore, PNW – John Panches, Medical – Brian Ekey, Carribean – Bull Miranda, Dive – Zeb Lilly. Proxies: Brandon Powers for SE, NCRC Volunteer Position Holders: Marty Reames, Casey England, Bonny Armstrong, Mel Eady-Pumplin, Rich Pumplin

Guests: Rene Ohms, Christy Starr

20 total

Proposed changes to meeting agenda None.

Approval of 2021 July meeting minutes approved without changes.

Old Business – Part 1

1. Certification – Casey

a. Updates on Pilot – All components have been combined into one document; instructors who did not teach a skill can perform checkoffs. The L1 draft can be found in the Google Drive. Roger is piloting it in the California modular. Casey will incorporate EdComm edits and send to BORC for review. He will work to get drafts for L2 and L3 done by late January.

b. Return to tabled motion from July: **Amended motion: SC moves to end the Certification fee currently required, pending a follow up with the NSS BOG. SW seconds. Motion approved.** Marty will follow up with NSS office on fees.

Reports of Officers

1. National Coordinator – Report is in [Google Drive](#). Highlights include thanks to Christy Starr and John Panches for working on finances; thanks to Instructor Retention Committee, especially Mel Eady-Pumplin, for organizing and initiating the Instructor Tenure Tributes; OCR curriculum folder is open for folks to make OCR planning easier; Steve Hudson Award will now be announced via NSS News and is open for nominations from anyone, with selection the same as before; would like to get more rescue-related articles in NSS News, with a call for authors and ideas; winter BORC meeting in Las Vegas on Feb 26 with before and after optional trips
2. Training Coordinator – Roger sent out invitations to potential IQ students for a possible IQ class in Texas in February 2022. A response deadline is November 22, 2021. Roger is currently leading a Level 1 modular in California.
3. Financial Officer – Christy says expenses are up-to-date and refunds have been issued. Some accounts have been closed and others have been moved to Regions Bank.

Reports of Committees

1. Education Committee – Roger. Ed Comm is reviewing L1-L3 curriculum per a 5-year cycle. Also reviewing the Student Preparation Guide. Should slip knots be allowed in the Trucker's Hitch? The consensus was yes. Gretchen suggested adding half hitch and overhand knots to list of required knots to know.
2. 2022 Seminar Update – Tony texted that the Virginia seminar is currently on track for July 15-23, 2022.
3. Instructor Retention Committee – Greg is updating the database to clarify instructor status. Many instructors need to fulfill the recertification requirements by the end of 2022, some instructors are in a gray area. Marty will be reaching out to the appropriate people to see about getting NCRC instructors featured in the Spelean Spotlight or the Caving Podcast.

Old Business – Part 2

1. SOGs – Important documents need updating. Changes to SOGs can be viewed in the Google Drive. If you can't see the changes in red, contact Brian Ekey. Please review changes and make suggestions by December 1, 2021.

2. Image Replacement – Marty. Images have been replaced except for in the NSS manual. Anmar expects to have those updated by the end of the year.

3. Organizational Response to a Litigious Individual (Closed Session)

Report on Closed Session: The BORC voted to remove Rick Speaect from the NCRC Instructor cadre.

New Business

1. Next BORC meeting will be virtual - Monday, December 6, 2021 8:30 pm (EDT)/5:30 pm (PDT).
2. All instructor virtual meeting – Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:30 pm (EDT)/5:30 pm (PDT).

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PDT (1 hour, 50 minutes total).