

NCRC BORC Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2023

Location: Zoom

Call to Order

6pm PST by Gretchen Baker

Recording Secretary: Marty Reames

In Attendance

Emily Davis (AVP), Gretchen Baker (NC), Mel Eady-Pumplin (TC), DJ Walker (SC), Rene Ohms (RM), Sarah Truebe (SW), John Punches (PNW), Brandon Powers (SE), Zeb Lilly (Diving), David Angel (WR), Berta Walker (Finance), Steve Reames, Casey England, and Marty Reames (NSS Liaison)

14 Total

Proxies: Sarah Truebe for Brian Ekey (Medical)

Gretchen welcomed everyone and conducted roll call.

Proposed changes to meeting agenda - None

Approval of 2023 February BORC meeting minutes

PNW moved to accept both February meeting minutes. Approved by vote.

Report on a caving fatality recently; no details available yet.

Officer Reports

1. Training Coordinator – Mel Eady-Pumplin
Mel reports that everything is looking good for the upcoming National training in Mentone. There is great coordination for the leads. There will be a lengthy instructor update at Mentone including updates and hands on demonstrations. *Training moved to pilot the Medical training material for Level 2 again at Mentone, PNW seconded. Motion passed.*

There is a new SPAR Instructor (Tommy Poulsen),

2. Finance - Berta Walker

Berta gave an overview on NCRC balances and reported that all accounts were reconciled through March 31st. Quarterly financial reports from the regions are no longer needed.

3. Communications Committee - Steve Reames

Steve shared that there are new 3D printer inserts for AA batteries designed by Ben McCandless. Steve has four inserts available for anyone who needs one and can print more and/or send the file to others to print their own as well.

Old Business

1. Image Replacement – Emily gave an update on the media release form. The VTC is trying to use the form for their L1 material. She will send the form to Gretchen to have NCRC use as well.
2. 2024 National Seminar - Nationals for 2024 was previously proposed for the third week in August, but may need to change.

New Business

1. New AVP for the NSS - Emily Davis is the new AVP for the NSS. She introduced herself and her involvement with NCRC. She attended a L1 course last year and hopes to attend more classes in the future. Her first priority is to ensure the AVP department is fully staffed. Her second priority is working on restructure within the NSS to hire an Executive Director (ED). There may be some change to the existing organization structure once an ED is hired. She also shared some thoughts on how the NSS is going to deliver their strategic plan; the NSS creates a new strategic plan every few years and the BOG is working on it now.
2. Timing to Announce National Weeklong - There was some discussion regarding the timing of announcing the National Weeklong. Sarah shared feedback that the current timing can be difficult for students on the federal fiscal year. There was some discussion regarding upcoming training dates, registration fees, and when to open registration.
3. NCRC Instructor Meeting - There will be an NCRC All Instructor meeting on Wednesday, April 19th. Gretchen plans to share information from the Instructor retreat, an overview of the BORC meeting, and discuss the move to the Google platform.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm pacific time

