

**Granite Chief Far West Masters
Summer Board Meeting
July 19,2003**

A board meeting was held Saturday, July 19, 2003 at the home of Annette and Mark Mirviss.

President Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M.

Board members present: Don Smith, Mark Mirviss, Linda Crowell, Rees Palermo, and Sally Brew.

Heidi Littenberg and Mark Antis were absent.

Interested members attending: Karl Brown, Eddie Mozen and Doug Fulton.

A quorum of 5 board members was present; therefore official business was conducted.

Old Business: Minutes from the July 13, 2002, and March 1, 2003 will be sent to the Board for approval.

Election results were validated. Rees Palermo for race scheduling, Sally Brew for newsletter and Heidi Littenberg for membership were all voted in for another 2-year term.

Race Issues:

Race Schedule: A tentative 2003-2004 race schedule was presented by Rees Palermo (See attached). The season awards banquet will again be in the Tahoe area this year because of scheduling conflicts with Mammoth Mt. at the end of the year. Mammoth downhill races may overlap Mt. Rose SuperG race. Motion made by Linda Crowell to score points from Mt. Rose SG over Mammoth DH on March 5. Seconded by Mark Mirviss. Motion passed unanimously.

Entry fees/head tax: Discussion by Rees that ski areas are always asking for more money. Should we raise entry fee to \$24.00 and give \$2.00 more to the ski areas? Discussion by Don regarding looking into on-line registration which will be an added expense. Discussed raising head tax \$1.00. Motion made by Linda Crowell to increase entry fee to \$25.00 with a \$5.00 head tax. Seconded by Mark Mirviss. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passed.

USSA issue with temporary memberships and insurance info: Don Smith was informed at the National meeting that we must get insurance information when people are filling out temporary weekend memberships or USSA may cut off temps.

On-Line Registration (Active.com): Discussion on on-line registration. Cost vs. time. Who will take on responsibilities. Doug Fulton offered information from when Diamond Peak used service. Far West Rocky Mt uses on-line registration – not Active.com. They have a full-time employee. It was noted that on-line registration would keep Masters more involved in registration and money. It would also take secretarial duties away from the ski areas. It was decided to continue to gather information and possibly do a trial for the Mt. Rose race.

Equipment Regulations Update: There will be no new limitations or changes for Far West Masters level this coming year.

Certification /Promotion of Officials: An Officials Meeting will be held October 11, 2003 at Rees Palermo's home in Verdi, NV. A referee exam will be available. Rees requested Far West Masters to reimburse him for purchase of 10 Blue Book for \$107.00 Approved.

Communication of race cancellations and weather updates: Suggestion made to have announcements posted in the newsletter and on the web site for members to call ski areas before race to confirm race and if it is a weekend with one slalom and 1 GS day, to confirm it is still the same as the schedule.

Races in So. Cal. – Scott Peer's report: See attached

Season Awards Banquet: Date will be April 10. Linda Crowell will try and reserve the North Tahoe Convention Center room in King's Beach again.

MEMBERSHIP: See attached report from Heidi

BUDGET: See attached report from Mark Mirviss. Rees requested buying new radios at approximately \$800. Our old ones are outdated. Approved.

NEWSLETTER: Liz Kennedy has agreed to train with Sally Brew to take over the newsletter in a couple of years. Discussion whether we should continue to put race results in the newsletter since it is very costly. Board agreed to have Heidi put a line in the application form asking whether the member wants a mailed newsletter or if e-mail/on-line is OK.

MASTERS/JUNIORS REP: Board received a letter from a Tom Patston indicating he is our new representative to Far West. No one knows who he is or if he is even a Master racing. The Board strongly objects to not being consulted on the appointment of a Masters representative. Don will check with Far West and Tom.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectively submitted by:

Linda Crowell
Secretary – Far West Masters