

# Far West Masters Board Meeting

July 13, 2013

Home of Mark Mirviss, Squaw Valley, CA

**Call to Order:** President Mark Mirviss called the meeting to order at 2:15pm

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

**Members:** Gaet DeMattei, Hamish Butler, Emily Andrews, Diann Laing, Lesley Marcacci, Ingrid Braun, Tom Bullard, Doug Fulton, Carol Levine, Jim Atkinson and guest Canaan, Squaw Valley Ski Team coach

## Board Member Reports:

- **Secretary:** Linda Crowell read minutes from April 5 General Meeting. Minutes approved.
- **Treasurer:** Dan Simmons prepared the attached report for the Board. New copy of by-laws was signed by all members.
- **VP Officials:** Don Smith would like to have the fall meeting coincide with an officials review clinic. Mark Mirviss will check with Phil Gilanfar to see if USSA will allow Rees Palermo to conduct a refresher.
- **VP Communications:** Former VP Communications chair, Ingrid Braun, reported that the Forerunner will be out in a couple of weeks. Board thanked Ingrid for her work the past years on the Board. Lora Spicher, our new board member, reported she plans on doing 3 Forerunners per year. Fall, mid-winter and spring/summer. She asked for any suggestions for articles for the paper.
- **VP Membership:** Marcie Pettigrew noted membership packet will go out with fall Forerunner. She reported we are down to our last 21 regular race bibs. We have one more set of leader bibs. It was decided to try and get through this year and purchase new bibs next year after verifying our sponsorships.
- **VP CTO/Webmaster:** Deb Lewis: not at meeting
- **VP Scheduling:** Mike Braun presented the race schedule for 2013-2014 season. We will have 22 races this year. The season finals will be at

Mammoth or June Mt. March 27-29. Everyone agreed June would be a great venue. Dan Simmons asked if it was possible to add a SG on Friday to the Bernard Cup. Mike will check with Squaw. There will be no dual slalom at the season finals.

- **Past President:** No report
- **President:** Mark Mirviss had no report

**Old Business: Discussion of age starts within age classes.** This was discussed again since the topic was brought up by one of the members. It was still decided not to act upon this and to leave starts as a random order.

**Free USSA Weekend Registrations:** It was pointed out that we did not take advantage of these last season and will use them from the first race on this coming season.

**Comments from Members:** Carol Levine asked about listing our schedule on the Sierra League schedule and listing their schedule on our web site. It was noted that although we want to attract club racer to Masters, we don't want people to choose club racing over Masters racing when there races for both groups on the same weekend. It was also noted that we need to reach out and be more welcoming to new racers.

Doug Fulton – Doug is our Masters rep to the Far West Juniors. He stated that the Juniors will be having a Skier Cross event at Squaw next season and asked if Masters would be interested in Skier Cross.

Hamish Butler suggested that when some members have an extra room that we should print that in the Forerunner for people looking for places to stay during races.

Lors Spicher suggested that we post at the registration desk and on the scoreboard, the name of the TD and referee for the race so people know who to go to with questions or comments.

Diann Lang is our new registration person for the North.

Dan Simmons talked about having activities for family members on race day. Charlene Simmons said she would be glad to meet up with other family members to go ski together while we are racing. Dan spoke with members of the UC Davis Ski Team and alumni. He asked if we could do some sort of free

race days for them to get some interest in Masters racing. Motion was made to waive all fees, USSA, FWM and entry fees for 1 weekend for any new racers from the UC Davis ski team or alumni. Motion passed with 1 nay.

Canaan, Jr coach from Squaw, talked about a year-round conditioning program for ski racing thru Performance by Julia in Truckee. Cost would be \$40 per month for Masters. There is also a satellite program by Visual Coaching Pro for people who cannot get to Truckee. This is a pdf format designed for the individual. Cost is \$75 per month.

Linda Crowell informed the Board she is not able to fulfill her commitment as secretary for the next year. Diann Laing offered to fill the position. Board moved to pay the \$20 membership fee for her to join Far West Masters and voted unanimously for her to be new secretary.

The fall meeting will be held sometime towards the end of October. Location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. Submitted by Linda Crowell