

**FAR WEST MASTERS GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
15 APRIL, 2010 – MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN SKI AREA, CA**

President Marietta Frinell called the General Membership meeting to order at 3:10 pm, thanking Beat for the excellent end of the season races, and also for providing the food for the meeting and awards ceremony. She introduced members of the FWM Board, and asked for reports. Marcie Pettigrew, VP Membership, noted that we have had a good year, and will be needing new bibs. Mark Mirviss, VP Scheduling, asked for feedback about the Squaw Valley race which featured three races in two days. In general, feedback was positive.

Nominations Committee Chair Don Smith introduced nominees for the FWM Board, and asked for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, the following persons were elected individually by acclamation: Mark Mirviss, President; Sandy Hogan, Secretary; Mark Smallhouse, Treasurer; and Don Smith, VP Officials. Marietta noted that Mike Braun has volunteered to take on the position of scheduler, pending board confirmation. That position comes up for election in 2011.

Old/New Business: Linda Crowell requested that we have more than ½ hour for inspection time for a Super G, especially when it takes two chairs to get to the top. Paul Laudenschlager reminded racers that DQ's are not allowed to re-enter and run the course, and that racers should not exceed 50mm stack heights.

Open Seed Comments: Several members offered suggestions. Kurt Belden suggested changing the open seed running order to start after the oldest qualifier; Deb suggested changing it to between the Class 7's and 6's; Reed noted that that other regions have tried different ways of recognizing the "Open Class" and some (e.g. Colorado) have dropped it; Eddie noted that logistically it can be a big problem for race organizers if we constantly change it. Deb said that Intermountain runs a "super seed", but scoring is done differently. This issue will be discussed more in depth at the summer board meeting, to be held in Squaw Valley (Mirviss residence) on 10 July.(the weekend after July Fourth). Members' comments about the open seed are requested before the summer meeting.

Linda Crowell thanked Marietta for her service as President. Lora Spicher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anne Winston. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm, followed by awards.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Sandy G. Hogan, Secretary