

# Far West Masters General

## Membership Meeting

April 5, 2013

### Squaw Valley Ski Area

**Call to Order:** President Mark Mirviss called the meeting to order at 1:15pm

**Board Members Present:** Ingrid Braun, Mike Braun, Linda Crowell, Mark Mirviss, Marcie Pettigrew, Dan Simmons, Don Smith

**Members:** Annette Mirviss, Eddie Mozen, Lance Laney, Randall Sussek, Dave Melton, Pierre Jean-Girard, Lora Spicher, Sandy Hogan, Peter Feldenheimer, Tom Bullard, Emily Andrews

#### Board Member Reports:

- **Secretary:** no report
- **Treasurer:** Dan Simmons reported on needed changes to our by-laws. Motion made and passed to waive the 30 day notice to accept changes to the by-laws. A 501(c)(3) vs. a 501(c)(4) will be filed with the IRS for nonprofit status. That way, dues and donations are deductible. We have approximately \$15,000 in checking and \$15,000 in savings.
- **VP Officials:** Don Smith announced election results All were by acclamation.

#### Results are:

**VP Scheduling –** Mike Braun

**VP Membership –** Marcie Pettigrew

**VP Newsletter –** Lora Spicher

**VP Chief Technical Officer –** Deb Lewis

Also, we have 3 new referees- Dan Simmons, Ray Tulloch and Hamish Butler

**Thank you to all!**

- **VP Membership:** Marcie Pettigrew stated we had 20 new members this year. We need more bibs and leader bibs. We have 21 bibs left. New bibs need to start at #320
- **VP Scheduling:** The Nationals will be at Okemo, Vermont next year. There will be no Western Regional but there will be a FIS Masters race at Park City.

## **General Discussion:**

Linda Crowell said some members had approached her saying they thought we were trying to have either a slalom or GS weekend and didn't feel that was happening. Also, some people felt that 3 GS's at Mammoth in 2 days with 2 chairlift rides were too much.

There was a discussion on start times and amount of time for inspection. Consensus was to leave it as it is.

Dan Simmons suggested we do something for the ski race families, not just the racers. Maybe organize different activities, hook them up with an instructor, discounted lift tickets, etc.

Emily Andrews asked why we are no longer racing at places like Donner Ski Ranch, Boreal, Homewood or Kirkwood. It was explained that most of these areas do not have a race dept or homologated hills.

Several members said they love 3 races in 2 days.

We still need help with registration and help at each race. It was agreed that we really need to ask for more volunteer effort from all the members.

Tom Bullard was asked, as a new racer, what brought him to Masters racing. He said the enthusiasm of the group at Mt Rose and well as the races.

Mike Braun and Mark Mirviss both said we need to do more to sell Masters and promote racing.

The summer meeting will be held July 13 at Mark Mirviss' house in Squaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm