

**Far West Masters**  
**Fall Meeting Minutes**  
6 October, 2007  
Palermo Residence, Verdi, NV

**3:15 pm Call to Order: President Sam Crowell**

**Board Members Present:**

Sam Crowell  
Rees Palermo  
Mark Smallhouse  
Don Smith  
Elizabeth Kennedy  
Sandy Hogan

**Guests:**

Eddie Mozen

**Old Business**

**1) July 2007 Minutes**

The minutes were passed around for all to review.

Motion to Approve, Elizabeth; seconded by Don. **Motion Approved.**

Discussion followed concerning the process to post current minutes on the website. Mark moved to send minutes out to the board for review and approval (by a quorum) by the end of October, and then they can be posted on website. Rees seconded the motion. In discussion, Sandy noted that she will be on vacation and not returning until the end of October, so minutes won't be sent to the Board until she returns. **Motion approved.**

**2) Race Items**

- 2007-08 Schedule—Rees Palermo provided an update to the schedule. Homewood has been added schedule, with two GS races on Feb. 23 and 24.
- Discussion of MMSA 3 day speed series races, which is scheduled for 1 T. run, 3 SG's. Discussion centered on having the Sunday SG be a Super-Combi (SC), as this would provide good flexibility for MMSA, in that racers would have their slalom skis with them, and if weather threatened to cancel a speed event, good opportunity to have a slalom as a substitute. Sandy moved to have Rees request MMSA to hold Sunday's race as a SC; Don seconded. **Motion approved.**
- (New Business item discussed out of order): Discussion of SC rules: how do we decide the open seed? Rees moved that the SC be scored as 1 race only, with 1 run of SG, and open seed decided by the first run, as we do with other GS/SL. Mark seconded. **Motion approved.** Rees will verify fee with MMSA, also the schedule change for SC on Sunday; if ok, we will then publicize on the website.
- Officials Race Assignments: Officials clinic and refresher were held earlier today. Don anticipates that we'll have some new ones at our races.

### 3) **Sponsorship Update:**

- Discussion on the proposed “Gypsy Dancer” wine sponsor (Willamette Valley). Elizabeth, others haven’t been able to find out where to buy it, nor find the website. Rees noted that it’s [www.gypsydancerestates.com](http://www.gypsydancerestates.com); phone is 503.628.0955. The proposal was for FWM members to join their wine club, and then Rees would contact Gary Andrus, formerly of Pine Ridge, to see about potential sponsorship.
- Eddie reported that last year the Subaru sponsorship went well, other events less, due to cancellations and short season.
- Discussion: can we do raffles at the Nationals? **Eddie** will check with Skinner first.
- Sam: no check yet from Granite Chief (due last March); Mark reported that we haven’t gotten a check from Lausmann Lumber, either. **Sam will follow up personally** with Granite Chief.

4) **Treasurer’s Report:** Mark Smallhouse: no formal report, but only one check since last report (Forerunner expense, \$1,271.82). Discussion followed re: need to get out of B of A, as they are very restrictive, located in City of Industry, difficult to deal with. Mark will check out US Bank, possibly deposit membership funds there, and close out B of A. Discussion of prudent reserves, discussion of party budget increase will be under new business.

5) **Membership Survey:** Sandy led a discussion about the results of the membership survey. Much of the discussion centered upon the 5-year age issue, as the results were divided, and this seems to be a hot issue. Multiple races on one day has been implemented with success a few Times. Other items need “champions” to provide leadership, since survey results were in favor of implementing these. Only one item was clearly not supported by the respondents, the subsidy of new racers. **Sandy** will draft a summary of the discussion for Board review and approval, then it will become a report to the membership, posted on the website (and in the newsletter). She will research these a bit more, and also provide more analysis (pros and cons) concerning the 5-year age classes so that we can get more/better input from the members on this topic. The mission statement findings will be delegated to a committee. **Sandy** will check re: interest from Marietta, possibly others.

6) **Newsletter:** Elizabeth Kennedy reported that the first issue combined with the membership mailing resulted in an overall savings, and seemed to go well. Next newsletter will go out after the Viva Italia race. Articles for the next edition should go to Sandy by 12/31 to meet Elizabeth’s target mailing date.

7) **Membership Report:** Marietta not present, but sent a report through Sandy that she has received 68 memberships as of 10/5.

### **New Business:**

1) **Nationals Qualifications requirements for host division:** Discussion noting that more FWM Racers may want to go than quota allows, although historically we’ve been able to fit everyone in. Reminder to all that for the 2007/2008 season they need 4 starts minimum, or 6 starts the previous year. Also, they must be a USSA member, and a FW member. **Sam** will draft the criteria for a flyer, **Don** will review it. **Marietta** has mailing labels. **Target date** to send to membership: November.

- 2) **Under 18 Racers:** There was a brief discussion about the need to develop a policy about what to do if we have racers under the age of 18. No decision was reached as to whether this is necessary or not.
- 3) **Party budget policy:** Discussion concerning whether to increase the budgeted amount for parties (as needed) from \$300 to \$400. Example: Randall needs to know soon, as he will probably schedule a FWM party again for the Clocktower, since that has gone so well. Elizabeth moved to increase the budget to \$400, and it was seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4) It was moved to adjourn, and the **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned.