

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING June 15-16, 2019 Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Indian Wells, California MINUTES

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

The 87th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells, Indian Wells, California.

GENERAL SESSION

Linda Westlund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 8:02 am and welcomed everyone to the 87th Annual Convention. Linda introduced Stephanie from Mammoth Mountain, continental breakfast sponsor.

Linda introduced the current 2018-2019 Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Council Presidents, and FWSA Appointed Representatives and thanked them for their service.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

VP of Membership Michael Bouton provided individual club delegate counts and stated that we have 150 voting delegates.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations Chair Steve Coxen stated we will be conducting elections tomorrow. We have at least one declared candidate for each position except for VP of Public Affairs and will entertain nominations from the delegates. Anyone can self-nominate for positions. Steve announced the following offices and candidates:

The elected offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be for one-year terms.

President Gloria Raminha (incumbent)
Secretary Sheri Parshall (incumbent)
Treasurer Randy Lew (incumbent)

Trustees shall be elected to two-year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two Trustees are elected each year.

Trustee #1 and #2 Tom Bundgard, Norbert Knapp, Jo Simpson

The remaining offices shall be for two-year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered.

VP, Council Services Chris Gill

VP, Public Affairs

VP, North American Travel

No declared candidate

Nancy Ellis (incumbent)

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS REPORT

Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Chair Sheri Parshall reported that we have 15 honorees to be recognized this year, and she will introduce the judges and honorees for the 2019 award at lunch. She thanked the council presidents and honorees for their participation. She also thanked Big White Ski Resort for its continued support.

INDUSTRY MARKETING & SPONSORSHIPS REPORT

Debbi Kor asked everyone to continue to check the member benefits pages on the FWSA web site. She thanked everyone in the industry for their participation in and support of this year's convention. Debbi encouraged everyone to attend the Travel Expo. Over \$18,000 in cash sponsorships was collected from our industry partners, and nearly that amount from the sponsors for the recognition programs. Debbi expressed her appreciation for those partners.

SILENT AUCTION REPORT

Jeannine Davis reported on the Silent Auction, and announced winners who haven't yet paid. Jeannine thanked everyone for participating in the auction. She thanked our industry partners for their continued participation.

TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Jeannine Davis reported on Travel Expo, noted that Travel Expo format has changed, and the convention committee would appreciate

FAR WEST FOUNDATION REPORT

John Watson reported on the meeting of the Far West Foundation, and noted that Joe Harvis has been added as a trustee and Sandra Knapp is now the recording secretary. John noted that the Foundation was able to make three grants for adaptive skiing programs.

Linda encouraged everyone to participate in the Travel Expo and complete a travel survey which was placed in the delegate bag.

Board of Trustees Chair Linda Westlund declared the meeting recessed at 8:23 am until the following day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 87th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President Gloria Raminha at 8:39 am.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Sheri Parshall announced that last year's Convention minutes could be found on pages 31-34 of the Delegate Book.

MSC Motion by Delegate 22 Michael Bouton to accept minutes as presented.

Seconded by Delegate 107 Laura Meldrum

Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITEE REPORT

VP of Membership Michael Bouton announced there a total of 157 voting delegates and provided the votes-per-club report.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

George Kish noted that elections will be run per Roberts Rules of Order and the Association Bylaws. George would like the board to pass the by-laws as currently shown on the web site, in order that they no long be considered a draft. He reported there have been no changes to Procedures or Job Qualifications.

BYLAWS REPORT

George Kish noted that there are no requests for bylaw changes pending. He noted that the meeting will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AND ELECTIONS

Election Officer Steve Coxen noted that we have a quorum, and read the current list of candidates.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Gloria Raminha and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate 131 George Kish moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 98 William Behnke seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate 3 Randy Lew moved to approve by acclamation Delegate 135 Todd Hood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Sheri Parshall and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate 112 Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate 3 Randy Lew moved to approve by acclamation Delegate 106 Tom Bundgard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Randy Lew and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate 106 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 10 Tom Arnold seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #111 Linda Westlund moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate 10 Tom Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRUSTEE #1 – The Nominating Committee entered the names of Tom Bundgard (Incumbent), Norbert Knapp and Jo Simpson. Norbert Knapp deferred to Trustee Position #2.

Delegate 112 Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis seconded the motion.

Jo Simpson was pronounced winner of Trustee #1.

Delegate #111 Linda Westlund made the following announcements:

- There are still drawing tickets for sale for the Foundation Drawing
- The current Councilman editor is retiring and FWSA is looking for a new editor
- Anyone interested in becoming interested in FWSA should speak with Linda or Todd Hood, Succession Planning Chair.

TRUSTEE #2 – The names of Norbert Knapp and Tom Bundgard (incumbent) were entered as candidates for Trustee #2.

Delegate 112 Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis seconded the motion.

Tom Bundgard was pronounced winner for Trustee #2.

VP of COUNCIL SERVICES the Nominating Committee entered the name of Chris Gill and asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 98 William Behnke seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate 135 Todd Hood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VP of NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL – The Nominating Committee entered the name of Nancy Ellis and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate 112 Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 135 Todd Hood seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate William Behnke moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate 33 Joseph Harvis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VP of PUBLIC AFFAIRS – The Nominating Committee entered the name of Fran Long and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate 106 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 7 Jean McCasey seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate 22 Michael Bouton moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate 10 Tom Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The elections were concluded.

TRAVEL SURVEY The VPs of North American and International Travel held a drawing from surveys submitted to the travel group. The winner received a \$100 travel voucher for any 2020 FWSA trip. The winner is Martin Vandermeer.

Announcement:

Gloria Raminha announced that Nick Cowl has offered to take over as editor of the Councilman and thanked Nick for volunteering.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Randy Lew discussed the treasurer's report as presented on page 28 of the delegate book. Randy reported the cash balance is approximately \$377,000 vs. \$431,000 last year, the difference being deposits paid out for the India trip. Randy noted that we made approximately \$27,000 this year, vs. approximately \$26,000 in 2018. Randy reported that the travel program was very successful. The convention expenses are high this year, and he expects a loss of approximately \$15,000 on the convention. The third page explains where funds are being spent on our programs. He noted there is a \$2,000 line item for legal fees, which the Association has retained to explore issues regarding Seller of Travel laws in states outside of California. The Association paid \$1050 for D&O insurance, roughly \$2700 in federal taxes, and \$1700 in state taxes.

MSC Motion by Delegate 97 John Watson to approve the Treasurer's preliminary report as

submitted.

Seconded by Delegate 106 Tom Bundgard

Motion carried.

HISTORIC SKI CLUBS John Watson awarded Historic Ski Club certificates to Orange County Ski Club, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, Torrey Pines Ski Club, Modesto Ski Club, Marin Ski Club, and the Nisei Ski Club.

Announcement: John Watson thanked and announced those people and organizations who are making donations to the foundation.

CLUB AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AWARDS

Bill King presented the club and council communications awards. Bill thanked the judges.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE DRAWING

David Krupp announced the winners of the annual Scholarship Committee drawing. The drawing raised a little over \$3,000.00. David thanked everyone who participated.

CHARITIES AWARDS

Sigrid Noack discussed the charities program and noted those participating in the recognition applicants. Sigrid announced that the winners will receive a medallion for their web sites. She described the categories, Diamond and Double Diamond. Winners are as follows:

Diamond Runner-Up – Don Diego Ski Club Diamond Winner - Bogus Basin Ski Club

Double Diamond Winner - Monterrey Ski and Social Club

Meeting recessed for brunch at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

CLUB AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Jo Simpson, VP of Council Services, gave out the club and council communication awards She noted that there were no entries for the Outstanding Club categories, so no award was given this year. She and her committee will work to increase participation next year. The following awards were presented by Jo Simpson:

Wentworth – Outstanding Publication

Novice: 1st Place – North Island Snowdrifters – Editor: Debi Young Novice: 2nd Place – Conejo Ski & Sports Club - Editor: Steve Soukup

Novice: 3rd Place – Castro Valley – Editor: Dennie Warren

Masters: 1st Place – Pacific Rim Alliance – Editor: Catherine Ohl

Masters: 2nd Place – Reno Ski & Recreation Club – Editor: Lynn Taylor Wilbur

Masters: 3rd Place – Unrecables – Editor: Gordon Cordona

Outstanding Website

Novice: 1st Place – Conejo Ski & Sports Club – Webmaster: Thomas Costa Novice: 2nd Place – Phoenix Ski Club – Webmaster: Chris Gerchak/Ellen Odart

Novice: 3rd Place – Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club – Webmaster: Ray Jong/Karen Carmines

Masters: 1st Place – Pacific Rim Alliance – Webmaster: Catherine Ohl

Masters: 2nd Place – Reno Ski & Recreation Club – Webmaster: Sandra Stocks

Masters: 3rd Place – Unrecables – Webmaster: Dee Armstrong

Steve Coxen noted that our bylaws require us to have two meetings a year. The December Board of Directors meeting will be held at the site of the 2019 convention, combining site visit with board meeting to save expenses, However, the board will revisit whether or not to cancel the April 2019 Board meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Linda Westlund thanked her board, Tucker Hoffman, Jane Wyckoff and Tom Bundgard, and also included Gloria Raminha, Steve Coxen and Randy Lew. She thanked Steve Coxen on his work with awards, and reported that Tucker Hoffman works with the travel officers, and Tom Bundgard works with the Bylaws and Operations Manual.

Linda reported that the trustees are currently working on the two substantive resolutions from last year.

Resolution #1 – Substantive Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #154 Debi Phelps Seconded by - Delegate #85 Emily Gahn

Committee to be referred to: Membership Committee, Board of Trustees

Financial Impact: None known Effective Date: None Known

WHEREAS, the FWSA needs to actively address the issue regarding new younger members, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an action [to] be implemented to address the issue of a lack of new younger members.

Linda reported that we continue to work on youth involvement.

Resolution #2 - Substantive Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #138 James Nachbar Seconded by - Delegate #115 Bill Behnke

Committee to be referred to: Board of Trustees, Board of Directors

Financial Impact: None known Effective Date: None Known

WHEREAS, the clubs and councils of FWSA offer many great trips that may interest members of other clubs and councils, and

WHEREAS, the councils have asked FWSA to develop a shared and searchable on-line schedule of trips, and

WHEREAS, FWSA has developed and implemented such a system, called 'FWSA Connect," and

WHEREAS, to date, only Arizona Council has posted trips on FWSA Connect, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT FWSA encourage all clubs and councils to post their trips on FWSA Connect.

Linda reported we will continue working on this with regard to its incorporation into the new web site.

INDUSTRY MARKETNG AND SPONSORSHIP REPORT

VP Marketing Debbi Kor noted that the convention wouldn't work without our industry partners, and with rising challenges, it's important for us to go outside the box for vendor ideas. Sponsorship dollars were reduced slightly this year. Debbi asks everyone for their ideas and suggestions

SILENT AUCTION and TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Silent Auction Chair Jeannine Davis stated that the total amount received for silent auction packages was \$25,370 this year. She thanked everyone for shopping.

FWSA OFFICERS' REPORTS

It was noted that all FWSA Officer Reports are available in the Convention Delegate Book, and any questions may be directed to the respective officers.

Membership: VP Membership Michael Bouton reported on his progress with the substantive resolution requesting that FWSA work on methods to attract younger members. Michael noted that the SLA session was shortened due to time restraints, and would be willing to chat with anyone interested in the portion of the SLA session that was cut short.

Communications: VP Communications Joe Harvis reported on the status of the new FWSA website.

