

MINUTES

3rd QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 11, 2009
Ginnie Springs Outdoors
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Present:

- * Jeff Bauer - President, Instructor Director
- * Rick Murcar – Vice-President, Director (phone)
- * Bert Wilcher – Treasurer, Instructor Director
- * Larry Green – Training Director, Instructor Director
- * Jacki Clark - Director

Absent:

- * Richard Dreher – Instructor Director
- * Tracy Grubbs – Director

* = Voting BOD Members QUORUM PRESENT

Debra Green - Operations Manager
Elisha Gibson – General Manager

Committee Chairs Present:

Public Relations – Craig Walters Publications – Debra Green
Exploration & Survey – Michael Poucher

Members Present:

Rick Robinson Joel Clark Richard Courtney
Bob Schulte Chris Hammock

MEETING OPEN 6:06 PM

Approval of April 11, 2009 minutes - Approved.

President's Report – Jeff Bauer – NACD 41st Annual Seminar Dates – Nov 20-22nd
NACD has a presence on - Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Craig Walters and Bob Schulte (PR committee) will keep NACD current and promoted on forums.
Welcome to Jacki Clark, newest Director of the BOD and also want to welcome Michael Poucher to the Exploration/Survey committee.

Vice-President's Report – Rick Murcar – Everything running smoothly. Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – Bert Wilcher – report submitted, attached. Been working hard on NACD Treasurer duties. New format for reports presented. Detailed inventory will be included in the next report. Sust. Cave Contributor Fund - \$15,565.00, Cert Deposit from Judy Bauer - \$10,709.00, Primerica Financial Account - \$29,914.00, Procter and Gamble - \$3,659.70, Total assets (not including inventory) - \$90,696.17

Training Director's Report – Larry Green – report submitted, attached. Preparing for the Mexico IEC in August. Looking forward to PR with our instructors located in Mexico.

Certification totals for 2nd Quarter, 2009:

Total 108. Full – 36, Apprentice –18, Intro to Cave – 18, Double Cylinder/Intro to Cave – 15, Cavern – 13, Specialties - 8.

NACD US IEC dates: (Nov 10/11 – Cavern / Intro to Cave) -----(Nov 12/13 – Full Cave)

NACD Mexico IEC dates: (August 3/4 - Cavern / Intro to Cave) -----(August 5/6 – Full Cave)

August 7th – Mexico Membership/Candidate Graduation Party

Updates on new training materials for the NACD.

Operations Manager – Debra Green – Busy quarter. Everything running smooth. Been working with Douglas Rorex on the NACD's 6th Annual Cannonball Clean-Up. This has been a very successful event each year and the NACD looks forward to hosting many more of these gatherings.

General Manager – Elisha Gibson – Thanks to the BOD for being appointed to the General Manager position. Have been working with Richard Filsinger on the final touches / fixes of the Art of Safe Cave Diving book, a very time consuming task.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Coordinator – Tracy Grubbs – Tank to Bank program is successful. \$212.00 collected to date.

Accident Advisory – J. Bozanic – nothing new to report.

Conservation – Ben Gillespie – Appointment of Ben Gillespie to the Conservation position. Approved.

Equipment & Technology – Marius Clore – report submitted, attached. Will do an update on the Trimix computer article. Prescription mask article being discussed as a future short article.

Exploration & Survey – Michael Poucher – report submitted, attached.

This quarter we have been working on putting together a survey workshop in October 2009. It will be a two day workshop, the first day focusing on basic survey skills and will be held at Santa Fe College Bat Cave Preserve in Newberry. The dry cave environment will give the participants hands on experience surveying caves with the advantage of being able to communicate and explain the process. The second day will be held at Peacock Springs and the participants will be able to put their skills to work underwater. Afterward, we will plot some of the data using a computer program to generate a stick map.

I met with Ken Smith of Australia to learn how his radiolocation equipment works. He has loaned it to the CDS to use on projects and could also be made available to NACD members interested in using the technology.

The Weeki Wachee Project has finished for the year. Flow began going back up with the early arrival of summer rains, but they were able to gather some important data including:

Samples of bacterial formations, Water quality data using a hydrolab, Radiolocation points in the cave system and Video documentation of the cave.

Karst Underwater Research will continue to monitor the spring flow for another window of opportunity to continue exploration and research.

Journal – Bill Lester - report submitted, attached. Always looking for submission of journal articles and pictures. This recent issue was a thicker issue, we wanted to showcase our new format of the journal. I will make next issue of journal thinner for economical reasons.

Membership & Nominating – Rick Murcar – Membership total is 965. Renewals mailed out and 2nd notice mailed out to membership. Everything up to date.

Public Relations – Craig Walters – report submitted, attached.

The primary activity I was involved in during the 2nd quarter was the “Spring Into Safe Cave Diving” event. This included preparation and involvement in the actual event on April 11. Everyone regarded the event as very succesful and we are planning to do it again next year.

Otherwise, I was involved in the preparations for the CDF social, which occurred on July 4. I routinely monitor the diving forums for anything related to NACD and respond accordingly.

Publications – Debra Green - NACD Store running smoothly. New products “coming soon”.

Safety Officer – R. Dreher III – absent, report submitted, attached. The second quarter of 2009 has been fairly quiet. In North-Central Florida, the river levels have risen sharply due to flooding, so most of the local cave diving activity has been concentrated at Ginnie Springs and in the Marianna area. One incident was reported this quarter; however it involved a free diver, not a cave diver.

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Science – Donald Kendrick – report submitted, attached. Motion for funding for NSS/CDS Bio Team Training event - \$100.00, approved. Already have most of the materials needed for the event. Plans are being made for later in the year, but this past quarter has been rather inactive. A water-quality workshop on how to use the NACD water quality test kit is planned for September in Poplar Bluff, Missouri (Cannonball Cave in Lake Wappapello). This workshop will include Bio-Team Training as well. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the annual NSS/CDS workshop held there September 25-27. I am hoping the NACD will once again provide packets to participants in the Bio-Team Training and will provide for the cost to resupply the water quality test kit. I plan to purchase the needed supplies and submit a request for reimbursement. It should not be much, probably about \$100.00, maybe less.

Webmaster – Shirley Kasser – Everything running smoothly. All is well in the digital world of the NACD website.

Site Statistics as of 07/09/09

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jul 2009	4443	3704	486	204	1454	687140	2047	4861	37047	44430
Jun 2009	4680	3811	576	209	3571	2077530	6287	17309	114330	140405
May 2009	4299	3597	523	209	3702	2123599	6491	16243	111521	133277

Curt Bowen has graciously volunteered his time and talents to redesign our website. He has been very busy creating a new look and feel. Watch out in the coming months for the roll out of this great new design. Additional statistics are available, ad nauseam, so feel free to contact me for me information. Suggestions, requests, and content are welcome and appreciated. On second thought: suggestions, requests, and content are requested! This is your website and sharing your thoughts on how to make it better is the best way to help it improve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. DEMA – working on final details, discussion.
2. NACD Seminar – “The Dark Realm” – still working on final details.
3. Man In The Sea Museum – need to set date for our first initial visit.
4. Art of Safe Cave Diving Book – finalizing book for reprint.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NACD Kiosk at Peacock Springs State Park – updates needed.

NOTE: Intoxication and/or drinking of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at NACD BOD meetings and will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave the meeting and further action may be taken.

The next quarterly meeting of the NACD BOD will be on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Ginnie Springs Outdoors, 6 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:49PM