PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/21/2024

Time 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Location: American Quarry



Attendees: Michelle Slate, Barry Moore, Charles Whitley, Chuck Miller, Craig Blaine, Deven Simmerson, Garth McClune, JD Box, John Camino, Karen Hughes, Lance Riley, Mick Wrenn, Phil Hogan, Steve Hughes, Tim Stafford

Topic	Information	Discussion to include as applicable:	Outcome	Action Items: Must include person responsible and expected completion date
Welcome/Call to order/Pledge		Michelle called meeting to order and welcomed members	Pledge of Allegiance completed	
Oath of Office	Introduction of New Members	Garth McClune (secretary) Phil Hogan (Board Member) John Camino (Board Member) Lance Riley to take over membership duties from Mick Wrenn	New members sworn in by reading Oath of Office	
Reports	Membership (Mick)	50 more renewals in 2024 compared to 2023 and 2 additional members this year Increase of student upgrades observed		
	Financials (Tim)	Spent less in 2023 resulting in increased bank account funds this January 2024 compared to one year ago. Lake Norman Quarry Yearly maintenance budget moving to American Quarry due to LKN closure		
New Business	American Quarry	Discussion regarding Pier/Dock with guest Tyler Swank who has quoted replaced pier/dock of \$34,000 Donation discussion from member who is Lowes buyer who is able to support marine grade materials, decking and some hardware. Coordination with Tyler who expects new estimate with donation of supplies to result in \$25,000 quote for work. Initial plans were to include aluminum stairs (4' wide). Hesitancy from group around		

New Business (cont	'd) American Quarry (cont'd)	decision to move forward with aluminum stairs due to estimate \$5,000 additional cost. Walk in area discussed with potential gravel/concrete components. Field trip completed to view the site and discuss options. Fence approved by Board for American Quarry on 1/12/24 adhoc meeting (cost \$27,000), presented as a liability. This was discussed with Rachel Hoke (state rep) assisting with grant for LKN Quarry cleanup. Priority list created:		
	Motion to vote: Called by Charles Whitely 2nd by Chuck Miller	 Road + Parking gravel, with pipe Benches/Picnic Tables Entry Improvements Power Upgrade Storage Motion to vote on road and parking lot up to \$15,000 to repair road, pipe and gravel parking lot	Vote Approved	9 Board Members Approved 0 Board Members Opposed
	Motion to vote:	Plan to spend \$1,200 on upgrading benches at American with 6 new picnic tables Idea to send out message to shops to bring 10'x10' canopy to place over picnic benches in the event of inclement weather. Storage discussed, rotted shed. Need to clean up assembly building and separate storage area for upcoming events. Motion to approve spending up to \$4,000 on Conex container storage 8'x40' to be placed near assembly	Vote Approved	9 Board Members Approved
	Called by John Camino 2nd by Barry Moore	building, so as to potentially create roof area to store tractor equipment	TOTAL APPROVED	0 Board Members Opposed

Quarry Reports	Lake Norman Quarry (Barry)	Communication ongoing between Michelle Slate and Rachel Hoke (state rep) regarding Lake Norman zebra muscle cleanup. April 15 th deadline for grant submission to assist in payment for cleanup but general consensus is that the PDRA will need to allocate some funds, however amount is currently unknown. Expectation including signs, decontamination stations along with eradication plan. Barry is on site at LKN Quarry every 2 weeks to evaluate the property to ensure safe and secure. LKN maintenance budget moving to American Quarry.		
	JMR Quarry (Steve)	Dock is complete and beautiful Road is repaired with 2 truck loads of gravel Inside barn is painted Picnic Tables done and painted 15-20ft Viz 2 head aerator working well, electrician local member assisted with electrical work to run during day		
Update of proposed Bylaws	Motion to approve Charles Whitley 2 nd Phil Hogan	Bylaw changes discussed to include defining regular member as: A certified diver, over the age of 18, who pays the initiation fee (when appropriate) and one year's dues when they join. If that certified diver is below the age of 18, and is the only certified diver in their household, a parent or guardian will be the regular member until the certified diver reaches the age of 18.	Vote Approved	9 Board Members Approved 0 Board Members Opposed
New Business		JMR to host the treasure hunt, likely date July 27 th Michelle working on T-shirts		
Old business	Lifetime Memberships	Open up more lifetime memberships when available, possibly raise the price to \$1400 No lifetime memberships available at this time		
Motion to Adjourn		Meeting adjourned		