Council Services: VP Council Services Jo Simpson thanked all of the council presidents and committee chairs who have provided her assistance during her tenure as VP.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

David thanked those clubs, councils and individuals who participate. He noted that they try to select local athletes for the respective clubs and councils. Bob Ellis presented a check to David from the Far West Racing Association and thanked those who contributed at the race championships. David reminded everyone that all donations are tax deductible. He thanked those who donated prizes to this year's drawing.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate 56 Benelia Terry Seconded by - Delegate 137 Harry Davis

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: None Effective Date: Immediately

WHEREAS, the Orange Council of Ski Clubs with the assistance of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs hosted us for an outstanding convention in the Palm Springs desert mountain backdrop where the days are warm and the nights pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa provided great accommodations, services and wonderful hospitality, and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Snow Sports Council sincerely appreciates being a participant in the activities and events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we all stand and cheer with a hearty thank you to the Orange Council of Ski Clubs and Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #2 - Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate 4 Jane Wyckoff **Seconded by** - Delegate 148 Sandra Blackwell

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: None Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS, the Orange Council of Ski Clubs promised us "Fun in the OC Sun" and to "Sway in the Desert Breeze," we had fabulous optional events – climbed in vintage airplanes, toured the homes of the stars, played on a world class golf course, rode the tram and had massages-we enjoyed the nectar of the gods at many events,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we give a standing ovation and round of applause to Orange Council for fulfilling the promises to have "Fun in the OC Sun" and "Sway in the Desert Breeze."

Resolution passed.

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate 97 John Watson Seconded by - Delegate 3 Randy Lew

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: None Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS, The Far West Ski Association will celebrate its 90th birthday in the first week of October 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Palace in San Francisco was the birthplace of FWSA in October 1930, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Far West skiers celebrate the Association's 90th Birthday in October 2020, and further, that skiers assemble in San Francisco in October 2020 and send email to twsawatson@gmail.com for status bulletins for this celebration.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate 109 Dale Parshall **Seconded by** - Delegate 118 Sheri Parshall

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: Not Even Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS, Northwest Ski Club Council was able to make it through the weekend without melting (or freezing during the meetings,), and

WHEREAS NWSCC congratulates Orange and LA Councils for a marvelous convention, and

WHEREAS Dale got to play golf with Dr. Jon Kedrowski at the world-Famous Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament where he heard the good doctor say that making that 50-foot put on the last hole was more exciting that when he took that last step to summit Everest ("just kidding"), and

WHEREAS NWSCC missed seeing flat Stand-in Steve at this year's convention, and WHEREAS, NWSCC has big plans for the 88t FWSA Convention next year in Portland,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all FWSA members and our industry friends are invited to roll into Portland next year to enjoy some Northwest hospitality!!!

Resolution passed.

Resolution #5 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate 93 Mike Sanford and 94 Eileen Sanford **Seconded by** - Delegate 86 Barbara Blase

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: None unless the gold shoes are found and purchased. In addition, beer

research money will be needed. Effective Date: Immediately

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, A committee will be formed to include all councils and will be known as "The Golden Shoe Committee".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Golden Shoe Committee will meet on Friday next year in Portland to report the result of the year-long search of the flamboyant gold shoes that are on Todd Hood's feet this year because he says the size equals the size of the man.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #6 - Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate 97 John Watson **Seconded by -** Delegate 3 Randy Lew

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: None Effective Date: Immediately

WHEREAS the Foundation, founded in 1964, provides an avenue for support from organized skiing from the rank and file of the FWSA to worthy missions within the broader arena of snowsport, and

WHEREAS the Foundation plans for some major events for all skisport,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all the dedicated skiers of FWSA stay attuned to the initiatives of FWSA for the benefit of all skisport.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #7 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate 3 Randy Lew Seconded by - Delegate 2 Debbi Kor

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: Not Even Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS, Jane Wyckoff has worked tirelessly for many many years for the benefit of FWSA and organized skiing, and

WHEREAS Jane served as FWSA President, Trustee, Convention Chair and Awards coordinator, and

WHEREAS Jane has decided to step down as a FWSA Trustee,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all delegates stand and give Jane resounding applause and shout-out in appreciation for her long-term service and best wishes for her upcoming hip replacement surgery.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #8 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate 135 Todd Hood Seconded by - Delegate 62 Teri Allard

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: Not Even Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers is the 10th Council to join the Far West Ski Association, and

WHEREAS we have had an amazing time in the desert with Orange Council for the 87th Annual Convention, and

WHEREAS our banner has fallen from the wall,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we're still here are aren't going nowhere! We look forward to celebrating the 88th Annual Convention hosted by the Northwest Council in Portland in May 2020.

