

Minutes  
NCRC Summer Meeting  
August 11, 2008  
NSS Convention, Lake City, Florida

**Call to Order** by Steve Hudson, proxy for NC John Punches at 1 p.m.

**Roll Call & Collection of Proxies:**

Caribbean	Mercado	absent
Central	Mirza	present
Eastern	Good	proxy White
Northeastern	Evans	proxy Paquette
Pacific NW	Punches	proxy Hudson
Rocky Mtn.	Ohms	proxy Mirza
South Central	Walker	present
Southeastern	White	present
Southwestern	Rodgers	proxy Seiser
Western	Mortimer	proxy Frantz
Training Coordinator	Hudson	present
Medical Coordinator	Mosberg	present
Diving Coordinator	Wilson	present
National Coordinator	Punches	proxy Hudson

Proxy letters are Attachments A1-A6

**Minutes of Winter 2008 meeting:**

Mosberg moves, Mirza seconds to approve as distributed  
Motion passed

**Finance Report** – Attachment B

Walker moves, Mirza seconds to approve as presented  
Motion passed unanimously

**Database Report** – no report

**Officer Reports:**

National – Attachment C  
Training – Attachment D  
Medical – Attachment E  
Diving – verbal report only

**Regional Coordinator Reports:**

Caribbean - no report  
Central – Attachment F  
Eastern – Attachment G  
Northeastern – Attachment H  
Pacific Northwest – Attachment I  
Rocky Mountain – Attachment J  
South Central – Attachment K

Southeastern – Attachment L  
Southwestern – verbal only from Pat  
Western – verbal only from Bill

**Confirmation of BORC actions via e-mail** – no e-mail action

**2008 Seminar update** – verbal by Hudson

**2009 Seminar update** – verbal by Mirza, for Jess Dell,  
Everything looks OK, registration will be under \$500  
Flyer needs to be finalized and sent out ASAP

**2010 Seminar Proposal** – DJ Walker for South Central Region was given tentative approval for a site in Arkansas, pending DJ's submission of a formal proposal.

### **Length of appointments for upcoming BORC positions**

Evans (by e-mail) moves, Wilson (by e-mail) seconds:

Starting in 2008 three year terms for NCRC Regional Coordinators shall be established as follows: Beginning in 2008, NCRC Diving officer, Northeast Region, Rocky Mountain Region, Southwest Region, and Western Region; beginning in 2009, NCRC Medical Officer, Central Region, Eastern Region, and Pacific Northwest Region; beginning in 2010, NCRC Training Officer, Caribbean Region, South Central Region and Southeast Region. [Subsequent mid-term vacancies shall be filled only for the balance of the original three year rotation.]

*Sentence in brackets was added as a friendly amendment.*

Amendment approved unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, with Ohms (by proxy) opposed.

Evans (by e-mail) moves, Wilson seconds that in order to spread out the current Regional Coordinator terms, the Caribbean Region coordinator position filled in 2008 shall be for a term of 2 years, and the NCRC Medical Officer position shall come up for appointment to a three year term in 2009.

Motion passed with Ohms (by proxy) abstaining

### **Nominations for BORC/Ed Board positions**

- Ed Committee at large (Amanda Mortimer completing Steve Hudson's term)

Pat Seiser and Amanda Mortimer are candidates.

[DJ Walker will exercise Bob Rodgers' proxy for this vote.]

[White requested that this be discussed in closed session]

Amanda was elected to the Education Board at large position.

- Diving Officer – Forrest Wilson is willing to continue in the position, and was elected by acclamation.
- Northeast Region – John Evans is willing to continue in the position, and was elected by acclamation.
- Caribbean – Efrain Mercado is NOT willing to continue in the position, and has recommended Steve Segal for the position.

Steve Segal was elected by acclamation, with John Punches abstaining. (term expires 2010)

- South Central – DJ Walker is willing to continue in the position, and was elected by acclamation (term expires 2010)
- Rocky Mountain – Marc Ohms is willing to continue in the position, and was elected by acclamation with Ohms abstaining (by proxy)
- Western – Roger Mortimer is willing to continue in the position, and was elected by acclamation, with Mortimer abstaining (by proxy)
- Southwestern – Bob Rodgers is willing to continue in the position and was elected by acclamation.

## **Announcements**

Ray Keeler is new ACA editor, asking for reports. Still compiling for 2007.

## **Discussion Items:**

Education Committee Report

*Seminar Refunds from 2008 (2 people)*

Ohms (by proxy) moves, White seconds, that Yale Preston be refunded the cost of his registration for the 2008 seminar from the National account

Motion passed: 8 approved, one opposed, 3 abstain

Second individual has not requested a refund thru the BORC, so issue is moot in this case.

*Equipment Fee* – question of whether equipment fee needs to be collected if the region does not use the national cache. The current policy is not clear, although memory is that a fee is optional for a Regional Seminar that does not use the national cache.

Mirza moves, Walker seconds to amend the Regional Seminar Equipment Fee Policy to read:

If a Region uses the National Equipment cache, a \$35 fee will be charged per student, to be paid to the National account. If the National Equipment cache is NOT used, it is up to the discretion of the Regional Coordinator whether or not to charge an equipment fee and the amount of that fee. Such fees will be retained by the Region.

Motion passed with Mosberg opposed, Good (by proxy) abstaining.

Mosberg moves to amend by striking all language after the end of the first sentence. Motion failed for lack of a second.

*ICS 100 discussion* for input to the Education Committee.

*Assistance with travel expenses*

- Ray Keeler will research options and get back to Hudson

*NCRC Scholarships*

Mortimer moves, Mosberg seconds:

The requirements for Scholarships to NCRC nationals from the Cave Rescue Training Restricted Fund of the NSS are changed:

Only two letters from NSS members will be required instead of three. All other requirements will stay the same.

Motion passed unanimously

Mortimer moves, Mirza seconds:

The Board of Regional Coordinators authorizes two scholarships of \$200 apiece for the 2009 National Seminar from the Cave Rescue Training Restricted Fund of the NSS. Application deadline is March 1, 2009. Applicants will be notified by April 1, 2009.

Motion passed unanimously.

*On-line Database* – no report, waiting for funds.

*Mitchey phones* – Hopefully the prototype will be available for testing at the next National Seminar.

*Seminar Fixed Site Criteria* – Attachment M, distributed by Tim White  
Draft to be recirculated to identify which items are critical, and which are weighted, and how much. To be resubmitted to the BORC via e-mail within the next month or so.

Hudson moves, Mirza seconds that Camp Skyline be selected as the first fixed site, to be used next in 2012.

Motion passed, with Ohms, Mosberg and Good abstaining.

*Manual Reproduction costs:*

Walker moves, Seiser (for Rodgers) seconds that hard copy of the NCRC Manual be provided to Level 1 students, with the cost to be covered appropriately in the seminar budget. Level 2 and 3 students are responsible for maintaining up-to-date manuals, with management of duplication costs for updates to be handled by local seminars on an individual basis.

Motion passed with Good abstaining

*Unauthorized use of NCRC Training Materials*

The new Caribbean Regional Coordinator will be requested to investigate the use of NCRC training materials that have been translated into Spanish, being taught in Central and South America, and to relay that this material is copyrighted and cannot be used without permission.

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Welling  
Recording Secretary