Resolution passed.

Resolution #9 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate 5 Jeannine Davis **Seconded by** - Delegate 40 Claudia Fernandes

Committee to be referred to: None

Financial Impact: Not Even Effective Date: Immediate

WHEREAS the 2019 Silent Auction could not have been as successful as it was without the accounting and support volunteers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a huge thanks and round of applause be given in recognition of Emily Gahn, Aly Razzo, Bill King, Jane Wyckoff, Tom Bundgard, Linda McGavin, Linda Coxen, Sandy Blackwell, Sandy Knapp, Joe Harvis, Chris Ciardi, and Barbara Razzo.

Resolution passed.

SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS

There were no substantive resolutions presented.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbi Kor thanked her convention team for all of their hard work. She encouraged the group to attend convention in Portland. Northwest Ski Club Council did a presentation and invited all delegates to the 2020 convention in Portland, Oregon.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Linda Westlund stated that a brief Board of Directors meeting will start at 12:45.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Motion by Delegate #4 Jane Wyckoff to adjourn

Seconded by Delegate #164 Bob Donlan

Motion carried.

The General Meeting adjourned at 12:20

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Parshall

Sheri Parshall, Secretary Far West Ski Association

CONVENTION AWARDS

Snowsports Builder Award

Barbara Alley Simon Barbara Yamada

Hans Georg Award

Linda McGavin, Northwest Ski Club Council

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award

Jeannine Davis, Bay Area Council

J. Stanley Mullin Award

Todd Hood, National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region

Jimmie Heuga Award

Hannah Nishimoto, The Unrecables

Jordan-Reily Award

Kim Stravers, Mammoth Lakes, California

Bill Mackey Award

Larry Young, Steamboat Ski & Resort

Tommi Tyndall Award

Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.

Terry Smith Award

Kevin Kermode, Mammoth Mountain, CA

Bill Berry Award, Featured News

Dr. Jon Kedrowski, author "Sleeping on the Summits, Colorado Fourteener High Bivys"

Bill Berry Award, Hard News

Curtis Fong, "The Guy From Tahoe"

Warren Miller Modern Media Award

"Brotherhood of Skiing" – directed by **Tyler Wilkinson-Ray and Colin Arisman** Produced by **Faith E. Briggs**

President's Award

Debbi Kor, Northwest Ski Club Council **Connie Burdette**, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Man and Woman of the Year

Becki Robinson, Northwest Ski Club Council **Todd Hood**, National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region

2019 Program Award Recipients

Western Ski Heritage Prize

Judith Miller, Steve Markman, Jane Wyckoff, "A History of Single Ski Club of Los Angeles On It's 50th Anniversary"

Safety Person of the Year

No award

Environment Award

No award

Snowsports History Recognition Award

No award

Charity & Community Awards

Diamond Runner-Up – Don Diego Ski Club Diamond Winner - Bogus Basin Ski Club Double Diamond Winner – Monterrey Ski and Social Club

Tollaksen Outstanding Club

Master - No award

Advanced - No award

Novice – Long Beach Ski Club

Wentworth Outstanding Club Publication

Master – **Catherine Ohl**, Pacific Rim Alliance Advanced No Aware Novice – **Catherin Singer**, Long Beach Ski Club

Outstanding Club Website

Master – **Emilio Trampuz**, Mountain High Snow Sports Club Advanced – **Bill Welty**, Conejo Novice – **Craig Olsen**, Bogus Basin

Outstanding Council Publication
No award

Outstanding Council Website

Cathy and Jean Wilson, Bay Area Snow Sports Council